

cheek

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[tʃi:k] *n*

1. щека
with rosy cheeks - розовощёкий, румяный
to turn the other cheek - а) **библ.** подставить другую щёку (*под удар*); б) занимать непротивленческую позицию
2. 1) **слец.** боковая стойка; косяк
- 2) **р/л тех.** щёки тисков
- 3) **геол.** бок жилы
- 4) **мор.** чикса (*на мачте*)
◇ cheek by jowl - рядом; бок о бок; интимно; запросто
to one's own cheek - для себя одного; в свой карман

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1. [tʃi:k] *n*
 - 1) наглость; нахальство
to have the cheek to say smth. - иметь наглость сказать что-л
the cheek! - какая наглость!
to give cheek - дерзить, грубить; огрызаться
I'll have none of your cheek - я не потерплю такого нахальства
 - 2) самоуверенность, дерзость; развязность
◇ cheek brings success - **посл.** нахальством всего добьёшься
2. [tʃi:k] *v*
вести себя нагло, нахально; нахальничать; говорить дерзости
he cheeked me - он мне надерзил

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[tʃi:k] = *chick* ²

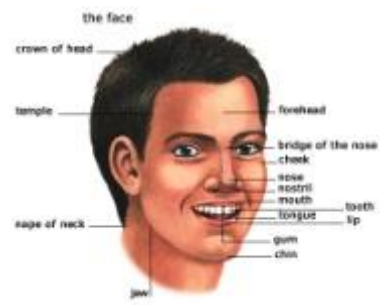
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cheek [cheek cheeks cheeked cheeking] *noun, verb* **BrE** [tʃi:k] ¹ **NAme** [tʃi:k]

noun

1. **countable** either side of the face below the eyes
 - **chubby/rosy/pink cheeks**
 - He kissed her on both cheeks.
 - Couples were dancing **cheek to cheek**.



2. **-cheeked** (in adjectives) having the type of cheeks mentioned
 - **chubby-cheeked /rosy-cheeked/hollow-cheeked**
 3. **countable** (informal) either of the ↑**buttocks**
 4. **uncountable, singular** (BrE) talk or behaviour that people think is annoying, rude or lacking in respect
Syn: ↑**nerve**
 - What a cheek!
 - He **had the cheek** to ask his ex-girlfriend to babysit for them.
 - I think they've **got a cheek** making you pay to park the car.
- more at** put roses in sb's cheeks **at** ↑**rose** _n, with your tongue in your cheek with tongue in cheek **at** ↑**tongue** _n.

Word Origin:

Old English cē(a)ce, cēoce 'cheek, jaw', of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **kaak**.

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/curlly/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:

- Colour/Color flooded to her cheeks when she realized she was being watched.
- He asked you for money? Of all the cheek!
- He felt his cheeks burning with shame.
- He kissed her on both cheeks and got on the train.
- He rested his cheek on her shoulder.
- He's got a cheek, making you wait outside his office.
- Her cheeks were wet with tears.
- His red-rimmed eyes and sunken cheeks betrayed his lack of sleep.
- It's an awful cheek, the way he keeps asking you to lend him money.
- She dabbed at her cheeks with a handkerchief.
- She gave him a peck on the cheek and said goodbye.
- She gave him a sharp slap across his cheek.
- She had a healthy bloom in her cheeks.
- She laid her cheek against his.
- She proffered her cheek to kiss.
- She smiled at him and the colour/color rose to his cheeks.
- The colour flooded to his cheeks when he realized he was being watched.
- I think they've got a cheek making you pay to park the car.
- Of all the damned cheek! Make your own coffee!
- What struck him most was the colossal cheek of it all.

Idioms: ↑**cheek by jowl** ▪ ↑**turn the other cheek**

verb ~ sb (BrE, informal)

to speak to sb in a rude way that shows a lack of respect

- 'Don't cheek your mother, Sam!'

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cheek
	BrE /tʃi:k/
	NAme /tʃi:k/
he / she / it	cheeks
	BrE /tʃi:ks/
	NAme /tʃi:ks/
past simple, past participle	cheeked
	BrE /tʃi:kt/
	NAme /tʃi:kt/
-ing form	cheeking
	BrE /tʃi:kɪŋ/
	NAme /tʃi:kɪŋ/

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I. **cheek**¹ **W3** /tʃi:k BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: ceace]

1. [countable] the soft round part of your face below each of your eyes:

- Lucy stretched up to kiss his cheek.
- Billy had rosy cheeks and blue eyes.
- her tear-stained cheeks
- Julie's cheeks flushed with pleasure at the compliment.

red-cheeked/hollow-cheeked/rosy-cheeked etc

- a red-cheeked plump old fellow

2. [singular, uncountable] *British English* disrespectful or rude behaviour, especially towards someone in a position of authority:

- I've had enough of your cheek.

have the cheek to do something

- He had the cheek to make personal remarks and expect no reaction.
- She's got a cheek; she just goes on till she gets what she wants.
- It's a bit of a cheek, asking me for money.
- What a cheek! Of course I read the instructions!

3. **cheek by jowl (with somebody/something)** very close to someone or something else:

- an expensive French restaurant cheek by jowl with a cheap clothes shop

4. **turn the other cheek** to deliberately avoid reacting in an angry or violent way when someone has hurt or upset you

5. **cheek to cheek** if two people dance cheek to cheek, they dance very close to each other in a romantic way

6. [countable] *informal* one of the two soft fleshy parts of your bottom **SYN buttock**

⇒ **tongue in cheek** at ↑tongue¹(6), ⇒ ↑tongue-in-cheek

II. **cheek**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ verb [transitive]

British English to speak rudely or with disrespect to someone, especially to someone older such as your teacher or parents **SYN**

sass American English:

- You can cheek some teachers and they just don't do anything.

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