

spook

1. [spu:k] *n*
 1. 1) привидение, дух, призрак
spooks haunt that old castle - по этому старому замку бродят привидения
 - 2) писатель-невидимка (*пишущий за другого*)
 - 3) *разг.* составитель (чужих) речей
 2. *разг.* шофёр-лихач
 3. *разг.* наркоман
 4. *амер. воен. жарг.* корректировщик огня
 5. *амер. сл.* шпион-«невидимка»
2. [spu:k] *v*
 1. являться, бродить (о *призраке*)
 2. 1) пугать, бросать в дрожь
 - 2) разбежаться в ужасе
 3. 1) писать (за *кого-л.*)
he spooked the reminiscences of the actor - он написал за этого актёра его воспоминания
 - 2) составлять чужую речь
his speech was spooked - его речь была кем-то написана

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spook [spook spooks spooked spooking] *noun, verb* BrE [spu:k] ¹ NAmE [spu:k]

noun (informal)

1. a ↑ghost
 - a castle haunted by spooks
2. (especially NAmE) a ↑spy
 - a CI spook

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from Dutch, of unknown origin.

verb transitive, usually passive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth) (informal, especially NAmE)

to frighten a person or an animal; to become frightened

- We were spooked by the strange noises and lights.
- The horse spooked at the siren.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spook
	BrE /spu:k/
	NAmE /spu:k/
he / she / it	spooks
	BrE /spu:ks/
	NAmE /spu:ks/
past simple, past participle	spooked
	BrE /spu:kt/
	NAmE /spu:kt/
-ing form	spooking
	BrE /spu:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /spu:kɪŋ/

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[Date: 1800-1900; Language: Dutch]

1. a ↑ghost
2. especially American English a ↑spy
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THESAURUS

- **ghost** the spirit of a dead person that some people think they can feel or see in a place: His ghost is believed to haunt the house.
- **spirit** a creature without a physical body, such as an angel or ghost: evil spirits | the spirit world
- **apparition** an image of a dead person that someone sees suddenly for a short time: He claimed to have seen an apparition in the church.
- **poltergeist** a ghost that people cannot see, which throws things or moves things around: The house was haunted by a poltergeist that makes things move around all by themselves, sometimes quite big things like beds or wardrobes.
- **spook** *informal* a ghost: I 'm not scared of spooks.
- **phantom** *literary* a frightening and unclear image of a dead person: They had seen phantoms gliding on the surface of the water.
- **spectre** *British English*, **specter** *American English literary* a ghost, especially a frightening one: She had looked like a spectre.

| The following night, the spectre appeared again.

II. **spook**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive] *informal*

to frighten someone:

" I 'mot easily spooked.

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RANGE: **7k** **SPOOK** 1615

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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94 **56086**¹⁸⁰ *nn1*

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