

crack

1. [kræk] *n*
 - 1) треск
 - 2) щёлканье (*хлыста*)
 - 3) удар (*грома*)
 2. *разг.* резкий звучный удар; затрещина
a crack on the head - резкий удар по голове
 3. трещина; щель, расселина
the ground was full of cracks after the hot, dry summer - после жаркого, сухого лета земля сильно потрескалась
to open the window a crack - приоткрыть окно
 4. ломающийся голос (*у мальчика*)
 5. *эмоц.-усил.* что-л. замечательное, первоклассное (*игрок, спортсмен, лошадь и т. п.*)
she is a crack at skiing - она отличная лыжница
 6. *вор. жарг.*
 - 1) кража со взломом
 - 2) вор-взломщик
 7. *сл.* попытка, проба, эксперимент
to take a crack at smth. - сделать попытку, попробовать силы в чём-л.
 8. *амер. сл.* остроумная реплика; саркастическое замечание
 9. *сл.* пунктик, лёгкое помешательство
he has a crack - он слегка тронулся
 10. *диал., амер.* болтовня, оживлённая дружеская беседа; трёп
 11. *амер.* рассвет (*тж. crack of dawn*)
 12. прожилка (*в камнях*)
 13. *разг.* момент, мгновение
in a crack - мгновенно, в два счёта
◇ the crack of doom - *рел.* трубный глас, возвещающий день страшного суда
to /till/ the crack of doom - до бесконечности, до второго пришествия
to walk a /the/ crack - *амер.* пройти прямо вдоль щели между досками; ≅ пройти по одной половине
to paste /to paper/ over the cracks - замазывать недостатки, трудности, противоречия *и т. п.*
2. [kræk] *а разг.*
великолепный, первоклассный; знаменитый
crack polo-player - великолепный игрок в поло
crack team - первоклассная команда
crack shot - меткий стрелок, снайпер
crack unit - *воен.* отборная часть
 3. [kræk] *adv*
с треском, с резким отрывистым звуком
the pistol went off crack - грянул /прогремел/ пистолетный выстрел
 4. [kræk] *v*
 1. производить шум, треск; щёлкать (*хлыстом*)
to crack the joints of the fingers - хрустеть пальцами
the rifle cracked and the beast fell - грянул выстрел, и зверь упал
the damp wood cracked in the fire - сырые дрова трещали /потрескивали/ в камине
 2. 1) расщеплять; вызывать растрескивание
she says the vase was cracked before - она говорит что на вазе была уже трещина
boiling water will crack a glass - от кипятка стакан может лопнуть
 - 2) трескаться, давать трещину
the mirror cracked from side to side - зеркало треснуло во всю ширину
the ice cracked - лёд дал трещину
the skin was cracked - кожа потрескалась
 3. 1) раскалывать, разбивать (*резким ударом*)
to crack nuts - колоть орехи
 - 2) *разг.* преодолеть, одолеть
to crack the sound barrier - преодолеть звуковой барьер
to crack a mystery - разгадать загадку (*чего-л.*)
to crack a record - *амер.* поставить или побить рекорд
to crack a code - расшифровать код; подобрать ключ к шифру
 4. ломаться (*о голосе*)
his voice cracked with grief [emotion] - его голос прерывался от горя [от волнения]
 5. *разг.* откупорить
to crack a bottle - раздавить /распити/ бутылочку
 6. *вор. жарг.*
 - 1) совершить кражу со взломом
to crack a crib - ограбить дом /квартиру/
 - 2) взломать (*тж. to crack open*)
to crack a safe - взломать сейф
 7. *сл.*
 - 1) свести с ума, довести до психоза

2) тронуться, помешаться

8. *сл.* подорвать (*репутацию, доверие и т. п.*)

9. *амер. сл.* (on) доказывать

to crack on smb. - убедить кого-л.; втолковать кому-л.

to crack on smth. - доказать что-л

10. *диал., амер.*

1) болтать, трещать; сплетничать

2) хвастаться

11. *слец.* крекировать (*нефть*)

◇ to crack a joke - отпустить /«отколоть»/ шутку

to crack a smile - улыбнуться, осклабиться

to crack a book - открыть учебник и начать долбить

to crack one's jaw - *амер.* хвастать, похваляться

to crack wise - *амер.* острить

to crack hardy /hearty/ - *австрал., новозел.* храбриться, не подавать виду, что тебе тяжело; ≅ делать хорошую мину при плохой игре

a hard nut to crack - а) трудная задача; неразрешимая проблема; б) человек, с которым трудно справиться; ≅ крепкий орешек

to use a steam-hammer to crack nuts - ≅ стрелять из пушек по воробьям

5. [kræk] *int*

трах!

crack! down it came! - трах!, всё рухнуло!

crack

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crack [crack cracks cracked cracking] *verb, noun, adjective* BrE [kræk] *
NAme [kræk] *

verb

verb

BREAK

1. *intransitive, transitive* to break without dividing into separate parts; to break sth in this way

• The ice cracked as I stepped onto it.

