

**stiff****1. [stif] n сл.**

- 1) 1) вексель
- 2) поддельная банкнота
- 3) поддельный чек
2. тайное письмо; секретное послание; записка, переданная тайком
3. нескладёха
4. босяк, бродяга
5. зануда, «сухарь»
6. жадина, сквалыга
7. мертвецки пьяный человек
8. труп, мертвец
9. участник соревнования, обречённый на неудачу (*особ. о скаковой лошади*); ≅ пустой номер
10. парень, человек  
lucky stiff - счастливчик  
poor stiff - бедолага
11. *амер.* рабочий (*особ. неквалифицированный*); работяга, батрак

**2. [stif] а**

1. жёсткий, крепкий; тугой, неэластичный  
stiff brush [collar] - жёсткая щётка [-ий воротничок]  
stiff cardboard - твёрдый картон
2. 1) **окоченевший, застывший; оцепеневший**  
stiff with rheumatism - скованный ревматизмом  
stiff in death - окоченевший /застывший/ (о трупе)  
a stiff one - труп, мертвец  
to be stiff with cold - окоченеть от холода  
my legs feel stiff - у меня ноги совершенно онемели, у меня ноги как деревянные  
I feel stiff - я не могу ни согнуться, ни разогнуться  
I am stiff around the neck - я голову не могу повернуть
- 2) **напряжённый, деревянный**  
stiff smile - застывшая улыбка [*см. тж.* 8]  
stiff face - напряжённое /деревянное/ лицо  
stiff style - вымученный стиль
3. **плохо действующий, тугоподвижный**  
stiff hinges - тугие петли  
the door is stiff - дверь не открывается  
the handle is stiff - ручка не поворачивается
4. **полужидкий; вязкий, густой, плотный**  
stiff dough - крутое тесто  
beat the egg whites until stiff - взбить белки в густую пену
5. **твёрдый, решительный, непреклонный**  
stiff denial - решительный отказ  
stiff in the back - твёрдый, решительный (о человеке)
6. **ожесточённый, упорный**  
stiff battle - ожесточённая битва  
stiff resistance - упорное сопротивление *воен. тж.* упорная оборона  
stiff fight - ожесточённая /упорная/ борьба  
stiff offensive - мощное наступление
7. 1) **неловкий, неуклюжий**  
stiff bow - неловкий поклон [*см. тж.* 8]
- 2) **мертвецки пьяный**
8. **холодный, чопорный**  
stiff manners - церемонное обращение  
stiff bow - церемонный поклон [*см. тж.* 7, 1])  
stiff reserve - холодная сдержанность  
stiff smile - натянутая /вымученная/ улыбка [*см. тж.* 2, 2)]
9. **трудный**  
stiff examination - трудный экзамен  
I had a stiff job to get the book - мне пришлось немало потрудиться, чтобы достать эту книгу  
the book is stiff reading - чтение этой книги требует усилий, читать эту книгу нелегко
10. **тяжёлый, крутой (о спуске, подъёме и т. п.)**  
stiff terrain - труднопроходимая /пересечённая/ местность
11. **твёрдый, трудный для обработки (о почве)**
12. 1) **сильный (о ветре)**
- 2) **крепкий (о напитках)**  
pour me out something stiff, give me a stiff one - *разг.* налейте мне чего-нибудь покрепче
- 3) **сильнодействующий (о лекарстве)**  
stiff dose - большая доза
13. (о ценах и т. п.)

1) высокий

2) устойчивый

stiff market - устойчивый рынок

14. чрезмерный (о требованиях и т. п.)

15. строгий (о наказании)

16. 1) плотно упакованный

2) разг. битком набитый

17. редк. упрямый

18. мед. ригидный

19. мор. остойчивый, невалкий

◇ stiff as a poker - а) негнувшийся, жёсткий; б) чопорный, церемонный

to carry /to have, to keep/ stiff upper lip - не терять мужества, не падать духом, держаться молодцом

that's a bit stiff - это уж слишком!

