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[in-**hib**-it]☒ Phonetic (Standard)☐ IPA

verb (used with object)

- 1 to restrain, hinder, arrest, or check (an action, impulse, etc.).

Synonyms: [obstruct](#), [discourage](#), [repress](#)

- 2 to prohibit; [forbid](#).

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- 3 *Psychology.* to consciously or unconsciously suppress or restrain (psychologically or sociologically unacceptable behavior).

- 4 *Chemistry.* to decrease the rate of action of or stop (a chemical reaction).

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