

sting**1. [stɪŋ] n**

1. жало
the sting of a scorpion is in its tail - а) жало скорпиона находится у него в хвосте б) самое неприятное - в конце
2. **бом.** жгучий волосок
3. укус; ожог крапивы
4. ядовитость, колкость
the stings of calumny - ядовитые стрелы клеветы
5. муки, острая боль
the sting of hunger - муки голода
the stings of remorse - угрызания совести
6. острота
to give a sting to an epigram - придать эпиграмме остроту

2. [stɪŋ] v (stung)

1. 1) жалить, жечь
to sting smb. on the finger [on the nose] - ужалить кого-л. в палец [в нос]
to sting the eyes - есть глаза (о дыме)
- 2) гореть, жечь, саднить
- 3) кусать(ся) (о комарах, клопах и т. п.)
2. 1) причинять острую боль, мучить; уязвлять, терзать
his conscience stings him - он терзается угрызаниями совести
stung by the mockings of others - уязвлённый насмешками других
the reproach stung me to the quick - этот упрёк задел меня за живое
nothing stings like the truth - ничто так не ранит, как правда; ≅ правда глаза колет
- 2) чувствовать острую боль; терзаться
3. возбуждать, побуждать
anger stung him to action - гнев заставил его действовать
he was stung with desire - он был охвачен желанием
4. **сл.**
- 1) обмануть, одурачить
he got stung on that deal - он погорел на этом деле
- 2) (for) выманить, выпросить или собрать деньги
at the airport he was stung for a few dollars for having excess luggage - в аэропорту с него содрали несколько долларов за лишний багаж

sting

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sting [stɪŋ stɪŋs stung stinging] verb, noun BrE [stɪŋ] ^m NAmE [stɪŋ] ^mverb (stung, stung BrE [stʌŋ] ^m ; NAmE [stʌŋ] ^m)

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth)** (of an insect or plant) to touch your skin or make a very small hole in it so that you feel a sharp pain
 - I was stung on the arm by a wasp.
 - Be careful of the nettles— they sting!
2. **intransitive, transitive** to feel, or to make sb feel, a sharp pain in a part of their body
 - I put some antiseptic on the cut and it stung for a moment.
 - My eyes were stinging from the smoke.
 - ~ **sth** Tears stung her eyes.
3. **transitive** to make sb feel angry or upset
 - ~ **sb** He was stung by their criticism .
 - They launched a stinging attack on the government
 - ~ **sb to/into sth** Their cruel remarks stung her into action.
 - ~ **sb into doing sth** He was stung into answering in his defence.
4. **transitive, often passive ~ sb (for sth)** (informal) to charge sb more money than they expected; to charge sb who did not expect to pay
 - I got stung for a £100 meal.
 - How much did they sting you for?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sting
	BrE /stɪŋ/
	NAmE /stɪŋ/
he / she /it	stings
	BrE /stɪŋz/
	NAmE /stɪŋz/
past simple, past participle	stung
	BrE /stʌŋ/
	NAmE /stʌŋ/
-ing form	stinging
	BrE /'stɪŋɪŋ/
	NAmE /'stɪŋɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English sting (noun), stingan (verb), of Germanic origin.

Thesaurus:

sting *verb*, *T*

• Her eyes were stinging.

burn • • **tingle** • • **hurt** •

your eyes sting/burn/hurt

your skin/flesh stings/burns/tingles/hurts

It stings/tingles/hurts.

