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cas·ti·gate  (kās tĭ-gāt') Share: [Tweet](#)

tr.v. **cas·ti·gat·ed**, **cas·ti·gat·ing**, **cas·ti·gates**

To punish or rebuke severely. See Synonyms at [punish](#).

[Latin *castīgāre*, *castīgāt-*, from *castus*, pure; see **kes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cas'ti-ga tion *n.*

cas ti-ga'tor *n.*

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