

adjective or adj.:

in·vid·i·ous |in'vidēəs|

adjective

(of an action or situation) likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others : *she'd put herself in an invidious position.*

- (of a comparison or distinction) unfairly discriminating; unjust : *it seems invidious to make special mention of one aspect of his work.*

DERIVATIVES

in·vid·i·ous·ly adverb

in·vid·i·ous·ness noun

ORIGIN early 17th cent.; from Latin *invidiosus*, from *invidia* (see ENVY).

This means that like any adjective, the word *invidious* can modify a noun or a pronoun and that it can be a subject complement. You could mention *an invidious comment*, but you could **not** be *an invidious* because *invidious* is not a noun. You could say that *the comment was invidious*.

verb, trans. v.t. or intrans. v.i.:

grow |grō|

verb (past **grew** |grōd|; past part. **grown** |grōn|) [intrans.]

1 (of a living thing) undergo natural development by increasing in size and changing physically; progress to maturity : *he would watch Nick grow to manhood* | [as adj.] (**growing**) *the linguistic skills acquired by the growing child* | [as adj.] (**grown**) *the stupidity of grown men hitting a ball with a stick.*

- (of a plant) germinate and develop : *seaweed grows in the ocean.*

- [trans.] produce by cultivation : *more and more land was needed to grow crops for export.*

- [trans.] allow or cause (a part of the body) to grow or develop : [trans.] *she grew her hair long.*

- (of something abstract) come into existence and develop : *the Vietnamese diaspora grew out of their national tragedy.*

2 become larger or greater over a period of time; increase : *turnover grew to more than \$100,000 within three years* | [as adj.] (**growing**) *a growing number of people are coming to realize this.*

- [trans.] cause (something, esp. a business) to expand or increase. See **usage** below.

3 [with complement] become gradually or increasingly : *sharing our experiences, we grew braver.*

- [with infinitive] (of a person) come to feel or know something over time : *she grew to like the friendly, quiet people at the farm.*

- (**grow apart**) (of two or more people) become gradually estranged.

Study this entry carefully. The dictionary provides a past form and a past participle form, which means that the verb is **irregular**; we do not say *grewed* or *has grewed*. We see also that *grow* is an action verb that can be either transitive, *grew corn*, or intransitive, *grew quickly*. Remember that *transitive* refers to an action verb acting on a direct object.