

peer

I

1. [pi:p] *n*
- 1) **быстрый взгляд (часто украдкой)**
to get a peep of smth. - увидеть что-л
to have/to take/ a peep at smth. - взглянуть на что-л
he took a peep at the back of the book to find out the answers to the questions - он украдкой заглянул в конец книги, где давались ответы на вопросы
let me have a peep at the letter - дайте мне взглянуть из письмо
take a peep into the room and see if he went home - загляни в комнату и посмотри, не ушёл ли он
I only took a peep at her - я её видел только мельком
 - 2) **1) первое появление, проблеск**
peep of day /dawn, morning/ - рассвет
 - 2) **полоска света**
a little peep from a lamp - крохотная полоска света от лампы
 - 3) **1) щель, просвет**
 - 2) **минимум**
I turned down the gas to a peep - я уменьшил газ до предела
◇ to go without a peep - глаз не сомкнуть, даже не вздремнуть
2. [pi:p] *v*
- 1) **заглядывать, смотреть прищурясь**
to peep round the corner - заглянуть за угол
 - 2) **заглядывать в маленькое отверстие; подглядывать**
I saw you peeping through the keyhole - я видел, как ты подглядывал в замочную скважину
we must not peep and eavesdrop - мы не должны подглядывать и подслушивать
 - 3) **(at) рассматривать с любопытством, разглядывать**
they had the feeling that they were being peeped at - у них было ощущение, что за ними наблюдают
 2. **выглядывать, проглядывать, появляться (мж. peep out)**
her curls peeped out from under her hat - её локоны выбивались из-под шляпы
violets peep from the grass - фиалки выглядывают из травы
the steeple peeping over the wood - шпиль, возвышающийся над лесом
the stars were beginning to peep - начали появляться звёзды
 3. **проявляться (мж. peep out)**
his doctrines peep out in his essays - его взгляды видны в его работах
 4. **прорасти**
when the plants begin to peep - когда растения начинают прорасти

II

1. [pi:p] *n*
- 1) **писк, чириканье**
 - 2) **(еле слышный) звук**
don't let me hear another peep out of you - ≅ и чтобы больше ни звука; и не пикни
I haven't had a peep out of Smith for a month - от Смита нет вестей уже целый месяц
nobody has heard a peep from you - вы не давали о себе знать
2. [pi:p] *v*
- чирикать, пищать

peer

peer [peer peeps peeped peeping] *verb, noun* BrE [pi:p] NAmE [pi:p]

verb

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to look quickly and secretly at sth, especially through a small opening
 - We caught her peeping through the keyhole.
 - Could I just peep inside?
 - He was peeping at her through his fingers.
2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to be just visible
 - The tower peeped above the trees.
 - The sun peeped out from behind the clouds.
3. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to make a short high sound; to make sth make this sound.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	peer
	BrE /pi:p/
	NAmE /pi:p/
he / she / it	peeps
	BrE /pi:ps/
	NAmE /pi:ps/
past simple, past participle	peeped
	BrE /pi:pt/
	NAmE /pi:pt/
-ing form	peeping
	BrE /pi:piŋ/
	NAmE /pi:piŋ/

Word Origin:

v. senses 1 to 2 and n. sense 1 late 15th cent. ↑peek

v. sense 3 and n. senses 2 to 4 late Middle English ↑cheep

Example Bank:

- He peeped out cautiously from behind the door.
- She was tempted to peep at the letter.
- The child peeped through a crack in the door.
- The little boy was peeping at her through his fingers.

noun

1. **countable, usually singular** a quick or secret look at sth
 - Dave **took a quick peep** at the last page.
2. **singular (informal)** something that sb says or a sound that sb makes
 - We did **not hear a peep out of** the baby all night.
3. **countable** a short high sound like the one made by a young bird or by a whistle
4. (*also* **peep** 'peep') **countable (BrE)** a word for the sound of a car's horn, used especially by children

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Example Bank:

- I noticed him take a little peep at his watch.
- I took a peep through the keyhole.
- Not a peep of protest was heard from the State Department.
- The film gives us a peep behind the curtain at a Broadway musical.
- a peep into the private life of a world leader
- I took a quick peep at the last page.

peep

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I. **peep**¹ /pi:p/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ² *verb*

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Perhaps from peek]

1. [**intransitive**] to look at something quickly and secretly, especially through a hole or opening **SYN peek** ⇒ **peer**
peep into/through/out etc

- The door was ajar and Helen peeped in.
- Henry peeped through the window into the kitchen.

2. [**intransitive always + adverb/preposition**] if something peeps from somewhere, you can just see a small amount of it
peep through/from/out etc

- I could see her toes peeping out from under the sheet.

3. [**transitive**] *informal* to look at something because it is interesting or attractive:

- On our website you can peep our video interview with R&B's newest supergroup.

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THESAURUS

- **look** to turn your eyes towards someone or something, so that you can see them: You should never look directly at the sun. | After a while, he turned and looked at me.
- **have/take a look** *especially spoken* to look at something quickly, especially in order to find or check something: I'll have a look in my desk. | Take a look at this!
- **glance** to look at someone or something for a short time and then look quickly away: Damien glanced nervously at his watch.
- **peek/peep** (*also take a peek/peep*) to look quickly at something. Used especially when you are not supposed to look, or when you are looking through a small gap: The door was open so he peeked inside. | Katy peeped at her birthday present on the table.
- **peer** to look very carefully, especially because you cannot see well: Kenji was peering at the screen.
- **glare** to look at someone in an angry way: She glared at me as I got up to leave.
- **stare** to look at someone or something for a long time without moving your eyes: It's rude to stare. | She stared straight into the camera.
- **gaze** to look at someone or something for a long time, often without realizing that you are doing it: She gazed out of the window. | He lay on his bed gazing at the ceiling.
- **gape** to look at someone or something for a long time, usually with your mouth open, because you are very shocked or surprised: People gaped at him with wide-open mouths.
- **regard** *formal* to look at someone or something, especially in a particular way: He regarded her steadily.

II. **peep**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *noun* [countable]

[Sense 1: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ ↑peep¹]

[Sense 2-3: Date: 1400-1500; Origin: From the sound.]

[Sense 4: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: people]

1. a quick or secret look at something

peep at/into

Jon took a peep at his watch.

2. a **peep** *informal* a sound that someone makes, or something that they say, especially a complaint:

There has not been a peep out of them since bedtime.

a peep of protest

3. a short high sound, like the sound a mouse or a young bird makes:

the peep of a chick

loud peeps from the smoke alarm

4. (also **peeps**) *informal* a word meaning 'people', used in magazines

peep

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peep 639

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peeping 358

peeper 30

peepers 114

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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