biscuit

[ˈbɪskɪt] *n*
1. 1) сухое печенье, крекер
   ship's biscuit - галета
   2) *амер.* песочное печенье, печенье из пресного теста
2. бисквитный, неглазурованный фарфор
3. светло-коричневый цвет
4. *сл.* коричневый матрас
   ◇ to take the biscuit - превосходить всё

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bis·cuit [biscuit biscuits] *BrE* [ˈbɪskɪt] *NAmE* [ˈbɪskɪt] noun
1. countable (BrE) a small flat dry cake for one person, usually sweet, and baked until crisp
   • a packet of chocolate biscuits
   • a selection of cheese biscuits
   • The cake has a biscuit base (= one made from crushed biscuits).
   compare ↑cookie
   see also ↑digestive biscuit, ↑dog biscuit
2. countable (NAmE) a soft bread roll, often eaten with ↑gravy
3. uncountable a pale yellowish-brown colour
   Idiom: ↑take the biscuit
   See also: ↑take the cake

Word Origin:
Middle English: from Old French bescuit, based on Latin bis **'twice'** + coctus, past participle of coquere **'to cook'** (so named because originally biscuits were cooked in a twofold process: first baked and then dried out in a slow oven so that they would keep).

Example Bank:
   • Frank always dunks his biscuits in his tea.
   • He brushed the biscuit crumbs from his jacket.
   • He was cutting biscuits out and putting them on a baking tray.
   • a packet of coconut biscuits

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   [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: bescuit, from Latin bis *'twice'* + coctus *'cooked'*]
1. [countable] *British English* a small thin dry cake that is usually sweet and made for one person to eat **SYN cookie** *American English*:
   a packet of chocolate biscuits
   cheese and biscuits
2. [countable] *American English* a type of soft bread baked in small round pieces
3. [uncountable] a light brown colour
4. **take the biscuit** *British English informal* to be the most surprising, annoying etc thing you have ever heard:
   I've heard some excuses, but this really takes the biscuit!

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