

hint**1. [hint] n****1. намёк**

delicate /gentle/ hint - тонкий намёк

broad hint - ясный /недвусмысленный/ намёк

to give /to drop/ (smb.) a hint - намекнуть (кому-л.)

to let fall /to throw out/ a hint that - намекнуть, что

to take a hint - понять намёк, понять с полуслова

not a /not the slightest/ hint of surprise [displeasure] - ни тени /ни малейшего/ удивления [недовольства]

2. совет

hints on housekeeping, hints for housewives - советы домашним хозяйкам

can you give me some hints on how to do this? - не могли бы вы посоветовать /подсказать/ мне, как это сделать?

3. очень маленькое количество

a hint of garlic in the soup - немножко чеснока в супе для запаха

2. [hint] v

намекать; давать понять

to hint to smb. that - намекнуть кому-л., что

to hint at smth. - намекать на что-л.

he hinted that he knew more - он дал понять, что сказал (далеко) не всё

he hinted that he would like to be invited - он дал понять, что хочет, чтобы его пригласили

little gusts of wind hinted at a storm to follow - лёгкие порывы ветра предвещали приближение бури

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hint [hint hints hinted hinting] noun, verb *BrE* [hint] ^m *NAmE* [hint] ^m

noun**1. something that you say or do in an indirect way in order to show sb what you are thinking**

- He gave a **broad hint** (= one that was obvious) that he was thinking of retiring.
- Should I **drop a hint** (= give a [↑]hint) to Matt?
- He resented any hint that he might be to blame.

2. something that suggests what will happen in the future

Syn: [↑]sign

- At the first hint of trouble, they left.
- The opening scene gives us a hint of things to come.

3. usually singular ~ (of sth) a small amount of sth

Syn: [↑]suggestion, **Syn:** [↑]trace

- a hint of a smile
- There was more than a hint of sadness in his voice.
- The walls were painted white with a hint of peach.
- Gail searched his face for the slightest hint of regret.

4. usually plural ~ (on sth) a small piece of practical information or advice

Syn: [↑]tip

- handy hints on saving money
- The teacher's book gives useful hints on how to develop reading skills.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- At the first hint of trouble, I will call the police.
- Can't you take a hint and leave me alone?
- Do I detect a hint of jealousy in your voice?
- He gave a broad hint that he was on the verge of leaving.
- He showed not a hint of remorse.
- Her voice betrayed a hint of uneasiness.
- I dropped a few subtle hints about the payment being due.
- Is that a hint to me to leave?
- OK, I get the hint!
- She felt the first hint of panic as the train pulled into the station.
- The book gives some useful hints about how to plan your garden.
- The slightest hint of gossip upset her.
- There was a hint of amusement in his voice.
- There were early hints that their marriage might be in trouble.
- a book full of handy hints on painting and decorating
- a dish with a strong hint of garlic
- a hint from my boss about my absences from the office
- 'It won't take long,' he persisted, without the slightest hint of apology.
- He vowed that no hint of scandal would ever be attached to him.
- Her eyes held a hint of mockery.

- It gives handy hints about what to buy at the local market.
- That was the first hint we had that things were going wrong.
- The teacher's book gives useful hints on how to develop reading skills.
- The walls were painted with a hint of peach.

Idiom: **↑take a hint**

verb intransitive, transitive

to suggest sth in an indirect way

- ~ **at sth** What are you hinting at?
- ~ **(that)...** They hinted (that) there might be more job losses.
- **+ speech** 'I might know something about it,' he hinted.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hint
	BrE /hɪnt/
	NAmE /hɪnt/
he / she / it	hints
	BrE /hɪnts/
	NAmE /hɪnts/
past simple, past participle	hinted
	BrE /hɪntɪd/
	NAmE /hɪntɪd/
-ing form	hinting
	BrE /hɪntɪŋ/
	NAmE /hɪntɪŋ/

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- He hinted strongly that he would be resigning soon.
- She even hinted that she might resign.
- She hinted darkly that all was not well.
- The problems are only hinted at in the report.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **hint**¹ /hɪnt/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Probably from hent 'act of seizing' (16-17 centuries), from Old English hentan 'to seize']

1. something that you say or do to suggest something to someone, without telling them directly:

- There have been hints that he may take up coaching.
- 'Look, I can't tell you.' 'Oh, come on, give me a hint.'

hint about/as to

- Miles had been dropping heavy hints about the cost of petrol.
- I made it clear I wasn't interested in him, but he didn't take the hint.

2. a very small amount or sign of something

hint of

- 'When?' he asked with a hint of impatience.
- We shall have to turn back if there's the slightest hint of fog.

3. a useful piece of advice about how to do something **SYN tip**

helpful/handy hints

hint on/about

- helpful hints on looking after house plants
- . . .

COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **give (somebody) a hint** Come on, what is it? Give me a hint.
- **drop a hint** (=give a hint) She was dropping quite a few hints about what she'd like for her birthday.
- **take a/the hint** (=to understand a hint and act on it) Mark took the hint and shut up.
- **get the hint** (=to understand a hint) I looked hopefully at the cake, but he didn't get the hint.

■ adjectives

- **a broad/strong/heavy hint** (=one that is very easy to understand) He had dropped a heavy hint that they might get married.
- **a subtle/gentle hint** (=one that is not very easy to understand – sometimes used ironically when someone is being very obvious) I'm sick of her subtle hints that I'm not welcome here.
- **a vague hint** (=one that is not specific enough to understand) In his article, he gave only vague hints as to what he had actually done.

■ phrases

- **I can take a hint** (=used when you understand someone's hint) All right, I can take a hint. I'm leaving.

II. **hint**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [intransitive and transitive]

to suggest something in an indirect way, but so that someone can guess your meaning **SYN imply**

hint at

" What are you hinting at?

hint (that)

" He hinted strongly that he might be prepared to send troops in.

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15000 **2664**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k** HINT 10538

hint 5950

hinted 1390

hinting 564

hints 2634

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