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ad·dict  (ə-dīkt)

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tr.v. **ad·dict·ed**, **ad·dict·ing**, **ad·dicts**

1. To cause to have a medically or psychologically significant addiction: *The thief was addicted to cocaine. My uncle is addicted to gambling.*

2.

a. To occupy (oneself) with or involve (oneself) in something habitually: *That show was so good that I became addicted to watching it.*

b. To cause to use something on a regular or dependent basis: *economies that are addicted to fossil fuels.*

n. (ăd īkt)

1. A person who has an addiction, as to narcotics or gambling.

2. A devoted adherent; a fan: *a soap-opera addict.*

[Latin *addicere*, *addict-*, to sentence : *ad-*, *ad-* + *dīcere*, to adjudge; see **deik-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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