

chicken

1. [ˈtʃɪkɪn] *n*
- цыплёнок
 - (молодая) курочка; молодой петушок
spring chicken - а) *с.-х.* мясной цыплёнок, откормленный к весенней распродаже; б) *кул.* цыплёнок [*см. тж.* 6, 1)]
 - pl с.-х.* куры
our chickens lay two to three eggs a day - наши куры несут по два-три яйца в день
 - курятина, куриное мясо
fried chicken - жареная курица
a round of chicken - фунт курятины
I don't like chicken - курицу я не люблю /не ем/
chicken Kiev - котлеты по-киевски
chicken croquettes - куриные тефтели
chicken salad - салат-оливье с курицей
 - птенец
 - 1) юнец; молодое, неопытное существо; неоперившийся птенец
spring chicken - желторотый юнец *или* простодушная наивная девушка, «цыплёнок» [*см. тж.* 2]
she is no (spring) chicken - она уже не девчонка /не первой молодости/
 - 2) *ласк.* птенчик (о ребёнке)
 - 3) *амер. сл.* молодой солдат, новобранец
 - 4) *амер. сл.* лёгкая добыча, жертва (ограбления и т. п.)
 7. *пренебр.* трус, мокрая курица
to be chicken - трусить
 8. *воен. жарг.*
 - «курица» (орёл в гербе США)
 - «курица» (знак различия полковника)
 - полковник
 9. *амер. сл.*
 - враки, выдумки
 - придирки
chicken sergeant - сержант-придира
 - нудная работа
◇ he got it where the chicken got the axe - ему всыпали по первое число, он получил по шее
to count one's chickens before they are hatched, don't count your chickens before they are hatched - *посл.* цыплят по осени считают
2. [ˈtʃɪkɪn] *a*
- амер.* куриный; относящийся к разведению кур
chicken coop /house/ - курятник
chicken farming - *амер.* птицеводство; куроводство, разведение кур
chicken farm - птицеводческая ферма
chicken ranch - (большое) птицеводческое хозяйство
 - разг.* маленький, небольшой
chicken lobster - молодой омар
 - разг.* трусливый
to be chicken - трусить, перепугаться

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chick·en [chicken chickens chickened chickening] *noun, verb, adjective BrE*[ˈtʃɪkɪn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈtʃɪkɪn] ^ˈ*noun*

Poultry and game



pheasant



duck



turkey



chicken

1. **countable** a large bird that is often kept for its eggs or meat

- They keep chickens in the back yard.
- free-range chickens

compare ↑cock, ↑hen

2. **uncountable** meat from a **chicken**

- fried/roast chicken
- chicken stock/soup
- chicken breasts/livers/thighs
- chicken and chips

see also ↑spring chicken

more at don't count your chickens **at** **↑count** v., run around like a headless chicken **at** **↑headless**, the chickens come home to roost **at** **↑home** adv.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- A few chickens were scratching around the yard.
- Are we just going to sit here like trussed up chickens?
- Battery chickens have miserable lives.
- Free-range chickens have happy lives.
- a crate of live chickens
- succulent pieces of chicken
- He called me a chicken because I wouldn't swim in the river.

Idioms: chicken-and-egg situation/problem ▪ **↑play chicken**

Derived **↑chicken out**

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	chicken
	BrE / 'tʃɪkən/
	NAme / 'tʃɪkən/
he / she / it	chickens
	BrE / 'tʃɪkənz/
	NAme / 'tʃɪkənz/
past simple, past participle	chickened
	BrE / 'tʃɪkənd/
	NAme / 'tʃɪkənd/
-ing form	chickening
	BrE / 'tʃɪkənɪŋ/
	NAme / 'tʃɪkənɪŋ/

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adjective not before noun (informal)

not brave; afraid to do sth

Syn: **↑cowardly**

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1. **chick** **en** ¹ **S2** /'tʃɪkən, 'tʃɪkɪn/ **BrE** ¹ **AmE** ¹ **noun**

[Language: Old English; Origin: cīcen 'young chicken']

1. ¹



[countable] a common farm bird that is kept for its meat and eggs ⇒ **hen, cock, rooster, chick**

2. [uncountable] the meat from this bird eaten as food:

- roast chicken
- fried chicken
- chicken soup

3. [countable] **informal** someone who is not at all brave **SYN coward**:

• Don't be such a chicken!

4. [uncountable] a game in which children do something dangerous, for example stand on a railway line when a train is coming, and try to be the one who continues doing it for the longest time

5. **which came first, the chicken or the egg?** used to say that it is difficult or impossible to decide which of two things happened

first, or which action is the cause and which is the effect

6. **a chicken and egg situation/problem etc** a situation in which it is impossible to decide which of two things happened first, or which action is the cause and which is the effect

7. **sb's chickens have come home to roost** used to say that someone's bad or dishonest actions in the past have caused the problems that they have now

⇒ **don't count your chickens before they've hatched** at ↑count¹(8), ⇒ ↑spring chicken

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **fresh** (=recently killed and not frozen) Is the chicken fresh?
- **frozen** We never buy cheap frozen chicken.
- **free-range** (=from a chicken that moved around outside and ate naturally) All the chicken we serve is free-range.
- **roast chicken** (=cooked in an oven) For dinner we're having roast chicken.
- **fried chicken** (=cooked in oil) They filled their plates with fried chicken.
- **skinless chicken** (=with the skin removed) For this recipe, you will need a two pounds of skinless chicken.

■ chicken + NOUN

- **chicken breast/thigh/wing** Chop the chicken breast into pieces.
- **a chicken piece** (=a chicken breast, leg, thigh or wing) You will need two chicken pieces per person.
- **chicken drumsticks** (=the lower part of chicken legs) party food, such as sandwiches and chicken drumsticks
- **a chicken sandwich/salad/pie etc** I'll make a chicken pie with the leftovers.

■ verbs

- **stuff a chicken** (=fill a chicken with a mixture of onion, lemon, herbs etc)
- **carve a chicken** (=cut up a whole chicken that has been cooked)

II. **chicken**² BrE ² AmE ² verb

chicken out phrasal verb informal

to decide at the last moment not to do something you said you would do, because you are afraid:

* You're not chickening out, are you?

III. **chicken**³ BrE ³ AmE ³ adjective [not before noun] informal

not brave enough to do something **SYN cowardly** :

* Dave's too chicken to ask her out.

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