

needle**1. [ni:dɪ] n**

1. иголка, игла

needle's eye - а) игольное ушко; б) трудный путь, узкий проход
 to ply one's needle - заниматься шитьём, шить

2. 1) вязальная спица

2) вязальный крючок

3. 1) гравировальная игла, гравировальный резец (*тж.* etcher's needle)

2) граммофонная иголка

4. *pl* хвоя, иголки (*сосны и т. п.*)5. стрелка (*прибора*)

magnetic needle - стрелка компаса

6. остроконечная вершина; утёс

7. *архит.* шпиль; шпиц8. *архит.* обелискCleopatra's Needle - игла Клеопатры (*египетский обелиск*)

9. игольчатый кристалл

ice needle - кристалл льда

10. *воен.* жало (*взрывателя*)11. (the needle) *сл.* хандра, раздражение

to get /to have/ the needle - хандрить; злиться

to give smb. the needle - раздражать, бесить кого-л.

12. 1) шприц (*для впрыскивания*)needle administration - *мед.* введение лекарства инъекцией, подкожное впрыскивание2) *разг.* укол, впрыскивание (*лекарства, наркотика*)3) (the needle) *сл.* наркотики

to hit the needle - стать наркоманом

13. *разг.* колкое замечание; шпилька

◇ sharp as a needle - острый; пронизательный; наблюдательный

to look for a needle in a haystack /in a bundle of hay, in a bottle of hay/ - искать иголку в стоге сена, заниматься безнадёжным делом

true as the needle to the pole - *уст.* надёжный, постоянный, верный**2. [ni:dɪ] v**

1. 1) шить; зашивать

2) прокалывать иглой

2. протискиваться, пробираться

to needle one's way - пробивать себе путь (*в толпе и т. п.*)3. *разг.*

1) язвить, дразнить; раздражать

2) науськивать, подстрекать

he needled the boy into a fight - он подбил мальчишку на драку

4. *амер. разг.*1) крепить (*пиво спиртом*)2) приукрашивать (*рассказ*); прилгнуть**needle**

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nee·dle [**needle needles needed needling**] **noun, verb** BrE ['niːdl̩] ¹ NAmE['niːdl̩] ²**noun** countable**FOR SEWING****1.** a small thin piece of steel that you use for sewing, with a point at one end and a hole for the thread at the other• a **needle and thread**

• the eye (= hole) of a needle

see also ↑pins and needles**FOR KNITTING****2.** a long thin piece of plastic or metal with a point at one end that you use for knitting. You usually use two together

• knitting needles

FOR DRUGS**3.** a very thin, pointed piece of steel used on the end of a ↑syringe for putting a drug into sb's body, or for taking blood out of it

• a hypodermic needle

ON INSTRUMENT**4.** a thin piece of metal on a scientific instrument that moves to point to the correct measurement or direction

• The compass needle was pointing north.

ON PINE TREE

5. usually plural the thin, hard, pointed leaf of a ↑pine tree

ON RECORD PLAYER

6. the very small pointed piece of metal that touches a record that is being played in order to produce the sound

Syn: ↑stylus

Word Origin:

Old English næðl, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch naald and German Nadel, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin nere 'to spin' and Greek nēma 'thread'.

Example Bank:

- He believes that needle exchange schemes encourage drug addiction.
- He saw her stick a needle into her arm.
- Looking for one man in a city this size is like looking for a needle in a haystack.
- She lowered the needle onto the record.
- She sewed it on with needle and thread.
- She winced when she felt the needle pierce her skin.
- The gramophone needle stuck in a groove.
- The needle moved away from the wind.
- The needle went in easily.
- Wait until the needle settles and is pointing in one direction.
- a needle holding two stitches
- needle exchange programs
- the dangers of sharing needles

Idiom: ↑needle in a haystack

verb ~ sb (informal)

to deliberately annoy sb, especially by criticizing them continuously

Syn: ↑antagonize

- Don't let her needle you.
- He knew Jo was trying to needle him into losing his temper.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	needle
	BrE / 'ni:dl/
	NAme / 'ni:dl/
he / she / it	needles
	BrE / 'ni:dlz/
	NAme / 'ni:dlz/
past simple, past participle	needled
	BrE / 'ni:dlɪd/
	NAme / 'ni:dlɪd/
-ing form	needling
	BrE / 'ni:dlɪŋ/
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1. **nee dl** ¹ /'ni:dl BrE ² AmE ² noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: nædl]



1. SEWING

a) a small thin piece of steel, with a point at one end and a hole in the other, used for sewing ⇒ **pin**:

- a needle and thread
- a tapestry needle

b) a ↑knitting needle

2. **DRUGS** a very thin, pointed steel tube at the end of a ↑syringe, which is pushed into your skin to put a drug or medicine into your body or to take out blood:

- She carried hypodermic needles and syringes in her bag.
- Drug users are at risk when they share needles.

3. **POINTER** a long thin piece of metal on a scientific instrument that moves backwards and forwards and points to numbers or directions:

- a compass needle

4. **MEDICAL TREATMENT** a long, very thin piece of metal used in ↑acupuncture (=a kind of medical treatment originally used in China)

5. **LEAF** a small needle-shaped leaf, especially from a ↑pine tree:

- pine needles

6. **RECORDS** the very small, pointed part in a ↑record player that touches the record in order to play it

7. **like looking for a needle in a haystack** *informal* used to say that something is almost impossible to find:

- Finding out which file you want can be like looking for a needle in a haystack.

⇒ ↑pins and needles

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **thread a needle** Eleanor threaded the needle.
- **use a needle** I don't think he even knows how to use a needle!

■ **phrases**

- **a needle and thread** I got a needle and thread and sewed the button back on.
- **the eye of a needle** (=the hole at the top of the needle that the thread goes through) This gadget helps you put the thread through the eye of the needle.

II. **needle** ² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *verb* [transitive] *informal*

to deliberately annoy someone by making unkind remarks or jokes about them **SYN** rib, tease:

- I just said that to Charlie to needle him.

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