

sigh**1. [saɪ] n**1) **вздых**

to heave/to breathe/ a sigh of relief [of satisfaction] - вздохнуть облегло́нно [удовлетворённо]
to do smth. with a sigh - делать что-л. со вздохом

2) **поэт.** дуновение**2. [saɪ] v**1) **вздыхать**

to sigh with fatigue [with grief, with pain] - вздыхать от усталости [от горя, от боли]
he sighed heavily/a long sigh/ - он тяжело вздохнул

2) **издавать звук, подобный вздоху**

the trees are sighing - деревья едва шелестят листво́й
wind sighing in the branches - ветер, вздыхающий в ветвях

2. (for) **вздыхать, тосковать, печалиться (о чём-л., ком-л.)**

to sigh for home - тосковать по дому
to sigh for the old days - вздыхать по прошлому

3. **редк. (over) оплакивать (что-л., кого-л.)**

to sigh over one's misfortune - оплакивать своё горе

sigh

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sigh [sigh sighs sighed sighing] **verb, noun** BrE [saɪ] ^ˈ NAmE [saɪ] ^ˈ**verb****1. intransitive** to take and then let out a long deep breath that can be heard, to show that you are disappointed, sad, tired, etc

- He **sighed deeply** at the thought.
- ~ **with sth** She **sighed with relief** that it was all over.

2. transitive + speech to say sth with a ^ˈsigh

- 'Oh well, better luck next time,' she sighed.

3. intransitive (literary) (especially of the wind) to make a long sound like a ^ˈsigh

- the sighing of the wind through the trees
- branches sighing in the wind

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sigh
	BrE /saɪ/
	NAmE /saɪ/
he / she /it	sighs
	BrE /saɪz/
	NAmE /saɪz/
past simple, past participle	sighed
	BrE /saɪd/
	NAmE /saɪd/
-ing form	sighing
	BrE /saɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /saɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a verb): probably a back-formation from sighte, past tense of **siche**, **sike**, from Old English sīcan.

Example Bank:

- He sighed in exasperation.
- He sighed wearily as he looked at the pile of work.
- She looked at her son and sighed happily.
- She sighed heavily and sat down.
- The girl watching him sighed dreamily.
- We sighed with relief when the noise stopped.

noun**an act or the sound of sighing**

- to **give/heave/let out a sigh**
- a deep sigh
- 'I'll wait,' he said with a sigh.
- We all **breathed a sigh of relief** when it was over.

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- A heavy sigh came from her mother.
- A weary sigh escaped him.
- His departure prompted a few wistful sighs and the odd tear from admirers.
- I breathed a sigh of relief.

- Nancy heaved an inward sigh but did as her son suggested.
- She gave a deep sigh of contentment.
- She let out her breath on a sigh.
- The crowd breathed a collective sigh of relief.
- There was an audible sigh of relief when the news came through that nobody was hurt.
- 'I'll wait,' he said with a sigh.
- Suppressing a sigh, she settled back to work.
- We all breathed/heaved a great sigh of relief when it was over.

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I. **sigh**¹ /saɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: sican]

1. ^ˈ to breathe in and out making a long sound, especially because you are bored, disappointed, tired etc:
^ˈ 'Well, there's nothing we can do about it now,' she sighed.

sigh heavily/deeply

^ˈ Frankie stared out of the window and sighed deeply.

sigh with

^ˈ He sighed with despair at the thought of all the opportunities he had missed.

2. *literary* if the wind sighs, it makes a long sound like someone sighing:

^ˈ The wind sighed in the trees.

3. **sigh for something** to be sad because you are thinking about a pleasant time in the past:

^ˈ Emilia sighed for her lost youth.

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THESAURUS

- **breathe** [intransitive and transitive] to take air into your lungs and send it out again: Mary knew he was asleep because he was breathing deeply. | He breathed the clear spring air.
- **sigh** to breathe out slowly and make a noise that shows you are disappointed, tired, ↑relieved etc: She just sighed and shook her head. | 'Nevermind,' he sighed. 'I'm sure there'll be other opportunities.'
- **pant** to breathe quickly and noisily through your mouth, because you have been using a lot of effort: They were panting by the time they got to the finish line.
- **gasp** to breathe very quickly and deeply and with difficulty: Her eyes were wide, and she was gasping for breath. | 'Do you think you can walk?' 'I'll try to,' he gasped.
- **snore** to breathe noisily while you are sleeping: I couldn't sleep because my husband was snoring.
- **heeze** to breathe with difficulty, making a noise in your throat and chest, because you are ill: His asthma was making him heeze.
- **be out of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you have been running or doing other exercise: I was out of breath by the time we reached the top of the hill.
- **be short of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you are unhealthy: Because she was so overweight, she was often short of breath.

II. **sigh**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

an act or sound of sighing

sigh of

^ˈ She let out a sigh of impatience.

give/let out/heave a sigh

^ˈ Laura shrugged, and gave a heavy sigh.

^ˈ We all breathed a sigh of relief when we heard they were safe.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **give/let out a sigh** She let out a sigh of disappointment.
- **heave a sigh** (=to sigh loudly and deeply) Uncle Walter heaved a sigh and slumped back in his chair.
- **breathe a sigh of relief** When he had left, Miranda breathed a sigh of relief.

■ adjectives

- **a deep sigh** Jimmy gave a deep sigh and shrugged.
- **a long sigh** With a long sigh, she tried to shake off her sombre mood.
- **a huge/great/big sigh** She heaved a great sigh.
- **a heavy sigh** (=a big sad sigh) Finally, she turned away from the mirror with a heavy sigh.
- **a little/small sigh** Quinn let out a little sigh and closed the book.
- **a weary sigh** With a weary sigh, she rubbed a hand over her eyes.
- **an audible sigh** (=a sigh that can be heard) Tonight she breathed an audible sigh of relief as the show ended.
- **a collective sigh** (=a sigh that many people give at the same time) She heard a collective sigh of relief as she announced her acceptance.

■ phrases

- **a sigh of relief/exasperation/satisfaction etc** At last the girl stopped eating and sat back with a sigh of satisfaction.

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