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trans·fix  (trăns-fiks)

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tr.v. **trans·fixed**, **trans·fix·ing**, **trans·fix·es**

1. To render motionless, as with terror, amazement, or awe: *We were transfixed by the beauty of the bird.*
2. To pierce or impale with a pointed weapon or object.

[Latin *trānsfīgere*, *trānsfīx-* : *trāns-*, trans- + *fīgere*, to pierce, fasten; see **dhīg^w**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

trans·fix ion (-fīk shən) *n.*

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