

taper1. ['teɪpə] *n*

- 1) конус
- 2) шпиль
- 3) конусность, конусообразность, коническая форма
2. тонкая восковая свеча
3. вощёный фитиль (для зажигания свечей и ламп)
4. слабый источник света; тусклый свет
5. ослабление, спад

2. ['teɪpə] *a*

1. конусообразный, сужающийся к одному концу
2. длинный и тонкий (о пальцах)

3. ['teɪpə] *v* (*мж. taper away, taper off*)

- 1) сходиться на конус; сужаться; убывать по конусу
columns that taper upwards - сужающиеся кверху колонны
- 2) сводить на конус, сообщать конусность; сужать; заострять
to taper the end of the post with an axe - заострить конец (опорного) столба топором

taper

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taper [taper tapers tapered tapering] **verb noun** BrE ['teɪpə(r)]^u NAmE

['teɪpə]

verb intransitive, transitive

to become gradually narrower; to make sth become gradually narrower

- The tail tapered to a rounded tip.
- She had long tapering fingers.
- ~ **sth** The pots are wide at the base and tapered at the top.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	taper
	BrE / 'teɪpə(r)/
	NAmE / 'teɪpər/
he / she / it	tapers
	BrE / 'teɪpəz/
	NAmE / 'teɪpəz/
past simple, past participle	tapered
	BrE / 'teɪpəd/
	NAmE / 'teɪpəd/
-ing form	tapering
	BrE / 'teɪpərɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'teɪpərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English (denoting any wax candle), dissimilated form (by alteration of p- to t-) of Latin **papyrus** (from Greek **papuros**), the pith of which was used for candle wicks.

Example Bank:

- The leaves are long, tapering to a point at each end.
- The vase is wide at the base and tapered at the top.

Derived ↑taper off ▪ ↑taper something off**noun**

1. a long thin piece of wood, paper, etc. that is used for lighting fires or lamps
• She lit the gas with a taper.
2. a long thin ↑candle
3. **usually singular** the way that sth gradually decreases in size, becoming thinner

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1. **taɪpər**¹ /'teɪpə \$ -ər/ BrE^u AmE^u **verb** [intransitive and transitive]

to become gradually narrower towards one end, or to make something become narrower at one end

taper to

His wide chest tapers to a small waist.

—tapering *adjective:*

long tapering fingers

taper off *phrasal verb*

to decrease gradually:

Profits may be tapering off in the near future.

ii. **taper**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]
[Language: Old English; Origin: tapor, taper *'thin candle'*]

1. a very thin [↑]**candle**:

¹ small boys holding lighted tapers

2. a piece of string covered in [↑]**wax**, used for lighting lamps, [↑]**candles** etc:

¹ The box contained a taper to light each firework.

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