• ~ **sth** He has cracked a bone in his arm.

• Her lips were dry and cracked.

2. *intransitive, transitive* to break open or into pieces; to break sth in this way

• + **adv./prep.** A chunk of the cliff had cracked off in a storm.

• (*figurative*) His face cracked into a smile.

• ~ **sth** to crack a nut

• ~ **sth + adv./prep.** She cracked an egg into the pan.

HIT

3. *transitive* ~ **sth/sb (on/against sth)** to hit sth/sb with a short hard blow

• I cracked my head on the low ceiling.

• He cracked me on the head with a ruler.

MAKE SOUND

4. *intransitive, transitive* to make a sharp sound; to make sth do this

• A shot cracked across the ridge. **no passive**

• ~ **sth** He **cracked his whip** and galloped away.

OF VOICE

5. *intransitive* if your voice cracks, it changes in depth, volume, etc. suddenly and in a way that you cannot control

• In a voice cracking with emotion, he told us of his son's death.

UNDER PRESSURE

6. *intransitive* to no longer be able to function normally because of pressure

• Things are terrible at work and people are cracking under the strain.

• They questioned him for days before he cracked.

• The old institutions are cracking.

FIND SOLUTION

7. *transitive* ~ **sth** to find the solution to a problem, etc; to find the way to do sth difficult

• to crack the enemy's code

• (*informal*) After a year in this job I think **I've got it cracked** !

STOP SB/STH

8. *transitive* ~ **sth** to find a way of stopping or defeating a criminal or an enemy

• Police have cracked a major drugs ring.

OPEN BOTTLE

9. *transitive* ~ (**open**) a **bottle** (*informal*) to open a bottle, especially of wine, and drink it

A JOKE

10. **transitive** ~ a **joke** (informal) to tell a joke

more at a hard/tough nut (to crack) **at** ↑**nut** n., use a sledgehammer to crack a nut **at** ↑**sledgehammer**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	crack
	BrE /kræk/
	NAmE /kræk/
he / she / it	cracks
	BrE /kræks/
	NAmE /kræks/
past simple, past participle	cracked
	BrE /krækt/
	NAmE /krækt/
-ing form	cracking
	BrE /krækɪŋ/
	NAmE /krækɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

crack verb I, T

• The ice cracked as I stepped on it.

break • • **snap** • • **fracture** •

crack/break/fracture a **bone/rib**

crack/fracture your **skull**

crack/break a **a/an cup/egg/mirror**

a cracked/broken/fractured **pipe**

Crack, break or fracture? Any of these words can be used for bones; **break** or **fracture** can be used for joints; only **break** can be used for arms and legs. **Fracture** is the usual word used for skulls, though **crack** can also be used.

Example Bank:

- He is under a lot of pressure but is showing no signs of cracking.
- He thought he'd never get through the ordeal without cracking up.
- The dish had cracked quite badly.
- The stresses of her job became too great and she finally cracked.
- to crack down hard on crime
- 'How's the investigation going?' 'I think we've cracked it.'
- A team of experts finally cracked the code.
- As I leapt up, I cracked my skull on a beam and passed out.
- He stood up suddenly, cracking his head on the low ceiling.
- The ice cracked as I stepped on it.
- The leather/mud/paint/plaster had cracked.
- We need some more solid evidence if we're going to crack the case.

Idioms: ↑**at the crack of dawn** ▪ ↑**crack the whip** ▪ ↑**get cracking** ▪ not all/everything somebody's cracked up to be

Derived ↑**crack down** ▪ ↑**crack on** ▪ ↑**crack somebody up** ▪ ↑**crack up**

noun

BREAK

1. **countable** ~ (in sth) a line on the surface of sth where it has broken but not split into separate parts

- This cup has a crack in it.
- Cracks began to appear in the walls.
- (figurative) The cracks (= faults) in the government's economic policy are already beginning to show.

NARROW OPENING

2. **countable** a narrow space or opening

- She peeped through the crack in the curtains.
- The door opened a crack (= a small amount) .

SOUND

3. **countable** a sudden loud noise

- a crack of thunder
- the sharp crack of a rifle shot

HIT

4. **countable** ~ (on sth) a sharp blow that can be heard

- She fell over and got a nasty crack on the head.

ATTEMPT

5. **countable** ~ (at sth) | ~ (at doing sth) (informal) an occasion when you try to do sth

Syn: †attempt

- She hopes to have another crack at the world record this year.

DRUG

6. (also **crack co'caine**) **uncountable** a powerful, illegal drug that is a form of †cocaine

- a crack addict

JOKE

7. **countable** (informal) a joke, especially a critical one

- He made a very unfair crack about her looks.

