

1. [ʃɑːft] *n*

1. **древко** (*копья, пики, гарпуна, стрелы и т. п.*); **метательный снаряд** (*имеющий древко*)
when the fish is struck the point detaches itself from the shaft - когда гарпун попадает в рыбу, наконечник отделяется от древка
2. 1) **стрела**
random shaft - шальная стрела [*см. тж.* 2])
2) **злой выпад, насмешка**
the shafts of ridicule [of satire] - стрелы насмешки [сатиры]
random shaft - необдуманное замечание [*см. тж.* 1])
the (random) shaft went home - (сделанное наугад) замечание попало в цель
venomed shafts of envy - отравленные стрелы зависти
- 3) **арх.** копье, дротик
3. **ручка, рукоятка; черенок**
the shaft of an ax(e) - топорщице
4. **луч** (*света*); **вспышка, блеск** (*молнии*)
bright shafts struck through the smoky air of the room - яркие лучи света пробивались сквозь дымную атмосферу комнаты
a shaft of lightning pierced the dark sky - зигзаг /вспышка/ молнии прорезал /-ла/ тёмное небо
5. 1) **ствол** (*дерева*)
2) **стебель, стрела**
3) **зоол.** стержень (*пера, волоса*)
6. **дышло, оглобля, дрога**
7. **печная, дымовая труба**
8. **архит.**
1) **колонна; стержень колонны; столб**
2) **шпиль**
3) **обелиск**
9. 1) **горн.** шахта, шахтный ствол
to descend /to go down/ a shaft - спуститься в шахту
2) **стр.** шахта
light [ventilating] shaft - световая [вентиляционная] шахта
lift /elevator/ shaft - шахта лифта
10. **тех.** вал; ось; шпиндель
shaft horse-power - мощность на валу
11. **анат.** тело (длинной) кости, диафиз

2. [ʃɑːft] *v*

1. **прилаживать** (*древко, ручку и т. п.*)
2. **управлять** (*баржей и т. п.*) при помощи длинного шеста
3. **сл.** третировать (*кого-л.*); **обижать, притеснять**

shaft

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

shaft [shaft shafts shafted shafting] **noun, verb** BrE [ʃɑːft] ^ɹ NAmE [ʃæft] ^ɹ**noun**

1. (often in compounds) a long, narrow, usually vertical passage in a building or underground, used especially for a lift/elevator or as a way of allowing air in or out
 - a **lift/elevator shaft**
 - a **mineshaft**
 - a **ventilation shaft**
2. the long narrow part of an arrow, [↑]**hammer**, [↑]**golf club**, etc
 - The clubs are fitted with graphite shafts.
3. (often in compounds) a metal bar that joins parts of a machine or an engine together, enabling power and movement to be passed from one part to another
see also [↑]**camshaft**, [↑]**crankshaft**
4. **usually plural** either of the two poles at the front of a [↑]**carriage** or [↑]**cart** between which a horse is fastened in order to pull it
5. **~ of light, sunlight, etc.** (*literary*) a narrow strip of light
 - A shaft of moonlight fell on the lake.
 - (*figurative*) a shaft of inspiration
6. **~ of pain, fear, etc.** (*literary*) a sudden strong feeling of pain, etc. that travels through your body
 - Shafts of fear ran through her as she heard footsteps behind her.
7. **~ of sth** (*formal*) a clever remark that is intended to upset or annoy sb
 - a shaft of wit

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- She almost fell down an elevator shaft.
- The workers go down to the tunnels through a vertical shaft sunk from the top of the cliff.
- They lowered him down to the bottom of the deep shaft.

Idiom: ↑give somebody the shaft

verb ~ sb (informal)

to treat sb unfairly or cheat them

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shaft
	BrE /ʃɑːft/
	NAme /ʃæft/
he / she / it	shafts
	BrE /ʃɑːfts/
	NAme /ʃæfts/
past simple, past participle	shafted
	BrE /ʃɑːftɪd/
	NAme /ʃæftɪd/
-ing form	shafting
	BrE /ʃɑːftɪŋ/
	NAme /ʃæftɪŋ/

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I. **shaft**¹ /ʃɑːft\$ ʃæft/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: sceaft]

1. **PASSAGE** a passage which goes down through a building or down into the ground, so that someone or something can get in or out

mine/elevator/ventilation etc shaft

" a 300-foot elevator shaft

2. **HANDLE** a long handle on a tool, ↑spear etc

3. **OF LIGHT** a narrow beam of light

shaft of light/sunlight

4. **ENGINE PART** a long thin piece of metal in an engine or machine, that turns and passes on power or movement to another part of the machine:

" a drive shaft

5. **FOR A HORSE** [usually plural] one of a pair of poles between which a horse is tied to pull a vehicle

6. **ARROW** *literary* an ↑arrow

7. **get the shaft** *informal* to be treated very unfairly

II. **shaft**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive] *informal not polite*

to treat someone very unfairly, especially by dishonestly getting money from them:

" I can't believe you paid that much. You got shafted.

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