

## 1. [nek] n

## 1. 1) шея

neck vertebrae- шейные позвонки

to break one's neck - свернуть /сломать/ себе шею [*см. тж.* ◇ ]

to fall on /upon/ smb.'s neck - броситься кому-л. на шею

up to one's neck - по горло

I'm up to my neck in debt - я по уши в долгу

to catch /to get, to take/ it in the neck - получить по шее, получить нагоняй /взбучку/

## 2) голова, жизнь

to risk one's neck - рисковать головой

to save one's neck - спасти свою шкуру

to stick one's neck out - *амер.* ставить себя под удар (*особ.* *ввязавшись не в своё дело*)

3) *библ.* выя4) длина шеи лошади (*на скачках*)

neck and neck - голова в голову

to lose by a neck - а) *спорт.* отстать на голову; б) немного отстать

to win by a neck - а) *спорт.* опередить /выиграть/ на голову; б) немного опередить

2. шейная часть (*говяжьей туши*)3. горлышко (*бутылки и т. п.*)4. ворот (*платья*); воротник

low neck - глубокий вырез

square neck - каре

round neck - круглый вырез

V neck - удлинённый вырез, декольте в виде буквы V

## 5. 1) узкая часть предмета

neck of blade - шейка весла

2) ножка (*рюмки*)3) *муз.* шейка (*струнных инструментов*)

## 6. (of) трудная часть; что-л. неподатливое

to break the neck (of smth.) - а) уничтожить, сокрушить, сломить сопротивление; б) одолеть самую трудную часть (*работы, задания и т. п.*); to break the neck of winter - оставить позади большую часть зимы; to break the neck of a job - выполнить самую трудную часть работы; в) суметь пережить самое трудное

to break the neck of an illness - приходиться в себя /поправляться/ после болезни; ≅ дело пошло на поправку

7. *амер.* местность (*обыкн.* neck of the woods)

they don't do such things in my neck of the woods - ≅ у нас так не поступают; у нас так не принято

8. *сл.* наглость, нахальство

to have the neck to do smth. - иметь наглость сделать что-л.

9. *геогр.*

## 1) (узкий) пролив

2) коса; перешеек (*тж.* neck of land)10. *анат.* шейка (*матки, зуба*)

neck of femur - шейка бедренной кости

11. *тех.*

## 1) кольцевая канавка

## 2) шейка, цапфа

12. *метал.*

## 1) боров

2) горловина (*конвертера*)13. *архит.* шейка колонны под капителью14. *геол.* нэк; цилиндрический интрузив

◇ neck and crop - решительно, не церемонясь; полностью

throw him out neck and crop! - гоните его в шею!, чтобы духу его здесь не было!

neck or nothing - ≅ пан или пропал; ставить всё на карту

to break one's neck - трудиться изо всех сил; лезть из кожи вон

don't break your neck on this job: it is not urgent - не надрывайтесь на этом задании - оно не срочное

to set one's foot on smb.'s neck - притеснять /угнетать/ кого-л., попира́ть чьё-л. достоинство

to wash one's neck, to put it down one's neck - *сл.* закладывать за галстук, пьянствовать

shot in the neck - *амер. сл.* заложивший за галстук, навеселе

to breathe down smb.'s neck - *сл.* стоять у кого-л. над душой

to speak /to talk/ through (the back of) one's neck - *сл.* пороть чушь, нести чепуху

## 2. [nek] v

1. *разг.* целоваться и обниматься2. 1) свернуть голову (*курице и т. п.*); отрубить голову

## 2) удушить

## 3. 1) суживать, делать более узким

## 2) суживаться

**neck** [neck necks necked necking] noun, verb *BrE* [nek] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [nek] <sup>ˈ</sup>  
 noun



- 1. countable** the part of the body between the head and the shoulders
  - He tied a scarf around his neck.
  - I woke up with a stiff neck.
  - Giraffes have very long necks.
  - She **craned** (= stretched) **her neck** to get a better view.
  - He broke his neck in the fall.
  - Somebody's going to **break their neck** (= injure themselves) on these steps.



