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tr.v. **in·curred**, **in·cur·ring**, **in·curs**

1. To acquire or come into (something usually undesirable); sustain: *incurred substantial losses during the stock market crash.*
2. To become liable or subject to as a result of one's actions; bring upon oneself: *incur the anger of a friend.*

[Middle English *incurren*, from Old French *encorir*, from Latin *incurrere*, to run upon : *in-*, on; see [IN-](#)² + *currere*, to run; see [kern-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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