

bite

1. [baɪt] *n*
 - 1) укус
 - 2) рана *или* след от укуса
the bite became infected - рана от укуса инфицировалась
 2. клёв (*рыбы*)
he had been fishing all the morning but hadn't had a single bite - он всё утро удил рыбу, но у него ни разу не клюнуло
 3. 1) кусок (пищи)
without bite or sup - не пивши, не евши
 - 2) лёгкая закуска
to have a bite - перекусить; закусить
 4. острая боль
the bite of the wound - боль от раны
 5. острота (*ощущения и т. п.*)
the bite of his sarcasm - жало его сарказма
 6. отравление (*при гравировке*)
 7. *уст.* шулер; жулик
 8. *мед.* прикус
 9. *тех.* зажатие, сцепление
 10. *амер. разг.* сумма денег (*в счёт какого-л. платежа*)
the local tax took a large bite out of his salary - ему пришлось отвалить большой кусок зарплаты в уплату местного налога
◇ to put the bite on smb. - *амер. сл.* (пытаться) занять /перехватить/ денег у кого-л.

2. [baɪt] *v* (*bit; bitten, bit*)

1. 1) кусать, жалить
- 2) кусаться
- 3) (at) надкусывать, пробовать
2. 1) клевать, брать приманку
- 2) *разг. обыкн. pass* попадаться на удочку, поддаваться обману
we were bitten when we bought that old car - при покупке подержанной машины нас надули
3. 1) причинять боль
- 2) жечь (*о перце, горчице и т. п.*)
- 3) щипать (*о морозе*)
4. разъедать (*о кислотах*)
5. язвить, говорить колкости
6. *сл.* ухватиться (*за предложение*)
I hoped she would be interested in my plan, but she didn't bite - я надеялся заинтересовать её своим планом, но она на него не клюнула
7. *редк.* колотить, рубить (*саблей*)
8. *обыкн. pass* (with) заражённый, увлечённый (*чем-л.*)
9. *тех.*
- 1) брать металл (*о напильнике*)
- 2) зацеплять
the wheels will not bite - колёса скользят
the brake will not bite - тормоз не берёт
- 3) *мор.* забирать (*о якоря*)
10. *амер. сл.* раздражать
what's biting you? - ≅ какая муха тебя укусила?
◇ to bite one's lips - кусать губы, нервничать
to bite the tongue - прикусить язык
to bite the dust /the ground, the sand/ - а) быть убитым; б) падать ниц, быть поверженным во прах; быть побеждённым; быть униженным
to bite the bullet - с неохотой браться за что-л.
to bite the hand that feeds one - ≅ рубить сук, на котором сидишь
once bitten twice shy - *посл.* ≅ пуганая ворона куста боится; обжёгшись на молоке, будешь дуть и на воду

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bite [baɪt baɪtс bit baɪtɪŋ bɪtɪn] *verb, noun* *BrE* [baɪt] ^а *NAmE* [baɪt] ^а
verb (bit *BrE* [bɪt] ^а ; *NAmE* [bɪt] ^а , bit-ten *BrE* ['bɪtɪn] ^а ; *NAmE* ['bɪtɪn] ^а)

USE TEETH

1. **intransitive, transitive** to use your teeth to cut into or through sth
 - Does your dog bite?
 - Come here! I won't bite! (= you don't need to be afraid)
 - ~ **into/through sth** She bit into a ripe juicy pear.
 - ~ **sb/sth** She was bitten by the family dog.
 - Stop biting your nails!
 - ~ **off sth/sth off** He bit off a large chunk of bread/He bit a large chunk of bread off.

OF INSECT/SNAKE

2. **intransitive, transitive** to wound sb by making a small hole or mark in their skin

- Most European spiders don't bite.
- ~ **sb** We were badly bitten by mosquitoes.

