pernicious: adj.

definition:

- causing great harm, destruction, injury, or death
- fatal or likely to cause death
- wicked



pronunciation

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synonyms:

harmful deleterious destructive detrimental devastating iniquitous malevolent malignant





related forms:

•noun

perniciousness

•adverb

perniciously



Many snakes have a justifiable reputation for being pernicious.

The <u>pernicious</u> image of the Grim Reaper evokes fear, especially on Halloween.



The witch tempted Snow White with the pernicious apple.



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The <u>perniciousness</u> of cancer makes its diagnosis extremely frightening.

perniciousness



The <u>perniciousness</u> of the storm was heightened when a tornado touched down on the community.



The vicious pit bull perniciously growled at the mailman.



"I'll get you, my pretty," the Wicked Witch of the West <u>perniciously</u> cackled.