Synonyms:

hurt

ache • **burn** • **sting** • **tingle** • **itch** • **throb**

These are all words that can be used when part of your body feels painful.

hurt • (of part of your body) to feel painful; (of an action) to cause pain: ▪ My feet hurt. ◇▪ Ouch! That hurt!

ache • to feel a continuous dull pain: ▪ I'm aching all over.

burn • (of part of your body) to feel very hot and painful: ▪ Our eyes were burning from the chemicals in the air.

sting • to make sb feel a sharp burning pain or uncomfortable feeling in part of their body; (of part of your body) to feel this pain: ▪ My eyes were stinging from the smoke.

tingle • (of part of your body) to feel as if a lot of small sharp points are pushing into the skin there: ▪ The cold air made her face tingle.

itch • to have an uncomfortable feeling on your skin that makes you want to scratch; to make your skin feel like this: ▪ I itch all over. ◇▪ Does the rash itch?

throb • (of part of your body) to feel pain as a series of regular beats: ▪ His head throbbed painfully.

your eyes hurt/ache/burn/sting/itch

your skin hurts/burns/stings/tingles/itches

your flesh hurts/burns/stings/tingles

your head hurts/aches/throbs

your stomach hurts/aches

to **really** hurt/ache/burn/sting/tingle/itch/throb

to hurt/ache/sting/itch **badly/a lot**

It hurts/stings/tingles/itches.

Example Bank:

- He was stung into answering in his own defence.
- He was stung into making a cheap retort.
- Taunts from the fans stung him into his best performance of the season.

Idiom: ↑**sting in the tail**

Derived ↑**sting somebody for something**

noun

1. (NAme also **sting-er**) **countable** the sharp pointed part of an insect or creature that can go into the skin leaving a small, painful and sometimes poisonous wound

- the sting of a bee
- The scorpion has a sting in its tail.

2. countable a wound that is made when an insect, a creature or a plant stings you

- A wasp or bee sting is painful but not necessarily serious.

3. countable, uncountable any sharp pain in your body or mind

- the sting of salt in a wound
- There was a sting of sarcasm in his voice.
- She felt the sting of tears in her eyes.
- He smiled at her, trying to **take the sting out of** his words (= trying to make the situation less painful or difficult) .

4. countable a clever secret plan by the police to catch criminals

- a sting operation to catch heroin dealers in Detroit

5. countable (especially NAme) a clever plan by criminals to cheat people out of a lot of money

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Example Bank:

- She was arrested in an undercover sting operation.
- She's allergic to bee stings.
- The scorpion has a sting that can be deadly.
- You can get a nasty sting from a jellyfish.
- the hot sting of tears
- The FBI conducted a sting operation to catch heroin dealers in Detroit.

stingI. **sting**¹ /stɪŋ/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* (past tense and past participle **stung** /stʌŋ/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: stingan]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** if an insect or a plant stings you, it makes a very small hole in your skin and you feel a sharp pain because of a poisonous substance:

" He was stung by a bee.

▶ A bee, wasp, scorpion, or plant can **sting** you. For a mosquito or snake, use **bite**.2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to make something hurt with a sudden sharp pain, or to hurt like this:

" Antiseptic stings a little.

" Chopping onions makes my eyes sting.

3. **[intransitive, transitive usually passive]** if you are stung by a remark, it makes you feel upset:

" She had been stung by criticism.

sting somebody into (doing) something

" Her harsh words stung him into action.

sting somebody for something *British English informal*

1. to charge someone too much for something:

" The garage stung him for £300.

2. to borrow money from someone:

" Can I sting you for a fiver?

II. **sting**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*1. **WOUND** **[countable]** a wound or mark made when an insect or plant stings you:" a bee sting2. **INSECT** **[countable]** *British English* the sharp needle-shaped part of an insect's or animal's body, with which it stings you **SYN** **stinger** *American English*3. **PAIN** **[singular]** a sharp pain in your eyes or skin, caused by being hit, by smoke etc:

" She felt the sting of tears in her eyes.

4. **a sting in the tail** if a story, event, or announcement has a sting in its tail, there is an unpleasant part at the end of it5. **[singular]** the upsetting or bad effect of a situation:

" the sting of rejection

take the sting out of something (=make something less unpleasant or painful)

" She smiled to take the sting out of her words.

6. **CRIME** **[countable]** a clever way of catching criminals in which the police secretly pretend to be criminals themselves**sting**

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