

**probe**

**1. [prəʊb] n**

- 1. 1) *мед.* зонд
- 2) *спец.* зонд, щуп; пробник; датчик; насадок
- 2. 1) автоматическая научно-исследовательская станция; космическая ракета; исследовательская ракета  
space probe - *косм.* космический зонд; автоматический космический исследовательский аппарат
- 2) запуск космического зонда, автоматического космического исследовательского аппарата *и т. п.*
- 3. *энт.* хоботок (*насекомого*)
- 4. 1) зондирование
- 2) *геол.* пробное бурение
- 3) испытание
- 5. *амер.* расследование
- 6. образец проба
- 7. *ав.* заправочная штанга; приёмник топлива (*для заправки самолёта в воздухе*)
- 8. *косм.* стыковочное устройство

**2. [prəʊb] v**

- 1. 1) *мед.* зондировать
- 2) *спец.* зондировать; прощупывать; опробовать; делать испытание
- 2. расследовать; исследовать  
to probe deep into the matter - тщательно рассмотреть дело; вникнуть в дело  
to probe smb.'s intentions - выведать чьи-л. намерения  
to probe the evidence - (тщательно) рассмотреть /проанализировать/ свидетельские показания
- 3. *геол.* разведывать бурением *или* шурфами

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**probe** [probe probes probed probing] **verb, noun** *BrE* [prəʊb] \* *NAmE* [proʊb]

**verb**

**1. intransitive, transitive** to ask questions in order to find out secret or hidden information about sb/sth

**Syn:** ↑investigate

- ~ **(into sth)** He didn't like the media probing into his past.
- ~ **sth** a TV programme that probed government scandals in the 1990s
- **+ speech** 'Then what happened?' he probed.

**2. transitive ~ sth** to touch, examine or look for sth, especially with a long thin instrument

- The doctor probed the wound for signs of infection.
- Searchlights probed the night sky.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	probe
	BrE /prəʊb/
	NAmE /proʊb/
he / she / it	probes
	BrE /prəʊbz/
	NAmE /proʊbz/
past simple, past participle	probed
	BrE /prəʊbd/
	NAmE /proʊbd/
-ing form	probing
	BrE /prəʊbɪŋ/
	NAmE /proʊbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a noun): from late Latin **proba** 'proof' (in medieval Latin 'examination'), from Latin **probare** 'to test'. The verb dates from the mid 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- He probed the mud with his knife.
- Scientists are probing deeper and deeper into the secrets of the universe.
- The bird uses its long beak to probe for worms.
- The police were probing into her personal life.
- He didn't like the media probing into his past.
- He's setting up an enquiry with powers to probe the scandal.
- Jim changed the subject before she could probe any further.
- Scotland Yard to probe fraud allegations
- The committee will probe deeply into that issue.

**noun**

**1. ~ (into sth)** (used especially in newspapers) a thorough and careful investigation of sth

- a police probe into the financial affairs of the company
- Arson probe after three die at home.

**2. (also 'space probe)** a ↑spacecraft without people on board which obtains information and sends it back to earth

3. (technical) a long thin metal tool used by doctors for examining inside the body  
 4. (technical) a small device put inside sth and used by scientists to test sth or record information

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- Arson probe after three die in blaze
- There is to be a police probe into the financial affairs of the company.

See also: ↑space probe

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I. **probe**<sup>1</sup> /prəʊb \$ proub/ BrE " AmE " verb [intransitive and transitive]

1. to ask questions in order to find things out, especially things that other people do not want you to know

**probe into**

- " I don't want to probe too deeply into your personal affairs.
- " Police probed claims that he had sold drugs.

2. to look for something or examine something, using a long thin object:

- " Jules probed the mud gingerly with a stick.

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- **investigate** to try to find out the truth about something such as a crime, accident, or scientific problem: Police are investigating an explosion in the city centre. | The aim of the study is to investigate how climate change is affecting animal behaviour. | There were fears he may have drowned in the lake, so divers were sent down to investigate.
- **look into something** to find out more about a problem, especially after someone has asked you to do this: The manager promised to look into my complaint. | Please could you look into the matter for me?
- **explore** to consider or discuss something, in order to help you decide what you should do: Military leaders are exploring new ways of defending the United States from terrorism. | I'm going to explore the possibility of a part-time job.
- **probe** [intransitive and transitive] to try to find secret or hidden information, especially by asking questions: The press began probing into the actor's private life. | We have been probing the reasons why the government has been so slow to react to the problem of climate change.
- **delve** [intransitive] to look somewhere in order to try to find more information about something, especially something that is difficult to find out about: Over the past year Ms Deen has been delving into the national archives, in order to discover information on the early Muslim settlers. | I think we need to delve a little deeper.
- **be under investigation** if someone or their activities are under investigation, the police are trying to find out if they have done something illegal: Several public figures are under investigation for corruption.

II. **probe**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: proba, from Latin probare 'to test, prove']

1. a long thin metal instrument that doctors and scientists use to examine parts of the body  
 2. a ↑space probe  
 3. an ↑investigation in which many questions are asked to discover the truth about something:

- " a police corruption probe

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**THESAURUS**

- **investigation** a process in which the police or another organization try to find out the truth about a crime or accident: Following a major police investigation, two men were arrested. | The investigation into the causes of the air crash are continuing.
- **inquiry** an official process to find out why something happened, which usually takes several months or years: Local people are calling for an inquiry into the accident. | An independent inquiry found serious shortcomings at the children's home.
- **case** a matter that police or officials are trying to find out information about, especially so that it can be dealt with in a court of law: The case has never been solved. | The police say it is one of the most puzzling cases they have had to deal with.
- **probe** an investigation in which many questions are asked to find out the truth about something – used especially in journalism: The TV show featured a probe into charges charged by high street banks.
- **inquest** a legal investigation to find out why someone died: The inquest heard that Mr Swan was poisoned.
- **survey** a process in which people are asked questions in order to find out about their opinions or about their behaviour: They did a survey to find out the most popular pop star. | Based on a survey of 250 companies, the report says that ' over two thirds of companies expect operating costs to increase as a result of addressing environmental issues.
- **autopsy** *British English* a medical examination of a dead person's body, to find out why that person died: If she died of a drug overdose, it would show up in the autopsy.

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