OF FISH

3. **intransitive** if a fish bites, it takes food from the hook of a **↑fishing line** and may get caught

HAVE EFFECT

4. **intransitive** to have an unpleasant effect

- The recession is beginning to bite.

more at the hair of the dog that bit you **at** **↑hair**, bite/snap sb's head off **at** **↑head** n., once bitten twice shy **at** **↑once** adv.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bite
	BrE /baɪt/
	NAmE /baɪt/
he / she / it	bites
	BrE /baɪtɪz/
	NAmE /baɪtɪz/
past simple	bit
	BrE /bɪt/
	NAmE /bɪt/
past participle	bitten
	BrE /'bɪtn/
	NAmE /'bɪtn/
-ing form	biting
	BrE /'baɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /'baɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

bite verb, **T**

- She bit into a ripe, juicy pear.

chew • • **munch** • • **crunch** • • **nibble** • • **gnaw** •

bite/chew/munch/crunch/gnaw **through** sth

bite/chew/munch/crunch/nibble **on** sth

bite/chew/munch/nibble/gnaw **at** sth

Example Bank:

- After two cold months, the coal shortage was beginning to bite.
- As the recession bites harder, many small companies are going bankrupt.
- He bit at his lower lip.
- He bit off a chunk of bread.
- She bit down on her bottom lip.
- She bit into the apple.
- The dog had bitten right through its rope.
- The handcuffs bit deep into his wrist.
- Their cat was badly bitten by a dog.
- She was bitten by the dog.
- Stop biting your nails.

Idioms: **↑bite at the cherry** ▪ **↑bite off more than you can chew** ▪ **↑bite the bullet** ▪ **↑bite the dust** ▪ **↑bite the hand that feeds you** ▪ **↑bite your lip** ▪ **↑bite your tongue** ▪ **↑bitten by something**

Derived **↑bite back** ▪ **↑bite into something** ▪ **↑bite something back**

noun

USING TEETH

1. **countable** an act of biting

- The dog gave me a playful bite.
- He has to wear a brace to correct his bite (= the way the upper and lower teeth fit together) .

FOOD

2. **countable** a small piece of food that you can bite from a larger piece

- She took a couple of bites of the sandwich.
- He didn't eat a bite of his dinner (= he ate nothing) .

3. **a ~ (to eat) singular (informal)** a small amount of food; a small meal

- How about a bite of lunch?
- We just have time for **a bite to eat** before the movie.

OF INSECT/ANIMAL

4. **countable** a wound made by an animal or insect

- Dog bites can get infected.
- a mosquito/snake bite

STRONG TASTE

5. **uncountable** a pleasant strong taste
- Cheese will add extra bite to any pasta dish.

COLD

6. **singular** a sharp cold feeling
- There's a bite in the air tonight.

POWERFUL EFFECT

7. **uncountable** a quality that makes sth effective or powerful
- The performance had no bite to it.
 - The sun had lost some of its bite by then.

OF FISH

8. **countable** the act of a fish biting food on a hook
- The fishermen waited all afternoon for a bite.

see also †frostbite, †love bite, †sound bite

more at sb's bark is worse than their bite **at** †bark _{n.}

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Example Bank:

- I got a lot of mosquito bites last night.
- I took a bite from the apple.
- She took a bite out of the slab of cake.
- She tried to talk between bites.
- We managed to grab a bite at the airport.
- We managed to grab a bite at the theatre before the show started.
- We'll have a bite to eat in town.
- a bite from a poisonous snake
- a quick bite of lunch
- She took a huge bite out of the chocolate bar.

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1. **bite**¹ **S2** /baɪt/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** (past tense **bit** /bɪt/, past participle **bitten** /'bɪtn/, present participle **biting**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: bitan]



1. **TEETH** [**intransitive and transitive**] to use your teeth to cut, crush, or chew something:

ˈ The dog bit him and made his hand bleed.

bite into/through/at/down

ˈ She bit into a croissant and took a sip of coffee.

ˈ An adult conger eel can easily bite through a man's leg.

ˈ Nina pushed her fist into her mouth and **bit** down **hard**.

bite something off

ˈ a man whose arm was bitten off by an alligator

bite your nails (=bite the nails on your fingers, especially because you are nervous)

ˈ I wish I could stop biting my nails.

bite your lip (=because you are upset or not sure what to say)

ˈ She paused uncertainly, biting her lip.

2. **INSECT/SNAKE** [**intransitive and transitive**] to injure someone by making a hole in their skin ⇒ **sting**:

ˈ I think I've been bitten.

ˈ The dog's been badly bitten by fleas.

3. **PRESS HARD** [intransitive] if an object bites into a surface, it presses firmly into it and does not move or slip

bite into

" The hooves of the galloping horses had bitten deep into the soft earth.

" He wore boots that bit into the ice.

4. **EFFECT** [intransitive] to start to have an unpleasant effect:

" The new tobacco taxes have begun to bite.

bite into

" The recession is biting into the music industry.

5. **ACCEPT** [intransitive] to believe what someone tells you, or to buy something they are selling, especially when they have persuaded you to do this:

" The new camcorders were withdrawn after consumers failed to bite.