CONVERSATION

8. (also **craic**) **uncountable, singular** (IrishE, informal) a good time; friendly, enjoyable talk

- Where's the crack tonight?
- He's a person who enjoys a drink and a bit of crack.

more at a fair crack of the whip **at** †fair_{adj.}

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Thesaurus:

crack noun

- Cracks began to appear in the wall.

chink • • **crevice** • • **cleft** • **technical fissure** •

a crack/chink/crevice/cleft/fissure **in** sth

a **narrow** crack/chink/crevice/cleft/fissure

a crack/fissure **opens**

Example Bank:

- A fine crack ran up the wall.
- A loud crack echoed off the empty walls.
- Could you open the window just a crack?
- He gave a crack of laughter.
- He gets really mad if anyone makes a crack about his weight.
- He had a good crack at opening the door, but it wouldn't budge.
- The chandelier hit the floor with a crack.
- There's a crack in the fence big enough to look through.
- We filled the cracks in the plaster before hanging the wallpaper.
- Wide cracks appeared in the ground during the drought.
- a tiny crack of light under the door
- She heard the sharp crack of a rifle shot.
- She peeped through a crack in the curtains.
- The cracks in the government's economic policy are already beginning to show.
- The door opened a crack.
- There was a deafening crack of thunder and the heavens opened.

adjective only before noun

expert and highly trained; excellent at sth

- crack troops
- He's a crack shot (= accurate and skilled at shooting) .

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Example Bank:

- They sent a group of crack troops to the area.

See also: †craic

crack

I. **crack**¹ **S3** /kræk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: cracian]

1. **BREAK** [intransitive and transitive] to break or to make something break, either so that it gets lines on its surface, or so that it breaks into pieces:

Don't put boiling water in the glass or it will crack.

Concrete is liable to crack in very cold weather.

He picked up a piece of rock and cracked it in half.

She fell and cracked a bone in her leg.

He cracked a couple of eggs into a pan.

2. **SOUND** [intransitive and transitive] to make a quick loud sound like the sound of something breaking, or to make something do this:

Thunder cracked overhead.

He cracked his whip and galloped off.

Dennis rubbed his hands together and cracked his knuckles.

3. **HIT** [transitive] to hit someone or something hard

crack something on something

I slipped and cracked my head on the door.

She cracked him over the head with a hammer.

4. **NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE** [intransitive] to be unable to continue doing something because there is too much pressure and you do not have the mental strength to continue

crack under

Some young executives crack under the pressure of having to meet tough sales targets every month.

He cracked under interrogation and confessed.

5. **VOICE** [intransitive] if your voice cracks, it starts to sound different because you are feeling strong emotions:

His voice cracked slightly as he tried to explain.

6. **SOLVE/UNDERSTAND** [transitive] to find the answer to a problem or manage to understand something that is difficult to understand **SYN solve**:

I think we've cracked the problem of the computer crashing all the time.

It took them nearly two months to crack the code.

This new evidence could help detectives to crack the case.

7. **STOP SOMEBODY** [transitive] *informal* to stop a person from being successful:

Political enemies have tried to crack me.

8. **OPEN A SAFE** [transitive] to open a [↑]safe illegally in order to steal the things inside it

9. **COMPUTER** [transitive] to illegally copy computer software or change free software which may lack certain features of the full [↑]version, so that the free software works in the same way as the full version:

You can find out how to crack any kind of software on the web.

10. **crack it** *British English informal* to manage to do something successfully:

I think we've cracked it!

He seems to have got it cracked.

11. **crack a joke** to tell a joke:

He kept cracking jokes about my appearance.

12. **crack a smile** to smile, usually only slightly or unwillingly:

Even Mr Motts managed to crack a smile at that joke.

13. **crack open a bottle** *British English informal* to open a bottle of alcohol for drinking:

We cracked open a few bottles.

14. **get cracking** *informal* to start doing something or going somewhere quickly:

I think we need to get cracking if we're going to catch this train.

15. **crack the whip** *informal* to make people work very hard

16. **something is not all/everything it's cracked up to be** *informal* used to say that something is not as good as people say it is:

I thought the film was OK, but it's not all it's cracked up to be.

crack down *phrasal verb*

to become more strict in dealing with a problem and punishing the people involved

crack down on

The government is determined to crack down on terrorism.

The police are cracking down hard on violent crime.

⇒ [↑]crackdown

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THESAURUS

■ **to become broken**

▪ **break** *verb* [intransitive] to become damaged and separate into pieces: Plastic breaks quite easily.

▪ **smash** *verb* [intransitive] to break after being hit with a lot of force: The bowl smashed as it hit the floor.

▪ **shatter** *verb* [intransitive] to break into a lot of small pieces: The glass shattered all over the pavement.

