

speck

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1. [spek] n**1. пятнышко, крапинка**

not a speck of dirt anywhere - нигде ни пятнышка

a mirror in fly specks - зеркало, засиженное мухами

2. 1) частица, частичка; крупинка

a speck of dust - пылинка

the ship was but a speck on the horizon - корабль превратился в точку на горизонте

2) крупница, капля

not a speck - совсем не, ничуть не

not a speck of evidence - ни малейших доказательств /данных/

not a speck of sympathy - ни капли сочувствия

not a speck of truth - ни крупинки правды /истины/

we have not a speck of sugar - у нас совсем нет /нет ни куска/ сахара

to dwindle to specks - сводить на нет, чрезмерно преуменьшать

2. [spek] v**1. испещрять, усеивать**

specked with brown - в коричневую крапинку

2. превращаться в точку

◇ to speck and span - виднеться тут и там

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[spek] *n амер., южно-афр.***1. ворвань****2. жирное мясо; шпик; бекон****speck**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

speck [speck specks specked specking] *BrE* [spek]^u *NAmE* [spek]^u **noun**

a very small spot; a small piece of dirt, etc

- The ship was now just a speck in the distance.
- specks of dust

Word Origin:Old English *specca*; compare with the noun ↑ [speckle](#).Synonyms:**mark****stain** • **fingerprint** • **streak** • **speck** • **blot** • **smear** • **spot**

These are all words for a small area of dirt or another substance on a surface.

mark • a small area of dirt or other substance on the surface of sth, especially one that spoils its appearance: ▫ The kids left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor.**stain** • a dirty mark on sth that is difficult to remove, especially one made by a liquid: ▫ blood stains**fingerprint** • a mark on a surface made by the pattern of lines on the end of a person's finger, often used by the police to identify criminals: ▫ Her fingerprints were all over the gun.**streak** • a long thin mark or line that is a different colour from the surface it is on: ▫ She had streaks of grey in her hair.**speck** • a very small mark, spot or piece of a substance on sth: ▫ There isn't a speck of dust anywhere in the house.**blot** • a spot or dirty mark left on sth by a substance such as ink or paint being dropped on a surface**smear** • a mark made by sth such as oil or paint being spread or rubbed on a surface**spot** • a small dirty mark on sth: ▫ There were grease spots all over the walls.a streak/speck/blot/smear/spot **of** stha **greasy** mark/stain/smeara/an **ink** mark/stain/blot/spota/an **grease** mark/stain/spotto **leave** a mark/stain/fingerprint/streak/speck/blot/smearExample Bank:

- Specks of grease spotted the walls.
- The bird has reddish specks on its breast.
- There isn't a speck of dust anywhere in the house.
- There wasn't a speck of dirt anywhere.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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a very small mark, spot, or piece of something

speck of

a speck of dust

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THESAURUS

■ a small piece

- **fragment** a small piece that has broken off something, especially something hard: The window shattered, covering them with fragments of glass. | They found fragments of bone.
- **crumb** a very small piece of bread, cake etc: There were just a few crumbs left on the plate.
- **speck** a piece of something such as dirt or dust which is so small you almost cannot see it: She brushed the specks of dust from the table.
- **drop** a very small amount of a liquid: There were drops of blood on the floor. | I felt a drop of rain.

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