6. **FISH** [intransitive] if a fish bites, it takes food from a hook and so gets caught:

" The fish just aren't biting today.

7. **bite your tongue** to stop yourself from saying what you really think, even though this is difficult:

" She should have bitten her tongue.

8. **bite the dust** *informal* to die, fail, or be defeated:

" Italy's championship hopes eventually bit the dust.

9. **bite the bullet** *informal* to start dealing with an unpleasant or dangerous situation because you cannot avoid it any longer:

" I finally bit the bullet and left.

10. **bite off more than you can chew** to try to do more than you are able to do

11. **he/she won't bite** *spoken* used to say that there is no need to be afraid of someone, especially someone in authority:

" Well, go and ask him – he won't bite!

12. **what's biting you/her etc?** *spoken* used to ask why someone is annoyed or upset

13. **somebody/something bites** *spoken not polite* used to say that you dislike someone or something very much or think that something is very bad

14. **once bitten, twice shy** used to say that if you have failed or been hurt once, you will be more careful next time

15. **bite the hand that feeds you** to harm someone who has helped or supported you

16. **be bitten by the showbiz/travel/flying etc bug** to develop a very strong interest in something

⇒ **bite sb's head off** at ↑head¹(33), ⇒ ↑nail-biting

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THESAURUS

▪ **bite** to use your teeth to cut, crush, or chew something: The dog bit me! | I sometimes bite my fingernails when I'm nervous. | He bit into the apple.

▪ **chew** to keep biting something that is in your mouth: Helen was chewing a piece of gum. | He was chewing on a cigar.

▪ **gnaw** if an animal gnaws something, it bites it repeatedly: The dog was in the yard gnawing on a bone.

▪ **nip somebody/give somebody a nip** to give someone or something a small sharp bite: When I took the hamster out of his cage, he nipped me.

▪ **nibble** to take a lot of small bites from something: A fish nibbled at the bait. | She sat at her desk, nibbling her sandwich.

▪ **sink your teeth into somebody/something** to bite someone or something with a lot of force, so that your teeth go right into them: The dog sank its teeth into my leg. | He sank his teeth into the steak.

▪ **chomp on something** *informal* to bite something and chew it in a noisy way: The donkey was chomping on a carrot. | He was chomping away on big slice of toast.

▪ **sting** if an insect stings you, it makes a very small hole in your skin. You use **sting** about bees, wasps, and scorpions, and **bite** about mosquitoes, ants, spiders, and snakes: She stepped on a wasps' nest and must have been stung at least 20 times.

bite back *phrasal verb*

1. **bite something** ↔ **back** to stop yourself from saying or showing what you really think:

" Tamar bit back the retort that sprang to her lips.

2. to react strongly and angrily to something

bite back at

" Determined to bite back at car thieves, he wired his car to an electric fence.

II. **bite**² *S3 BrE AmE noun*

1. **USING TEETH** [countable] the act of cutting or crushing something with your teeth:

" Antonio devoured half his burger in one bite.

take/have a bite (of something/out of something)

" She picked up the sandwich and took a bite.

" Can I have a bite of your apple?

give somebody a bite

" Some fish can give you a nasty bite.

" Her body was covered in bite marks.

2. **WOUND** [countable] a small hole made where an animal or insect has bitten you

snake/ant etc bite

bite of

" The infection is passed by the bite of a mosquito.

3. **a bite (to eat)** *informal* a small meal:

" We had a bite to eat and a couple of drinks before the flight.

4. **TASTE** [uncountable] a pleasantly sharp taste:

" Goat's cheese adds extra bite to any pasta dish.

5. **COLD** [singular] a feeling of coldness:

" There was no mistaking the approach of winter; he could feel its bite.

6. **STRONG EFFECT** [uncountable] a special quality in a performance, piece of writing etc that makes its arguments very effective and likely to persuade people:

" The film gains incisive bite from Sellers' performance as the union chief.

7. **FISH** [countable] when a fish takes the food from a hook:

" Sometimes I sit for hours and never get a bite.

8. **another/a second bite at the cherry** *British English* a second chance to do something

9. **JAW** [countable usually singular] *technical* the way that a person or animal's top and bottom teeth touch when their mouth is closed:

" Our dentist said that Emmy should wear a brace to improve her bite.

⇒ †love bite, †sound bite, ⇒ **sb's bark is worse than their bite** at †bark²(4)

bite

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