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tr.v. **in·duced**, **in·duc·ing**, **in·duc·es**

1. To lead or move, as to a course of action, by influence or persuasion. See Synonyms at [persuade](#).
2. To bring about or stimulate the occurrence of; cause: *a drug used to induce labor*.
3. To infer by inductive reasoning.
4. *Physics*
 - a. To produce (an electric current or a magnetic charge) by induction.
 - b. To produce (radioactivity, for example) artificially by bombardment of a substance with neutrons, gamma rays, and other particles.
5. *Biochemistry* To initiate or increase the production of (an enzyme or other protein) at the level of genetic transcription.
6. *Genetics* To cause an increase in the transcription of the RNA of (a gene).

[Middle English *inducen*, from Old French *inducer*, from Latin *indūcere* : *in-*, in; see [IN](#)-² + *dūcere*, to lead; see [deuk-](#) in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in·duc i·ble *adj.*

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