

steal

1. [sti:l] *n*
 1. *разг.*
 - 1) кража
 - 2) украденная вещь; краденое имущество
 2. *амер. сл.* подлог, обман; коррупция
 3. *амер. разг.* выгодная покупка
it was a positive steal! - ну просто задаром!
2. [sti:l] *v (stole; stolen)*
 1. 1) воровать, красть
I had my watch stolen - у меня украли часы
thou shalt not steal - *библ.* не укради
 - 2) *редк.* похищать (*кого-л.*)
 2. делать (*что-л.*) незаметно, украдкой; добиваться (*чего-л.*), получать (*что-л.*) хитростью
to steal a glance at smb. - украдкой взглянуть на кого-л.
to steal a kiss - поцеловать без разрешения, сорвать поцелуй
a smile stole over his face /across his lips/ - на его губах мелькнула улыбка
 3. (*обыкн.* along, out of, into) красться, прокрадываться; скользнуть (*куда-л.*)
to steal upstairs - прокрасться наверх
to steal by - проскользнуть мимо
to steal in - входить крадучись, прокрадываться
to steal softly out of the room - незаметно выскользнуть из комнаты
a sunbeam stole into a gloomy room - луч света проник в мрачную комнату
a tear stole down her cheek - по её щеке медленно скатилась слеза
 4. постепенно, незаметно овладевать, захватывать (*о чувстве и т. п.*)
he felt sleep stealing over him - он почувствовал, что им овладевает сон
terror stole upon her - её постепенно охватывал ужас
 5. *преим. театр.* захватить внимание, стать гвоздём программы
the comedian stole the show - комик затмил всех остальных исполнителей
 6. *разг.* отбить, увести
he stole my girlfriend [my wife] - он отбил у меня девушку [увёл мою жену]
◇ to steal a march on smb. - а) *воен.* опередить (*противника*); б) незаметно опередить кого-л.; обмануть чью-л. бдительность
to steal a ride - ехать зайцем
to steal a way into /to/ smb.'s heart - покорить чьё-л. сердце
to steal smb.'s thunder - а) перехватить приоритет, опубликовать заимствованную идею раньше её автора; б) добиться преимущества, забежав вперёд; предвосхитить инициативу

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steal [steal steals stole stealing stolen] *verb, noun* *BrE* [stiːl] ⁴ *NAmE* [stiːl] ⁴
verb (stole *BrE* [stəʊl] ⁴; *NAmE* [stəʊl] ⁴ stolen *BrE* ['stəʊlən] ⁴; *NAmE* ['stəʊlən] ⁴)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to take sth from a person, shop/store, etc. without permission and without intending to return it or pay for it
 - ~ (from sb/sth) We found out he'd been stealing from us for years.
 - I'll report you to the police if I catch you stealing again.
 - ~ sth (from sb/sth) My wallet was stolen.
 - I had my wallet stolen .
 - Thieves stole jewellery worth over £10 000.
 - It's a crime to handle stolen goods.
 - (figurative) to steal sb's ideas
2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move secretly and quietly so that other people do not notice you
Syn: ↑creep
 - She stole out of the room so as not to wake the baby.
 - (figurative) A chill stole over her body.
3. **transitive ~ sth** (in ↑baseball) to run to the next ↑base before another player from your team hits the ball, so that you are closer to scoring
 - He tried to steal second base but was out.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	steal
	<i>BrE</i> /sti:l/
	<i>NAmE</i> /sti:l/
he / she / it	steals
	<i>BrE</i> /sti:lz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /sti:lz/
past simple	stole
	<i>BrE</i> /stəʊl/
	<i>NAmE</i> /stəʊl/
past participle	stolen
	<i>BrE</i> /'stəʊlə/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'stəʊlə/
-ing form	stealing
	<i>BrE</i> /'sti:lɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /'sti:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

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• Thieves stole jewellery worth over \$10 000.

take • • **shoplift** • • **embezzle** • • **rob** • • **loot** • |especially BrE **poach** • |formal **plunder** • |BrE, informal **nick** •

steal/take/shoplift/embezzle/loot/poach/nick (sth) **from** sb/a place

steal/take/nick sb's **bag/purse/passport**

steal/take **food/goods/items**

Collocations:

Crime

Committing a crime

commit a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud

be involved in terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking

engage /participate in criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism

steal sb's wallet/purse/(BrE) mobile phone/(NAme) cell phone

rob a bank/a person/a tourist

break into/ (BrE) burgle/ (NAme) burglarize a house/a home/an apartment

hijack a plane/ship/bus

smuggle drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants

launder drug money (through sth)

forge documents/certificates/passports

take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb) a bribe

run a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

Fighting crime

combat/fight crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking

prevent/stop credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy

deter/stop criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals

reduce/tackle/crack down on knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour

foil a bank raid/a terrorist plot

help/support/protect the victims of crime

Investigating crime

report a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police

witness the crime/attack/murder/incident

investigate a murder/(*especially NAme*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident

conduct/launch/pursue an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry

investigate/reopen a criminal/murder case

examine /investigate/find fingerprints at the crime scene/the scene of crime

collect/gather forensic evidence

uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons

describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker

question/interrogate a suspect/witness

solve/crack the case

more collocations at [↑justice](#)

Example Bank:

- I had my wallet stolen.
- I'll report you to the police if I catch you stealing again.
- Thieves stole jewellery worth over \$10 000.
- We found out he'd been stealing from us for years.

