

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	brick
	BrE /brɪk/
	NAmE /brɪk/
he / she / it	bricks
	BrE /brɪks/
	NAmE /brɪks/
past simple, past participle	bricked
	BrE /brɪkt/
	NAmE /brɪkt/
-ing form	bricking
	BrE /brɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /brɪkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Middle Low German, Middle Dutch *bricke*, *brike*; probably reinforced by Old French *brique*; of unknown ultimate origin.

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I. **brick**¹ **S2 W3** /brɪk/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: *brique*, from Middle Dutch *bricke*]

1. [uncountable and countable] a hard block of baked clay used for building walls, houses etc:

- a brick wall
- a house made of brick
- Protesters attacked the police with stones and bricks.

2. **bricks and mortar** houses – used especially when talking about them as an [↑]investment

3. [countable] *British English* a small square block of wood, plastic etc used as a toy

4. [countable] *old-fashioned* a good person who you can depend on when you are in trouble

⇒ **be (like) banging/bashing etc your head against a brick wall** at [↑]head¹(31), ⇒ **drop a brick** at [↑]drop¹(27)

II. **brick**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

be bricking it *British English informal* to feel very nervous or frightened

brick something ↔ **off** *phrasal verb*

to separate an area from a larger area by building a wall of bricks:

- Some of the rooms had been bricked off.

brick something ↔ **up/in** *phrasal verb*

to fill or close a space by building a wall of bricks in it:

- The windows were bricked up.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **2964**^{MCW}

15000 **2828**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** BRICK 9455

brick 7168

bricks 2287

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

4716 **5336**⁷¹⁰⁶ *nn1*

46 **107725**⁵¹ *np1*

6 **340932**⁶ *jj*

5 **391530**⁵ *vv0*