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per-ish  (pě ĭsh)

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v. per-ish-ed, per-ish-ing, per-ish-es

v.intr.

1. To die or be destroyed, especially in a violent or untimely manner: "*Must then a Christ perish in torment in every age to save those who have no imagination?*" (George Bernard Shaw).
2. To pass from existence; disappear gradually: "*Man will go down into the pit, and all his thoughts will perish*" (A.J. Balfour).
3. *Chiefly British* To spoil or deteriorate.

v.tr.

To bring to destruction; destroy: "*Many foul blights / Perish'd his hard won gains*" (Thomas Hood).

Idiom:

perish the thought

Used to express the wish that one not even think about something.

[Middle English *perishen*, from Old French *perir*, *periss-*, to perish, from Latin *perīre* : *per-*, *per-* + *īre*, to go; see [ei- in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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