

candle

1. ['kændl] *n*

1. свеча, свечка

wax [tallow] candle - восковая [сальная] свеча

candle grease - свечное сало

2. *физ.* международная свеча

3. газовая горелка

4. 1) *воен.* дымовая свеча

2) пиротехническая свеча

3) = candle-bomb

◇ cannot /is not fit to/ hold a candle - не выдерживает сравнения с; ≅ в подметки не годится

to hold a candle to smb. - помогать кому-л.; играть подчинённую роль

to hold a candle to the devil - а) свернуть с пути истинного; б) потворствовать дурному /злу/, содействовать преступлению

to burn the candle at both ends - а) прожигать жизнь; б) безрассудно растрачивать силы /здоровье/

the game is not worth the candle - игра не стоит свеч

2. ['kændl] *v спец.*

миражировать, проверять просвечиванием (*яйца и т. п.*)

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can·dle ['kændl] *BrE* ['kændl] *AmE* ['kændl]

noun

a round stick of [↑]wax with a piece of string (called a [↑]wick) through the middle which is lit to give light as it burns

- a flickering candle
- The room was lit by candles.
- to **blow out/snuff out a candle**



more at burn the candle at both ends **at** [↑]burn *v.*, (the game is) not worth the candle **at** [↑]worth *adj.*

Idiom [↑]cannot hold a candle to somebody

Word Origin:

Old English candel, from Latin *candela*, from *candere* 'be white or glisten'.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

can·dle **S3** /'kændl/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 600-700; Language: Latin; Origin: *candela*, from *candere*; ⇨ [↑]candid]



1. a stick of [↑]wax with a string through the middle, which you burn to give light

2. **can't hold a candle to somebody/something** *informal* if something or someone cannot hold a candle to something or someone else, they are not as good as the other thing or person:

No other singer can hold a candle to her.

⇒ **burn the candle at both ends** at [↑]burn¹(19)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **light a candle** She lit a candle in the church.
- **blow out a candle** Can you blow out all the candles on your birthday cake?
- **a candle burns** (=is giving out light) The house was dark except for one candle burning in a window.
- **a candle flickers** (=the flame moves in an unsteady way) As the door opened, the candles flickered unsteadily.
- **a candle goes out** A sudden draught made the candles go out.

■ adjectives

- **a lighted candle** A procession moved through the village carrying lighted candles.
- **a flickering candle** (=with the flame moving unsteadily) The church was full of flickering white candles.

■ candle + NOUN

- **a candle flame** The candle flame flickered.

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THESAURUS

- **light** something that produces light, especially electric light, to help you to see: She switched the kitchen light on. | The lights in the house were all off.
- **lamp** an object that produces light by using electricity, oil, or gas - often used in names of lights: a bedside lamp | a street lamp | a desk lamp | a table lamp | an old oil lamp | a paraffin lamp
- **lantern** a lamp that you can carry, consisting of a metal container with glass sides that surrounds a flame or light: The miners used lanterns which were lit by candles.
- **torch** *British English*, **flashlight** *American English* a small electric lamp that you carry in your hand: We shone our torches around the cavern.
- **candle** a stick of wax with a string through the middle, which you burn to give light: The restaurant was lit by candles.
- **bulb** the glass part of an electric light, that the light shines from: a 100 watt bulb | an energy-saving light bulb

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