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in·dict  (in-dīt)

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

1. *Law* To charge (a party) by indictment.

2. To accuse of wrongdoing or criticize severely: "[He] managed to indict the country's smug, liberal establishment whose lip service throttled the struggle for civil rights" (Bob Spitz).

[Alteration of Middle English *enditen*, to accuse, write a document; see [INDITE](#).]

in·dict·ee (in'dī-tē) *n.*

in·dict er, **in·dict or** *n.*

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