Idioms: [↑a steal](#) ▪ [↑steal a kiss](#) ▪ [↑steal a look](#) ▪ [↑steal a march](#) ▪ [↑steal somebody's heart](#) ▪ [↑steal somebody's thunder](#) ▪ [↑steal the show](#)

noun (NAme) (in [↑baseball](#))

the act of running to another [↑base](#) while the [↑pitcher](#) is throwing the ball

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I. **steal**¹ **S3 W3** /stiːl/ BrE " AmE " *verb* (past tense **stole** /stəʊl \$ stou/, past participle

stolen /'stəʊlən \$ 'stou-/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: stelan]

1. **TAKE SOMETHING [intransitive and transitive]** to take something that belongs to someone else:

Boys broke into a shop and stole £45 in cash.

steal from

He stole money from his parents.

steal something from somebody/something

He'd stolen the flowers from our garden.

2. **USE IDEAS** [intransitive and transitive] to use someone else's ideas without getting permission or without admitting that they are not your own ideas **SYN pinch**:

Inventors know that someone is always going to try to steal their designs.

steal something from somebody

A well-known scientist was accused of stealing his former student's ideas.

3. **MOVE SOMEWHERE** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move quietly without anyone noticing you **SYN creep**

steal into/across etc

He dressed quietly and stole out of the house.

4. **steal the show/limelight /scene** to do something, especially when you are acting in a play, that makes people pay more attention to you than to other people:

Elwood stole the show with a marvellous performance.

5. **steal a look/glance etc** to look at someone or something quickly and secretly

6. **SPORT**

a) [intransitive and transitive] to run to the next **↑base** before someone hits the ball in the sport of baseball

b) [transitive] to suddenly take control of the ball, **↑puck** etc when the other team had previously had control of it, for example in **↑basketball** or **↑ice hockey**:

Roy steals the ball four times in the first half.

7. **steal a kiss** to kiss someone quickly when they are not expecting it

8. **steal a march on somebody** to gain an advantage over someone by doing something that they had planned to do before them:

He was afraid another scholar was going to steal a march on him and publish first.

9. **steal sb's thunder** to get the success and praise someone else should have got, by doing what they had intended to do

10. **steal sb's heart** *literary* to make someone fall in love with you

⇒ **beg, borrow, or steal** at **↑beg(8)**

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THESAURUS

▪ **steal** to illegally take something that belongs to someone else: The thieves stole over £10,000 worth of computer equipment. | Thousands of cars get stolen every year.

▪ **take** to steal something – used when it is clear from the situation that you mean that someone takes something dishonestly: The boys broke into her house and took all her money. | They didn't take much – just a few items of jewellery.

▪ **burgle** *British English*, **burglarize** *American English* [usually passive] to go into someone's home and steal things, especially when the owners are not there: Their house was burgled while they were away. | If you leave windows open, you are asking to be burgled.

▪ **rob** to steal money or other things from a bank, shop, or person: The gang were convicted of robbing a bank in Essex. | An elderly woman was robbed at gunpoint in her own home. | He's serving a sentence for robbing a grocery store.

▪ **mug** to attack someone in the street and steal something from them: People in this area are frightened of being mugged when they go out. | Someone tried to mug me outside the station.

▪ **nick/pinch** *British English informal* to steal something: Someone's nicked my wallet! | When I came back, my car had been pinched.

▪ **embezzle** to steal money from the organization you work for, especially money that you are responsible for: Government officials embezzled more than \$2.5 million from the department.

▪ **shoplifting** stealing things from a shop by taking them when you think no one is looking: Shoplifting costs stores millions of pounds every year.

▪ **phishing** the activity of dishonestly persuading people to give you their credit card details over the Internet, so that you can steal money from their bank account: Phishing is becoming very popular with computer criminals.

II. **steal**² *BrE* ⁿ *AmE* ⁿ *noun* [countable]

1. **be a steal** *informal* to be very cheap:

an excellent seafood dish that is a steal at \$8.25

2. the act of suddenly taking control of the ball when the other team had previously had control of it, especially in **↑basketball**:

Johnson had ten points and a steal in the first half.

3. the act of running to the next **↑base** before someone hits the ball in the sport of baseball

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stole 5002

stolen 7858

steals 1754

stealing 4190

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