- 2. countable** the part of a piece of clothing that fits around the **neck**
  - What neck size do you take?

**see also** ↑crew neck, ↑polo neck, ↑turtleneck, ↑V-neck

- 3. -necked** (in adjectives) having the type of **neck** mentioned
  - a round-necked sweater

**see also** ↑open-necked, ↑stiff-necked

- 4. countable** ~ (of sth) a long narrow part of sth
  - the neck of a bottle
  - a neck of land

- 5. uncountable** ~ (of sth) the **neck** of an animal, cooked and eaten
  - neck of lamb

**see also** ↑bottleneck, ↑redneck, ↑roughneck

**more at** put/lay your head/neck on the block **at** ↑block <sub>n.</sub>, brass neck/nerve **at** ↑brass, breathe down sb's neck **at** ↑breathe, a millstone round your/sb's neck **at** ↑millstone, a pain in the neck **at** ↑pain <sub>n.</sub>, risk your neck **at** ↑risk <sub>v.</sub>, save sb's bacon/necks save your (own) skin/hide/neck **at** ↑save <sub>v.</sub>, by the scruff of the/your neck **at** ↑scruff, stick your neck out **at** ↑stick <sub>v.</sub>, wring sb's neck **at** ↑wring

#### Word Origin:

Old English hnecca 'back of the neck', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *nek* 'neck' and German *Nacken* 'nape'.

#### Collocations:

##### **Physical appearance**

A person may be described as **having** :

##### *Eyes*

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**  
 deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**  
 small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**  
 piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**  
 bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**  
 bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**  
 long/dark/thick/curly/false **eyelashes/lashes**

##### *Face*

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**  
 a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**  
 full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**  
 dry/chapped/cracked **lips**  
 flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**  
 soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**  
 white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**  
 a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**  
 a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**  
 a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**

a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil moustache/ (*especially US*) mustache

**Hair and skin**

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned skin  
dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled skin  
a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear complexion  
deep/fine/little/facial wrinkles  
blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(*BrE*) ginger/grey hair  
straight/curly/wavy/frizzy/spiky hair  
thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning hair  
dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny hair  
long/short/shoulder-length/cropped hair  
a bald/balding/shaved head  
a receding hairline  
a bald patch/spot  
a side/centre/(*US*) center (*BrE*) parting/ (*NAmE*) part

**Body**

a long/short/thick/slender/(*disapproving*) scrawny neck  
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched shoulders  
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large chest  
a flat/swollen/bulging stomach  
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch waist  
big/wide/narrow/slim hips  
a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy back  
thin/slender/muscular arms  
big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved hands  
long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony fingers  
long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(*both informal, often disapproving*) skinny/spindly legs  
muscular/chubby/(*informal, disapproving*) flabby thighs  
big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare feet  
a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass figure  
be of slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky build

Example Bank:

- He was wearing a black V-neck sweater.
- He wore a casual shirt with an open neck.
- He's out to save his own political neck.
- I craned my neck to see what was happening at the front.
- I craned my neck to see what was happening at the head of the queue.
- I cricked my neck playing tennis and now I can't turn round properly.
- I had a crick in my neck from staring up at the sky so long.
- I keep the key on a string around my neck.
- I'm not going to risk my neck playing rugby with you!
- She's been wearing a neck brace since her car crash.
- The cat picked up her kitten by the scruff of its neck.
- The hairs on the back of my neck prickled with fear.
- The veins in his neck stood out like knotted rope.
- When he was late again I wanted to wring his neck.
- the narrow neck of land between the lake and the sea

Idioms: ↑by a neck ▪ ↑get it in the neck ▪ ↑neck and neck ▪ ↑neck of the woods ▪ ↑up to your neck in something

