

snatch**1. [snætʃ] n**

1. хватание, попытка схватить; хватка

the snatch of a bulldog - хватка бульдога

to make a snatch at smth. - а) схватить что-л.; б) попытаться схватить что-л.

to make snatches at the truth - *образн.* пытаться угадать правду

2. момент, мгновение, минута; короткий промежуток времени

snatch decision - мгновенное /моментальное/ решение

snatch of pleasure - мгновение радости

snatch of sunshine - проблеск солнца

snatch of spring in January - несколько тёплых, весенних дней в январе

to get a snatch of sleep - урвать минуту для сна

to work by /in/ snatches - работать урывками

3. *часто pl* отрывок, обрывок; обрывочные сведения

snatches of a story [of a novel] - отрывки из рассказа [из романа]

snatches of old tunes [of conversation] - обрывки старинных мелодий [разговора]

a snatch of an aria - отрывок из арии

I heard snatches of their conversation - я слышал кое-что из их разговора, до меня долетали обрывки их разговора

4. лёгкая закуска; необильная или наспех приготовленная еда

to take a snatch - немного подкрепиться, перекусить, поесть на ходу

they would not let us go without a snatch - они не хотели нас отпускать, не дав нам перекусить

5. 1) похищение

to put the snatch on smb. - а) арестовать кого-л.; б) похитить кого-л.

to put the snatch on smth. - украсть что-л.

2) арест

6. *воен. разг.* захват пленного

7. *спорт.* рывок

a two hand snatch - рывок двумя руками

8. *спорт.* вырывание (мяча и т. п.)

2. [snætʃ] v

1. хватать; выхватывать, вырывать (*мж.* snatch away, snatch up)

to snatch a sword [a pen] - схватить шпагу [перо]

to snatch an object from smb.'s hand - вырвать /выхватить/ какой-л. предмет из чьих-л. рук

to snatch a falling object - подхватить падающий предмет

he snatched the baby from the fire - он вынес ребёнка из огня

my plate was snatched away before I half-finished eating - у меня отобрали/унесли/ тарелку, хотя я ещё не всё съел

he snatched (away) a handbag from /out of/ her hand - он вырвал у неё сумочку

he snatched up his gun and fired - он схватил пистолет и выстрелил

2. 1) хвататься; ухватиться, схватиться

to snatch at a bush [at a rope] - хвататься /ухватиться/ за кусты [за верёвку]

2) воспользоваться, ухватиться

to snatch at a chance - воспользоваться случаем

to snatch an opportunity - не упустить возможность, воспользоваться возможностью

to snatch at any excuse - пытаться оправдаться любыми средствами

3. 1) бросаться, набрасываться (*на кого-л.*)

2) хватать (*зубами*), кусать

4. вырывать, урывать

to snatch a moment's leisure [a few hours of sleep] - урвать свободную минуту [несколько часов для сна]

to snatch a meal - наспех поесть

to snatch a glimpse of smth. - мельком увидеть что-л.

to snatch a kiss - сорвать поцелуй

to snatch a victory - вырвать победу из рук противника

to snatch smb. from /out of/ the jaws of death - вырвать кого-л. из когтей смерти

5. 1) стащить, стянуть

2) похищать (*кого-л.*)

3) арестовывать

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snatch [snatch snatches snatched snatching] verb noun BrE [snætʃ] ^u NAmE

[snætʃ]

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive** to take sth quickly and often rudely or roughly

Syn: †grab

• ~ sth (+ adv./prep.) She managed to snatch the gun from his hand.

• Gordon snatched up his jacket and left the room.

• (+ adv./prep.) Hey, you kids! Don't all snatch!

2. **transitive** ~ sb/sth (from sb/sth) to take sb/sth away from a person or place, especially by force; to steal sth

Syn: †steal

• The raiders snatched \$100 from the cash register.

- The baby was snatched from its parents' car.
3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to take or get sth quickly, especially because you do not have much time
- I managed to snatch an hour's sleep.
 - The team snatched a dramatic victory in the last minute of the game.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	snatch
	BrE /snaetʃ/
	NAme /snaetʃ/
he / she / it	snatches
	BrE /snaetʃɪz/
	NAme /snaetʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	snatched
	BrE /snaetʃt/
	NAme /snaetʃt/
-ing form	snatching
	BrE /snaetʃɪŋ/
	NAme /snaetʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English sna(c)che (verb) 'suddenly snap at', (noun) 'a snare'; perhaps related to ↑snack.

Example Bank:

- He snatched at her arm as she walked past.
- I snatched it out of his hands.
- She almost snatched the letter from my hand.
- She leaped to her feet, snatching up her bag.
- She snatched her hand back.
- Someone tried to snatch her purse.
- He snatched at the steering wheel.
- The baby was snatched from its parents' car.
- The raiders snatched \$100 from the cash register.

Idiom: ↑in snatches

Derived ↑snatch at something

noun

1. a very small part of a conversation or some music that you hear

Syn: ↑snippet

- a snatch of music
 - I only caught snatches of the conversation.
2. an act of moving your hand very quickly to take or steal sth
- a bag snatch
 - to **make a snatch** at sth
3. (*taboo, slang*) an offensiveword for a woman's outer sex organs

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Example Bank:

- She learned to sleep in brief snatches.
- We caught snatches of conversation from the room next door.
- I heard a snatch of music coming from the bar.

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I. **snatch**¹ /snaetʃ/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: Perhaps from Middle Dutch snacken; ⇨ ↑snack²]

1. to take something away from someone with a quick, often violent, movement **SYN grab**:

ˈ The thief snatched her purse and ran.

snatch something away/back from somebody

ˈ Keith snatches toys away from the other children.

2. to take someone away from a person or place, especially by force:

ˈ Vargas was snatched from his home by two armed men.

3. to quickly get something, especially sleep or rest, because you do not have very much time **SYN grab**:

ˈ I managed to snatch an hour's sleep on the train.

snatch at something *phrasal verb*

to quickly put out your hand to try to take or hold something:

ˈ Jessie snatched at the bag but I pulled it away.

II. **snatch**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

1. a **snatch of conversation/music/song etc** a short part of a conversation, song etc that you hear:

I could hear snatches of the conversation from across the room.

2. **in snatches** for short periods:

" I only slept in snatches during the night.

3. when someone quickly takes or steals something:

" reports of a bag snatch

4. **taboo informal** a very offensiveword for a woman's sex organ. Do not use this word.

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