

nɪp

I

1. [nɪp] *n*
 1. щипок
to give a nip - ущипнуть
 2. укус
 3. колкость, едкое замечание; придирка, обидный упрёк
 4. острота (*сыра*)
 5. 1) похолодание; резкий холодный ветер
a cold nip in the air - воздух пахнет морозцем
 - 2) резкое воздействие (*мороза, ветра на растения*)
 6. *разг.* пробежка, быстрая ходьба
to have a quick nip out to buy a newspaper - выбежать на улицу за газетой
 7. сжатие, зажимание
ice nip - сжатие льдами; сжатие льдов
 8. 1) сплочённый лёд
 - 2) затирание судна льдами
 9. *тех.*
 - 1) захват
 - 2) место зажима
 - 3) перегиб (*провода*)
 10. *горн.* вклинивание (*пласта*); раздавливание целиков
2. [nɪp] *v* (*nipped* [-{nɪp}t], *nipt*)
 1. ущипнуть, щипать; тянуть (*о собаке*)
the lobster nipped toes of the bather - омар ущипнул купальщика за ногу
the wind nips hard - *образн.* ветер так и сечёт
 2. побить, повредить (*ветром, морозом*)
nipped by the frost - тронутый морозом
frost nipped the plants - мороз побил растения
a man dangerously nipped by excessive cold - человек, получивший опасное обморожение
 3. 1) задерживать, останавливать; пресекать
to nip the tide - задерживать прилив (*о ветре*)
 - 2) *с.-х.* прищипывать; останавливать рост (*растения*); пинцировать
 4. сжимать, зажимать; прищемлять; затирать (*судно льдами*)
he nipped his finger in the door - он прищемил палец дверью
 5. *сл.*
 - 1) схватить, арестовать
 - 2) стащить, стянуть, украсть
 6. *разг.* удирать, улепётывать; быстро идти; торопиться
to nip away - удрать, ускользнуть
to nip into smth. - влезть куда-л.
to nip in and out of the traffic - перебежать улицу, лавируя между машинами
the boy nipped into the gap in the ranks - мальчик пролез между стоящими
to nip on ahead - *разг.* а) забегать вперёд; б) *спорт.* стараться перегнать
just nip up/down, across, along, round, out/ to the baker and get a loaf - сбегай-ка в булочную за хлебом
nip upstairs and bring me a handkerchief - живо слетай наверх и принеси мне носовой платок
he nipped on to a tram - он на ходу вскочил в трамвай
 7. *редк.* близко затрагивать, раздражать
 8. *тех.*
 - 1) откусить, отрезать
 - 2) захватить, сжать
◇ to nip at smth. - *воен.* вести огонь по чему-л.; обстреливать что-л.
to nip in the bud - пресечь в корне, подавить в зародыше

II

1. [nɪp] *n* *разг.*
глоток, рюмочка (*спиртного*)
to take a nip - пропустить рюмочку
to freshen the nip - опохмеляться
2. [nɪp] *v* *разг.*
 1. пропустить рюмочку; хлебнуть (*спиртного*)
 2. пить (*спиртное*) маленькими глотками

nɪp

nɪp [nɪp nɪps nɪpəd nɪpɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* [nɪp] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [nɪp] [ⓘ]
verb (-pp-)

1. *transitive, intransitive* to give sb/sth a quick painful bite or ↑pinch
 - ~ **sth** He winced as the dog nipped his ankle.
 - ~ (**at sth**) She nipped at my arm.
2. *intransitive, transitive* (*of cold, wind, etc.*) to harm or damage sth

• ~ (at sth) The icy wind nipped at our faces.

• ~ sth growing shoots nipped by frost

3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (BrE, informal) to go somewhere quickly and/or for only a short time

Syn: ↑pop

• He's just nipped out to the bank.

• A car nipped in (= got in quickly) ahead of me.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	nip
	BrE /nɪp/
	NAme /nɪp/
he / she / it	nips
	BrE /nɪps/
	NAme /nɪps/
past simple, past participle	nipped
	BrE /nɪpt/
	NAme /nɪpt/
-ing form	nipping
	BrE /nɪpɪŋ/
	NAme /nɪpɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. and n. **senses 1 to 2** late Middle English Low German Dutch

n. **sense 3** late 18th cent. nipperkin 'small measure' Low German Dutch nippen 'to sip'

Example Bank:

- He nipped in through a side door.
- I nipped round the corner.
- I'll just nip into the post office.
- I'm just nipping down to the shops for some bread.
- She's just nipped out for a few minutes.
- The boy nipped down the alley out of sight.
- The rats nipped at her flesh.
- nipping to the shops

Idiom: ↑nip something in the bud

Derived ↑nip something off

noun

1. the act of giving sb a small bite or ↑pinch (= squeezing their skin between your finger and thumb)

• The dog gave her a painful nip on the leg.

2. (informal) a feeling of cold

• There was a real nip in the air .

see also ↑nippy

3. (informal) a small drink of strong alcohol

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nip

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1. **nip**¹ /nɪp/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ verb (past tense and past participle **nipped**, present participle **nipping**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Low German; Origin: nipen]

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] **British English informal** to go somewhere quickly or for a short time **SYN pop:**

Have we time to nip down the pub for a quick drink?

Another car nipped in (=moved quickly into a space) in front of me.

I've got to nip home and change my clothes.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to bite someone or something lightly:

She gently nipped the lobe of his ear.

nip at

The fish swam all around her and nipped at her legs.

3. **nip something in the bud** to prevent something from becoming a problem by stopping it as soon as it starts:

Try to nip this kind of bad behaviour in the bud.

4. [transitive] **British English** to suddenly and quickly press something tightly between two fingers, edges, or surfaces ⇒ **pinch:**

Sally nipped her cheeks to make them look less pale.

He nipped his finger in the door.

5. [intransitive and transitive] **written** if cold weather or the wind nips at part of your body or at a plant, it hurts or damages it

nip at

The frost nipped at our fingers.

nip something ↔ **off** *phrasal verb*

to remove a small part of something, especially a plant, by pressing it tightly between your finger and thumb:

She nipped off a dead flower.

II. **nip**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Sense 1, 4-5: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ ↑**nip**¹]

[Sense 3: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: Nipponese '*Japanese*' (19-21 centuries), from Japanese Nippon '*Japan*']

[Sense 2: Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Probably from nipperkin '*small container for alcoholic drink*' (17-19 centuries), probably from Dutch or Low German]

1. the act or result of biting something lightly or pressing something between two fingers, edges, or surfaces:

His dog gave me a painful nip on the leg.

2. a small amount of strong alcoholic drink

nip of

a nip of brandy

3. **a nip in the air** coldness in the air

4. **nip and tuck** *informal*

a) *American English* equally likely to happen or not happen:

We made it to the airport, but it was nip and tuck.

b) *American English* if two competitors are nip and tuck in a race or competition, they are doing equally well **SYN neck and neck**:

The fourth quarter was nip and tuck, but the Bulls won 92–90.

c) a medical operation on your face or stomach that is done to make you look younger or thinner:

I might consider getting a nip and tuck in a few years' time.

nip

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