▪ **crack** *verb* [intransitive] if something cracks, a line appears on the surface, which means that it could later break into separate pieces: The ice was starting to crack.

▪ **burst** *verb* [intransitive] if a tyre, balloon, pipe etc bursts, it gets a hole and air or liquid suddenly comes out of it: She blew up the balloon until it burst.

▪ **split** *verb* [intransitive] to break in a straight line: The damp had caused the wood to split.

▪ **crumble** *verb* [intransitive] to break into a powder or a lot of small pieces: The cork just crumbled in my hand.

crack into something *phrasal verb*

to secretly enter someone else's computer system, especially in order to damage the system or steal the information stored on it

⇒ **hack**:

A teenager was accused of cracking into the company's network.

crack on *phrasal verb British English informal*

to continue working hard at something in order to finish it

crack on with

" I need to crack on with my project work this weekend.

crack up *phrasal verb informal*

1. **crack (somebody) up** to laugh a lot at something, or to make someone laugh a lot:

" Everyone in the class just cracked up.

" She's so funny. She cracks me up.

2. to become unable to think or behave sensibly because you have too many problems or too much work:

" I was beginning to think I was cracking up!

II. **crack**² *BrE AmE noun*

1. **GAP** [countable] a very narrow space between two things or two parts of something

crack between

" He squeezed into a crack between two rocks.

crack in

" He could see them through a crack in the door.

" She opened the door a crack and peeped into the room.

2. **BREAK** [countable] a thin line on the surface of something when it is broken but has not actually come apart

crack in

" There were several small cracks in the glass.

3. **WEAKNESS** [countable] a weakness or fault in an idea, system, or organization

crack in

" The cracks in their relationship were starting to show.

" The first cracks are beginning to appear in the economic policy.

4. **SOUND** [countable] a sudden loud sound like the sound of a stick being broken

loud/sharp crack

" There was a sharp crack as the branch broke off.

crack of

" We could hear the crack of gunfire in the distance.

" a crack of thunder

5. **JOKE** [countable] *informal* a clever joke or rude remark

crack about

" I didn't like his crack about her being overweight.

" He's always making cracks about how stupid I am.

6. **ATTEMPT** [countable] *informal* an attempt to do something **SYN shot**

crack at

" I'd like a crack at climbing that mountain.

" The competition's open to anyone – why don't you have a crack?

7. **DRUG** [uncountable] an illegal drug that some people take for pleasure:

" crack addicts

8. **BODY** [countable] *informal* the space between someone's [↑]**buttocks**

9. **a crack on the head** a hard hit on the head:

" You've had a nasty crack on the head and you need to rest.

10. **a crack in sb's voice** a change in someone's voice because they are feeling very upset:

" He noticed the crack in her voice as she tried to continue.

11. **the crack of dawn** very early in the morning

at the crack of dawn

" We were up at the crack of dawn.

12. **COMPUTER** [countable] a piece of information or computer [↑]**code** that lets you illegally change free software which may lack certain features of the full [↑]**version**, so that the free software works in the same way as the full version

13. **a fair crack of the whip** *British English informal* the same chance as other people to do something:

" They feel they haven't been given a fair crack of the whip.

14. another spelling of [↑]**craic**

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THESAURUS

▪ **hole** an empty space in the surface of something, which sometimes goes all the way through it: A fox had dug a hole under our fence. | Rain was coming in through a hole in the roof.

▪ **space** an empty area between two things, into which you can put something: Are there any empty spaces on the bookshelf? | a parking space

▪ **gap** an empty area between two things or two parts of something, especially one that should not be there: He has a gap between his two front teeth. | I squeezed through a gap in the hedge.

▪ **opening** a hole that something can pass through or that you can see through, especially at the entrance of something: The train disappeared into the dark opening of the tunnel. | I looked through the narrow opening in the wall.

▪ **leak** a small hole where something has been damaged or broken that lets liquid or gas flow in or out: a leak in the pipe | The plumber's coming to repair the leak.

▪ **puncture** *especially British English* a small hole in a tyre through which air escapes: My bike's got a puncture.

▪ **crack** a very narrow space between two things or two parts of something: The snake slid into a crack in the rock. | She was peering through the crack in the curtains.

▪ **slot** a straight narrow hole that you put a particular type of object into: You have to put a coin in the slot before you dial the number. | A small disk fits into a slot in the camera.

- **crater** a round hole in the ground made by an explosion or by a large object hitting it hard: a volcanic crater | The meteor left a crater over five miles wide. | the craters on the moon

III. **crack**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adjective* [only before noun]

1. with a lot of experience and skill:

- " crack troops
- " a crack regiment
- " a crack sportsman

2. **crack shot** someone who is able to shoot a weapon very well and hit the thing they are aiming at

crack

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