

sneak

1. [sni:k] *n*
 1. трус, подлец
 2. подхалим, подлиза, подлипала
 3. вор, воришка
 4. *школ. жарг.* ябеда, ябедник; фискал, доносчик
 5. мяч, катящийся по земле (*футбол, крикет*)
 6. *pl разг. см.* sneakers
 7. = sneak preview

2. [sni:k] *v*
 1. красться
 - to sneak out of the room - выскользнуть из комнаты
 - to sneak about the place - шнырять /рыскать/ повсюду
 - to sneak in /up/ on smb. - подкрасться к кому-л.
 2. ускользать; увиливать
 - to sneak out of danger [out of a difficulty] - выбраться из опасного [из трудного] положения
 - to sneak responsibility - увиливать от ответственности
 3. делать украдкой, тайком, незаметно
 - to sneak a smoke - тайком покурить
 - to sneak one's hand to one's pistol - украдкой протянуть руку к пистолету
 - to sneak money into smb.'s hand - потихоньку сунуть кому-л. (в руку) деньги
 - he sneaked the jewels across the border - он тайно провёз драгоценности через границу
 4. раболепствовать, низкопоклонничать, подлизываться
 5. *школ. жарг.* ябедничать; фискалить, доносить, наушничать
 6. *кино жарг.* предварительно просматривать (*фильм*); устраивать закрытый просмотр
 7. *разг.* красть понемногу, незаметно

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sneak [sneak sneaks sneaked snuck sneaking] *verb, noun, adjective* BrE [sni:k] NAmE [sni:k]

verb The usual past form is **sneaked**, but **snuck** is now very common in informal speech in NAmE and some people use it in BrE too. However, many people think that it is not correct and it should not be used in formal writing.

1. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to go somewhere secretly, trying to avoid being seen
 - Syn:** ↑creep
 - I sneaked up the stairs.
 - Did you sneak into my room while I was asleep?
2. **transitive** to do sth or take sb/sth somewhere secretly, often without permission
 - ~ **sth** We sneaked a look at her diary.
 - At last we were able to sneak a moment alone together.
 - ~ **sth to sb** I managed to sneak a note to him.
 - ~ **sb sth** I managed to sneak him a note.
3. **transitive ~ sth (informal)** to secretly take sth small or unimportant
 - Syn:** ↑pinch
 - I sneaked a cake when they were out of the room.
4. **intransitive ~ (on sb) (to sb)** (old-fashioned, BrE, disapproving) to tell an adult that another child has done sth wrong, especially in order to cause trouble
 - Syn:** ↑snitch
 - Did you sneak on me to the teacher?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sneak
	BrE /sni:k/
	NAmE /sni:k/
he / she / it	sneaks
	BrE /sni:ks/
	NAmE /sni:ks/
past simple, past participle	sneaked
	BrE /sni:kt/
	NAmE /sni:kt/
-ing form	sneaking
	BrE /sni:k/
	NAmE /sni:k/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: probably dialect; perhaps related to obsolete snike 'to creep'.

Example Bank:

- I caught him trying to sneak in without paying.
- We sneaked out through the back door.

Derived ↑sneak up

noun (old-fashioned, BrE, disapproving)

a person, especially a child, who tells sb about sth wrong that another person has done

Syn: tsnitch

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adjective only before noun

done without any warning

- a sneak attack

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I. **sneak**¹ /sni:k BrE " AmE " verb (past tense and past participle **sneaked** or **snuck**)

/sna:k/ *American English*)

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from Old English snican 'to creep']

1. **GO SECRETLY** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to go somewhere secretly and quietly in order to avoid being seen or heard **SYN** creep

sneak in/out/away etc

- " They sneaked off without paying!
- " She snuck out of the house once her parents were asleep.

2. **TAKE/GIVE SECRETLY** [transitive] to hide something and take it somewhere or give it to someone secretly:

- " I snuck her a note.

sneak something through/past etc somebody/something

- " Douglas had sneaked his camera into the show.

3. **sneak a look/glance/peek** to look at something quickly and secretly, especially something that you are not supposed to see:

- " He sneaked a look at her.

4. **STEAL** [transitive] *informal* to quickly and secretly steal something unimportant or of little value

sneak something from somebody

- " We used to sneak cigarettes from Dad.

sneak on somebody *phrasal verb British English old-fashioned informal*

to tell someone such as a parent or teacher about something that another person has done wrong, because you want to cause trouble for that person:

- " A little brat named Oliver sneaked on me.

sneak up *phrasal verb*

to come near someone very quietly, so that they do not see you until you reach them

sneak up on/behind etc

- " I wish you wouldn't sneak up on me like that!

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THESAURUS

■ **to walk quietly**

- **tiptoe** to walk quietly and carefully on your toes because you do not want to make a noise: I tiptoed out trying not to wake the baby.
- **creep** to walk quietly and slowly because you do not want anyone to see or hear you: Stella crept up the stairs, hoping not to wake her parents.
- **sneak** to walk quietly so that no-one notices you, especially because you are doing something you should not do: They sneaked off without paying. | I quickly sneaked out to have a cigarette.
- **pad** to walk quietly without wearing shoes – also used about cats and dogs walking quietly: Michelle got up and padded barefoot down to the kitchen. | The cat padded in, asking for her food.

II. **sneak**² BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. *British English informal* a child who other children dislike, because they tell adults about bad things that the other children have done:

- " You little sneak!

2. *American English informal* someone who is not liked because they do things secretly and cannot be trusted

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

doing things very secretly and quickly, so that people do not notice you or cannot stop you:

- " a sneak attack
- " a sneak thief

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