

whittle

I

[ˈwɪtl̩] *n диал.*

1. тёплая пелёнка
2. фланелевое платье (грудного ребёнка)
3. шаль, тёплый платок, накидка

II

1. [ˈwɪtl̩] *n диал.*

большой нож

2. [ˈwɪtl̩] *v*

1. стругать ножом (дерево); обстругивать
to whittle a pencil - очинить карандаш
to whittle a shoot for a rod - обстругать ветку для удочки
2. вырезать ножом (из дерева)
he whittled a small dog for his grandson - он вырезал из дерева собачку для внука
whittled out of a stick - вырезанный из палки
3. *диал.* изводить заботами себя или других
4. уменьшать, сводить на нет (*мж.* whittle away, whittle down)
to whittle away a fortune - поистратить/промотать состояние
to whittle away a doctrine - выхолостить учение; свести на нет суть доктрины
to whittle down expenses - снизить расходы
to whittle down a statement - смягчить заявление
5. *воен. разг.* перемалывать живую силу

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

whit-tle [whittle whittles whittled whittling] *BrE* [ˈwɪtl̩] ^m *NAmE* [ˈwɪtl̩] ^m *verb*

to form a piece of wood, etc. into a particular shape by cutting small pieces from it

- ~ **A (from B)** He whittled a simple toy from the piece of wood.
- ~ **B (into A)** He whittled the piece of wood into a simple toy.

Derived ↑whittle something away ▪ ↑whittle something down

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	whittle
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩/
he / she / it	whittles
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩z/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩z/
past simple, past participle	whittled
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩d/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩d/
-ing form	whittling
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩ɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɪtl̩ɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from dialect whittle 'knife'.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: whittle 'large knife' (15-19 centuries), from thwittle (14-19 centuries), from thwite 'to whittle' (11-19 centuries), from Old English thwitan]

1. (*also whittle down*) [*transitive*] to gradually make something smaller by taking parts away:

"We need to whittle down the list of guests for the party."

2. [*intransitive and transitive*] to cut a piece of wood into a particular shape by cutting off small pieces with a knife ⇒ **carve**

whittle away *phrasal verb*

to gradually reduce the amount or effectiveness of something, especially something that you think should not be reduced

whittle something ↔ away

"The museum is worried that government funding will be whittled away."

whittle away at

"Congress is whittling away at our freedom of speech."

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whittle 684

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whittlers 5

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