**verb** (usually **be necking**) **intransitive** (old-fashioned, informal)

when two people are necking, they are kissing each other in a sexual way

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	neck
	BrE /nek/
	NAmE /nek/
he / she /it	necks
	BrE /neks/
	NAmE /neks/
past simple, past participle	necked
	BrE /nekt/
	NAmE /nekt/
-ing form	necking
	BrE /nekiŋ/
	NAmE /nekiŋ/

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See also: ↑nip and tuck

I. **neck**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /nek/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[*Language*: Old English; *Origin*: hnecca]



**1. PART OF THE BODY** [countable] the part of your body that joins your head to your shoulders, or the same part of an animal or bird  
**around sb's neck**

- ˈ Jean wore a string of pearls around her neck.
- ˈ Mike rubbed the back of his neck.
- ˈ You have a lot of tension in your neck muscles.
- ˈ He patted his horse's neck.
- ˈ She had a mass of golden hair, which she wore in a coil at the **nape** (=back) of her neck.
- ˈ The dog picked up the puppy and carried it by the **scruff** (=back) of the neck into the house.

**2. CLOTHING** [countable] the part of a piece of clothing that goes around your neck

**neck of**

- ˈ The neck of his shirt was open.
- ˈ The sweater has a round neck and long sleeves.

**V-necked/open-necked etc**

- ˈ a navy V-necked sweater ⇒ ↑crew neck, ↑polo neck, ↑scoop neck, ↑turtleneck, ↑V-neck

**3. NARROW PART** [countable] the narrow part of something, usually at the top

**neck of**

- ˈ Lara put the cork back in the neck of the bottle.
- ˈ a crack in the neck of the violin

**4. be up to your neck in something**

**a) to be very busy with something:**

- ˈ She's up to her neck in work.

**b) to be in a difficult situation that is hard to escape from:**

- ˈ Jim's up to his neck in debt.

**5. neck and neck (with somebody)** *informal* if two competitors or groups are neck and neck in a competition or race, they are level with each other:

- ˈ Opinion polls show the two main parties are running neck and neck.

**6. in this/sb's neck of the woods** *informal* in a particular area or part of the country:

- ˈ I haven't been in this neck of the woods for years.

**7. get it in the neck** *British English spoken* to be punished or criticized:

- ˈ If we don't make some changes we'll all get it in the neck.

**8. by a neck** *informal* if a race, especially a horse race, is won by a neck, the winner is only a very short distance in front:

- ˈ Our horse won by a neck.

**9. ATTITUDE** [uncountable] (also **brass neck**) *British English informal* a confident attitude that makes you able to do unreasonable or shocking things without feeling embarrassed **SYN** nerve, cheek:

- ˈ I don't know how they have the neck to charge that much!

**10. LAND** [countable] a narrow piece of land that comes out of a wider part:

- ˈ a neck of land between a lake and the sea

**11. (hang) around your neck** if something hangs around your neck, it keeps causing you problems ⇒ **be breathing down sb's neck** at ↑breathe(5), ⇒ **I'll wring sb's neck** at ↑wring(6), ⇒ **pain in the neck** at ↑pain<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ **risk your neck** at ↑risk<sup>2</sup>(1), ⇒ **save sb's neck** at ↑save<sup>1</sup>(11), ⇒ **stick your neck out** at ↑stick out(3)

II. **neck**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* [intransitive usually in progressive] *informal*

if two people are necking, they kiss for a long time in a sexual way

—necking *noun* [uncountable]

**neck**

Frequency Pack

12500 **1580**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1500**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** NECK <sup>27405</sup>

neck <sup>25585</sup>

necks <sup>1662</sup>

necking <sup>116</sup>

necked <sup>42</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

12546 **1692**<sup>25272</sup> *nn1*  
142 **60524**<sup>155</sup> *vv0*  
72 **88729**<sup>74</sup> *vvi*  
31 **124056**<sup>39</sup> *nnu*  
11 **130303**<sup>36</sup> *np1*  
9 **272882**<sup>9</sup> *jj*

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