

I

[dʌk] *n*

1. 1) **зоол.** утка (*Anas*)
domestic [wild] duck - домашняя [дикая] утка
to shoot ducks - стрелять (диких) уток
- 2) самка селезня, утка
2. утиное мясо, утятина
3. **разг.** человек; парень, малый
queer duck - чужак, человек с причудами
dead duck - а) бедняга; бедолага, неудачник; б) конченный человек; в) ничего не стоящая вещь; ≅ гроша ломаного не стоит
4. неудачник, «несчастненький» (**тж.** lame duck)
5. **разг.**
 - 1) голубушка, голубка; голубчик; солнышко *и т. п.* (**в обращении**)
what do you want, duck? - что бы вы хотели, голубушка?; что вам предложить, голубушка?
 - 2) душка, прелесть, чудо
she is a perfect duck - она просто прелесть
a duck of a child - прелесть, а не ребёнок; чудо что за ребёнок
6. «утка на скале» (**детская игра**; **тж.** duck on the rock)
7. **спорт.**
 - 1) = duck's egg 3
 - 2) игрок, не набравший ни одного очка
8. **воен. жарг.** грузовик-амфибия
Duck Pond - пункт сбора грузовиков-амфибий [**ср. тж.** duck-pond]
9. **воен. жарг.** новобранец, новичок; необстрелянный солдат
10. растратчик, банкрот
◇ a sitting duck - лёгкая жертва, человек, которого легко обмануть
ducks and drakes - «блины» (*бросание плоских камешков так, чтобы они прыгали по поверхности воды*)
to play /to make/ ducks and drakes - «печь блины» [**см. выше**]
to play ducks and drakes with smth., to make ducks and drakes of /with/ smth. - проматывать/растрачивать, разбазаривать/что-л.; расточать *или* растранижировать что-л.
fine weather for young ducks - **шутл.** дождливая погода
like a duck in a thunder-storm - с растерянным/перепуганным/видом
like water off a duck's back - ≅ как с гуся вода; хоть бы что
like a duck to water - ≅ как рыба в воде
in two shakes of a duck's tail - ≅ в мгновение ока
duck soup - лёгкое дело, плёвое дело; ≅ раз плюнуть
he was duck soup for the crooks - он был лёгкой добычей для мошенников; любой мошенник мог обвести его вокруг пальца
does /can, will, would/ a duck swim? - ещё бы!

II

1. [dʌk] *n*

1. ныряние, окунание, погружение
to give smb. a duck - искупать кого-л.
2. 1) быстрый наклон головы
- 2) «нырок» (**бокс**)

2. [dʌk] *v*

1. 1) нырнуть
- 2) окунуть, быстро погрузить
2. 1) наклониться, нагнуться; увернуться, уклониться от удара
- 2) наклонить, нагнуть
to duck one's head - нагнуть голову
- 3) сделать «нырок» (**бокс**)
3. избегать, уходить, уклоняться
to duck the issue - обойти проблему
he tried to duck my question - он попытался уйти от ответа на мой вопрос
4. пресмыкаться, раболепствовать

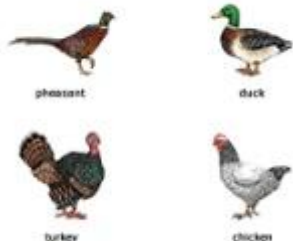
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[dʌk] *n*

1. грубое полотно, парусина
duck cloth - **мор.** грубая парусина, равендук
2. **pl** парусиновые брюки
the crew were in ducks - на матросах были парусиновые брюки

duck [duck ducks ducked ducking] noun, verb *BrE* [dʌk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [dʌk] ^ˈ
 noun

Poultry and game



1. (pl. **ducks** or **duck**) **countable** a common bird that lives on or near water and has short legs, **webbed** feet (= feet with thin pieces of skin between the toes) and a wide beak. There are many types of **duck**, some of which are kept for their meat or eggs

- wild ducks
- duck eggs
- Every afternoon they went to the park to feed the ducks.
- Ducks were quacking noisily on the lake.

2. **countable** a female **duck**

compare **drake**

3. **uncountable** meat from a **duck**

- roast duck with orange sauce

4. (also **duckie**, **ducks**, **ducky**) **countable**, usually **singular** (*BrE*, informal) a friendly way of addressing sb

- Anything else, duck?

compare **dear**, **love**

5. a **duck** **singular** (in **cricket**) a batsman's score of zero

- He was out for a duck.

see also **lame duck**, **sitting duck**

more at **dead duck at** **dead** ^{adj.}, (like) water off a duck's back **at** **water** ^{n.}

Word Origin:

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n. sense 5 mid 19th cent. duck's egg

n. sense 4 late 16th cent. **duck**

Example Bank:

- A flock of ducks bobbed near the shore.
- A rubber duck floated in the bath.
- In a large saucepan, melt the duck fat.
- Slice the duck breast and serve.
- Some species of duck dive for food, while others dabble for plants and insects near the surface.
- The ducks paddled furiously to grab the bread.