3. [stif] adv

1. до изнеможения, до смерти

to bore smb. stiff - надоест кому-л. до чёртиков

to scare smb. stiff - напугать кого-л. до смерти

2. жёстко; не сгибаясь

his clothes were frozen stiff - его одежда замёрзла и стояла колом

**stiff**

**stiff** [stɪf stɪfs stɪfər stɪfst] adjective, adverb, noun, verb BrE [strɪf] <sup>us</sup> NAmE

[strɪf]

adjective (stiff-er, stiff-est)

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### DIFFICULT TO BEND/MOVE

1. firm and difficult to bend or move

- stiff cardboard
- a stiff brush
- The windows were stiff and she couldn't get them open.

### MUSCLES

2. when a person is stiff, their muscles hurt when they move them

- I'm really stiff after that bike ride yesterday.
- I've got a **stiff neck**.

### MIXTURE

3. thick and almost solid; difficult to stir

- Whisk the egg whites until stiff.

### DIFFICULT/SEVERE

4. more difficult or severe than usual

- It was a **stiff climb** to the top of the hill.
- The company faces **stiff competition** from its rivals.
- The new proposals have met with **stiff opposition**.
- There are **stiff fines** for breaking the rules.
- a **stiff breeze /wind** (= one that blows strongly)

### NOT FRIENDLY

5. (of a person or their behaviour) not friendly or relaxed

- The speech he made to welcome them was stiff and formal.

### PRICE

6. (informal) costing a lot or too much

- There's a stiff \$30 entrance fee to the exhibition.

### ALCOHOLIC DRINK

7. only before noun strong; containing a lot of alcohol

- a stiff whisky
- 'What you need is a stiff drink,' he told her.

#### Word Origin:

Old English stíf, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch stijf.

#### Thesaurus:

**stiff** adj.

- Scrub it with a stiff brush
- The windows were stiff and she couldn't get them open.

**rigid** • • **hard** • • **taut** • • **tight** • | **approving firm** •

**Opp:** flexible

stiff/rigid material  
go stiff/hard

Example Bank:

- He felt stiff all over.
- His manner seemed rather stiff and impersonal.
- I was stiff from kneeling.
- My arm's gone all stiff.
- My fingers had gone stiff with cold.
- My trousers were getting stiff with mud.
- She lay stiff and still beside him.
- She was aware that her words sounded stiff.
- The captain stood as stiff as a board.
- The clothes were stiff with dust and grease.
- Their punishment seemed rather stiff.
- You'll get stiff if you don't have a hot bath.
- in the face of some very stiff competition
- He had the accent and the stiff manner of a school house master.
- I've got a stiff neck from sleeping in a draught.
- It was an old blanket, frayed and stiff with dirt.
- Scrub away any residue with a stiff brush.
- The brown hair was coarse and stiff.
- The course represents a stiff test of a golfer's skills .
- The windows were stiff and she couldn't get them open.
- a sheet of stiff black cardboard

Idiom: stiff upper lip

Derived Words ↑stiffly ▪ ↑stiffness

adverb

1. (informal) very much; to an extreme degree
  - be **bored/scared/worried stiff**
2. **frozen** ~ (of wet material) very cold and hard because the water has become ice
  - The clothes on the washing line were frozen stiff.
  - I came home from the game frozen stiff (= very cold) .

Word Origin:

Old English stíf, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **stijf**.

noun (slang)

the body of a dead person

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verb ~ sb (NAmE, informal)

to cheat sb or not pay them what you owe them, especially by not leaving any money as a tip

Verb forms:

| verb forms                   |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple               |                |
| I / you / we /they           | stiff          |
|                              | BrE /stɪf/     |
|                              | NAmE /stɪf/    |
| he / she /it                 | stiffs         |
|                              | BrE /stɪfz/    |
|                              | NAmE /stɪfz/   |
| past simple, past participle | stiffed        |
|                              | BrE /stɪft/    |
|                              | NAmE /stɪft/   |
| -ing form                    | stiffing       |
|                              | BrE /'stɪfɪŋ/  |
|                              | NAmE /'stɪfɪŋ/ |

