

ghost

1. [gəʊst] *n*
 1. привидение, призрак, дух
the ghost of Hamlet's father - тень отца Гамлета
to raise [to lay] a ghost - вызвать [изгнать] призрак /дух/
do you believe in ghosts? - вы верите в духов /в привидения/?
 2. душа, дух
to give up the ghost - *уст.* испустить дух, умереть
 3. тень, лёгкий след, призрак
the ghost of a smile - чуть заметная улыбка
ghosts of the past - тени прошлого /минувшего/
he is a mere ghost of his former self - от него осталась одна тень
not the ghost of a chance [of an idea /of a notion/] - ни малейшего шанса [представления]
 4. фактический автор, работающий на другое лицо, «негр»; безымянный сценарист, кинодраматург, не упоминаемый во вступительных титрах кинофильма
 5. 1) *физ.* «дух», побочное изображение
2) *млв.* (слабое) вторичное изображение (*из-за отражения сигнала*)
◇ Holy Ghost - святой дух
the ghost walks - *меамп.* сегодня платят/выдают/ гроши
as white as a ghost - бледный как смерть
2. [gəʊst] *a опп.*
побочный (*об изображении*)
3. [gəʊst] *v*
 1. являться, преследовать, бродить как привидение
 2. делать за другого работу (*в области литературы или искусства*); писать для другого лица
his memoirs have been very ably ghosted - кто-то блестяще написал за него мемуары

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ghost [ghost ghosts ghosted ghosting] **noun, verb** BrE [gəʊst] ⁴ NAmE [gəʊst]**noun**

1. **countable** the spirit of a dead person that a living person believes they can see or hear
 - Do you believe in ghosts (= believe that they exist) ?
 - the ghost of her father that had come back to haunt her
 - He looked as if he had seen a ghost (= looked very frightened) .
2. **countable** the memory of sth, especially sth bad
 - The ghost of anti-Semitism still haunts Europe.
3. **singular ~ of sth** a very slight amount of sth that is left behind or that you are not sure really exists
 - There was a ghost of a smile on his face.
 - You don't have a ghost of a chance (= you have no chance) .
4. **singular** a second image on a television screen that is not as clear as the first, caused by a fault
more at be a shadow/ghost of your former self **at** ↑former

Word Origin:

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- Do you believe in ghosts?

spirit • |especially written **apparition** •

see a/an ghost/spirit/apparition

a/an ghost/spirit/apparition **haunts** sth

a ghost/spirit **appears**

Example Bank:

- A priest was called in to exorcize the ghost.
- He looked as pale as a ghost as he climbed out of the wrecked car.
- I don't believe in ghosts.
- The ghost of a hanged man is said to haunt the house.
- You look as if you've seen a ghost!
- dark, cold nights when ghosts walk
- Do you believe in ghosts?
- He looked as if he had seen a ghost.
- It was the ghost of her father that had come back to haunt her.
- We used to sit around the campfire telling ghost stories.

Idiom: ↑give up the ghost

1. = ↑ghostwrite
 2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (literary) to move without making a sound

• They ghosted up the smooth waters of the river.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ghost
	BrE /ˈɡeɪst/
	NAme /ˈɡoʊst/
he / she / it	ghosts
	BrE /ˈɡeɪsts/
	NAme /ˈɡoʊsts/
past simple, past participle	ghosted
	BrE /ˈɡeɪstɪd/
	NAme /ˈɡoʊstɪd/
-ing form	ghosting
	BrE /ˈɡeɪstɪŋ/
	NAme /ˈɡoʊstɪŋ/

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I. **ghost**¹ /gəʊst \$ ɡoʊst/ BrE[™] AmE[™] **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: gast]

1. **SPIRIT** the spirit of a dead person that some people think they can feel or see in a place

ghost of

- the ghost of Old Tom Morris
- They say the young girl's **ghost** still **haunts** (=often appears in) the house.
- He looked as if he'd **seen a ghost** (=he looked very frightened). ⇒ ↑Holy Ghost

2. **MEMORY/EFFECT** the memory or effect of someone or something bad that lived, existed, or happened in the past

ghost of

• The ghost of Stalinism still affects life in Russia today.

3. **the ghost of a smile/sound etc** a smile etc that is so slight you are not sure it happened:

• The ghost of a smile flitted across her sad features.

4. **TELEVISION/COMPUTER** a second image that is not clear on a television or computer screen

5. **give up the ghost**

a) if a machine gives up the ghost, it does not work any more and cannot be repaired – used humorously:

• Unfortunately, my car's just given up the ghost.

b) to die

6. **(not) a ghost of a chance** not even a slight chance of doing something, or of something happening:

• They **don't stand a ghost of a chance** of winning.

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THESAURUS

- **ghost** the spirit of a dead person that some people think they can feel or see in a place: His ghost is believed to haunt the house.
- **spirit** a creature without a physical body, such as an angel or ghost: evil spirits | the spirit world
- **apparition** an image of a dead person that someone sees suddenly for a short time: He claimed to have seen an apparition in the church.
- **poltergeist** a ghost that people cannot see, which throws things or moves things around: The house was haunted by a poltergeist that makes things move around all by themselves, sometimes quite big things like beds or wardrobes.
- **spook** *informal* a ghost: I'm not scared of spooks.
- **phantom** *literary* a frightening and unclear image of a dead person: They had seen phantoms gliding on the surface of the water.
- **spectre** *British English*, **specter** *American English literary* a ghost, especially a frightening one: She had looked like a spectre. | The following night, the spectre appeared again.

II. **ghost**² BrE[™] AmE[™] **verb** [transitive]
 to write something as a ↑ghost writer

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 15000 **2550**^{COCA}
 RANGE: **3k** GHOST 11410
 ghost 6860
 ghosts 3257
 ghostly 1293
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized
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