Idioms: **get your ducks in a row** = **like a duck to water**

verb

1. **intransitive**, **transitive** to move your head or body downwards to avoid being hit or seen

- He had to duck as he came through the door.
- ~ **(down) (behind/under sth)** We ducked down behind the wall so they wouldn't see us.
- He ducked under the overhanging branches.
- He just managed to **duck out of sight**.
- ~ **sth** She ducked her head and got into the car.

2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to avoid sth by moving your head or body out of the way

Syn: **dodge**

- He ducked the first few blows then started to fight back.

3. **intransitive** + **adv./prep.** to move somewhere quickly, especially in order to avoid being seen

- She ducked into the adjoining room as we came in.

4. **intransitive**, **transitive** (rather informal) to avoid a difficult or unpleasant duty or responsibility

- ~ **out of sth** It's his turn to cook dinner, but I bet he'll try to duck out of it.
- ~ **sth** The government is ducking the issue.

5. (*NAmE* also **dunk**) **transitive** ~ **sb** to push sb underwater and hold them there for a short time

- The kids were ducking each other in the pool.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	duck
	BrE /dʌk/
	NAme /dʌk/
he / she / it	ducks
	BrE /dʌks/
	NAme /dʌks/
past simple, past participle	ducked
	BrE /dʌkt/
	NAme /dʌkt/
-ing form	ducking
	BrE /dʌkɪŋ/
	NAme /dʌkɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He had to duck through the low doorway.
- He just managed to duck out of sight.
- I ducked down behind the table.
- She ducked under the railings and ran towards him.
- He ducked the first few blows, then started to fight back.
- It's his turn to cook dinner, but I bet he'll try to duck out of it.
- We ducked down behind the wall.

See also: [↑]duckie ▪ [↑]ducky ▪ [↑]dunk

duck

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I. **duck**¹ S3 /dʌk/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: *duce*]

1. ^ˈ



[countable] a very common water bird with short legs and a wide beak, used for its meat, eggs, and soft feathers

- [countable] a female duck ⇒ **drake**
- [uncountable] the meat of a duck used as food:
roast duck with orange sauce
- take to something like a duck to water** to learn how to do something very easily:
She took to dancing like a duck to water.
- (also **ducks**) *British English spoken* used to speak to someone, especially a woman, in a friendly way:
What can I get you, ducks?
- [countable] a [↑]score of zero by a [↑]batsman in a game of [↑]cricket
⇒ [↑]dead duck, [↑]lame duck, ⇒ **like water off a duck's back** at [↑]water¹(8), ⇒ [↑]ducks and drakes, [↑]sitting duck

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- a **duck quacks** (=makes the sound ducks make) The ducks on the river started quacking.
- a **duck waddles** (=walks moving its body from side to side) Ducks were waddling across the grass.
- a **duck paddles** (=swims by moving its feet under the water) Ducks and swans paddled towards us.
- a **duck dives** (=puts its head down under the water) A single wild duck was swimming and diving.
- a **duck bobs** (=moves up and down on the water) They watched the ducks bobbing up and down on the waves.

■ duck + NOUN

- a **duck pond** (=a small area of water where there are ducks) The park has a duck pond which the children like.

II. **duck**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

- (also **duck down**) [intransitive and transitive] to lower your head or body very quickly, especially to avoid being seen or hit:
If she hadn't ducked, the ball would have hit her.

duck behind/under etc

- " Jamie saw his father coming and ducked quickly behind the wall.
- " Tim ducked down to comb his hair in the mirror.
- " She ducked her head to look more closely at the inscription.

2. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move somewhere very quickly, especially to avoid being seen or to get away from someone

duck into

- " The two men ducked into a block of flats and disappeared.

duck out of

- " She ducked out of the door before he could stop her.

duck back

- " 'Wait a minute', he called, ducking back inside.

3. [transitive] *informal* to avoid something, especially a difficult or unpleasant duty **SYN** dodge :

- " The ruling body wanted to duck the issue of whether players had been cheating.
- " Glazer ducked a question about his involvement in the bank scandal.

4. [transitive] to push someone under water for a short time as a joke

duck somebody under something

- " Tom grabbed him from behind to duck him under the surface.

duck out of something *phrasal verb*

to avoid doing something that you have to do or have promised to do:

- " I always ducked out of history lessons at school.

duck

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