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Example Bank:

- These people are taxed on the tips they make. When you stiff 'em, you cost them money.

stiff

1. **stiff** **S3** /stɪf/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> adjective (comparative **stiffer**, superlative **stiffest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑stiffness, ↑stiff; adverb: ↑stiff, ↑stiffly; verb: ↑stiffen; adjective: ↑stiff]

[Language: Old English; Origin: stif]

1. **BODY** if someone or a part of their body is stiff, their muscles hurt and it is difficult for them to move

**stiff from doing something**

" Her legs were stiff from kneeling.

**stiff with**

" Her fingers were stiff with cold.

**stiff neck/back/joint etc**

" Alastair woke with a stiff neck.

" I never felt stiff after training until I was in my thirties.

" The next morning I was as stiff as a board (=very stiff).

2. **MATERIAL/SUBSTANCE** firm, hard, or difficult to bend:

" a shirt with a stiff collar

3. **MIXTURE** a stiff mixture is thick and almost solid, so that it is not easy to mix:

" Beat the egg whites until stiff.

" a stiff dough

4. **DIFFICULT** difficult to do or deal with:

" a stiff test

**stiff competition/opposition**

" Graduates face stiff competition in getting jobs.

5. **SEVERE** a stiff punishment is great or severe

**stiff sentence/penalty/fine**

" calls for stiffer penalties for rapists

6. **DOOR/DRAWER ETC** *British English* difficult to move, turn, or open:

" Pull hard – that drawer's very stiff.

7. **UNFRIENDLY** if someone's behaviour is stiff, they behave in a very formal or unfriendly way:

" Their goodbyes were stiff and formal.

" Parsons gave a stiff performance in the main role.

8. **PRICE** a stiff price etc is high, especially higher than the price etc of similar things:

" a stiff tax on cigarettes

9. **stiff wind/breeze** a fairly strong wind etc

10. **stiff drink/whisky etc** a very strong alcoholic drink

11. **stiff upper lip** the ability to stay calm and not show your feelings in a difficult or upsetting situation:

" Men were taught to keep a stiff upper lip.

—**stiffly** *adverb*

—**stiffness** *noun* [uncountable]

II. **stiff**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *adverb*

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑stiffness, ↑stiff; *adverb*: ↑stiff, ↑stiffly; *verb*: ↑stiffen; *adjective*: ↑stiff]

1. **bored/scared/worried stiff** *informal* extremely bored, frightened, or worried:

" As a child, I was scared stiff of going down to the cellar.

2. **frozen stiff**

a) extremely cold:

" Goodness, your hands are frozen stiff!

b) cloth that is frozen stiff is hard because the water in it has frozen

III. **stiff**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable] *informal*

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑stiffness, ↑stiff; *adverb*: ↑stiff, ↑stiffly; *verb*: ↑stiffen; *adjective*: ↑stiff]

1. the body of a dead person

2. **working stiff** *American English* an ordinary person who works to earn enough money to live

3. someone who you think is old-fashioned and too formal:

" His business tactics outraged the stiffs of the UK establishment.

IV. **stiff**<sup>4</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* *informal*

1. [*transitive*] *American English* to cheat someone by not paying them, especially by not leaving a **tip** in a restaurant:

" I can't believe that couple stiffed me!

2. [*intransitive*] if a new product, film, show etc stiffs, it does not sell well or fails completely **SYN** bomb:

" They had a hit in the 1990s, but their subsequent releases stiffed.

**stiff**

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15000 **2504**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** **STIFF** 11761

stiff 6761

stiffly 1015

stiffness 1293

stiffest 103

stiffer 626

stiffens 225

stiffening 300

stiffened 989

stiffen 449

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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293 **40717**<sup>325</sup> *rr*  
200 **50704**<sup>217</sup> *nn1*

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