

**flick**

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1. [flɪk] *n*
  - 1) легкий, отрывистый удар (*пальцем, хлыстом*); щелчок
  - 2) звук удара
  2. резкое движение, рывок, толчок
  3. *pl разг.* кино, фильм  
took his girl to the flicks - пригласил свою девушку в кино
  4. *воен.* кратковременное освещение цели прожектором
2. [flɪk] *v*
  1. слегка ударить; щёлкнуть; хлестнуть, стегнуть; замахнуться (*кнутом и т. п.*)  
to flick a horse - стегнуть лошадь  
to flick a switch - щёлкнуть выключателем
  2. смахнуть, стряхнуть  
to flick ashes from a cigar - стряхнуть пепел с сигары  
to flick away crumbs [dust] - смахнуть крошки [пыль]  
the horse flicked the flies away with its tail - лошадь отмахивалась от мух хвостом
  3. порхать, носиться  
a sparrow flicked across the road - воробей (пере)порхнул через дорогу  
to flick out of sight - исчезнуть с глаз /из виду/
  4. *воен.* «захватывать» лучом прожектора

II

[flɪk] *v вор. жарг.*  
резать

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**flick** [flɪk flicks flicked flicking] *verb, noun* BrE [flɪk] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [flɪk] <sup>m</sup>

*verb*

1. **transitive ~ sth + adv./prep.** to hit sth with a sudden quick movement, especially using your finger and thumb together, or your hand
  - She flicked the dust off her collar.
  - The horse was flicking flies away with its tail.
  - James flicked a peanut at her.
  - Please don't flick ash on the carpet!
  - The striker flicked the ball into the back of the net.
2. **intransitive, transitive** to move or make sth move with sudden quick movements
  - **+ adv./prep.** The snake's tongue flicked out.
  - Her eyes flicked from face to face.
  - **~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** He lifted his head, flicking his hair off his face.
  - The horse moved off, flicking its tail.
3. **transitive** to smile or look at sb suddenly and quickly **~ a smile/look, etc. at sb**
  - She flicked a nervous glance at him.
  - **~ sb a smile/look, etc.** She flicked him a nervous glance.
4. **transitive** to press a button or switch quickly in order to turn a machine, etc. on or off

**Syn:** ↑flip

- **~ sth** He flicked a switch and all the lights went out.
- **~ sth on/off** She flicked the TV on.
- 5. **transitive** to move sth up and down with a sudden movement so that the end of it hits sth
  - **~ A (with B)** He flicked me with a wet towel.
  - **~ B (at A)** He flicked a wet towel at me.
  - to flick a whip

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flick
	BrE /flɪk/
	NAmE /flɪk/
he / she / it	flicks
	BrE /flɪks/
	NAmE /flɪks/
past simple, past participle	flicked
	BrE /flɪkt/
	NAmE /flɪkt/
-ing form	flicking
	BrE /flɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /flɪkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: symbolic, fl- frequently beginning words denoting sudden movement

Example Bank:

- He casually flicked away some dust from his jacket.
- His eyes flicked quickly over the screen.

- His tongue flicked nervously across dry lips.
- She flicked idly through a magazine.
- She flicked the ash off her cigarette.
- She snatched up her briefcase and flicked it open.

Derived ↑flick through something

## noun

1. **countable, usually singular** a small sudden, quick movement or hit, for example with a ↑whip or part of the body
  - Bell's flick into the penalty area helped to create the goal.
  - All this information is available **at the flick of a switch** (= by simply turning on a machine) .
  - He threw the ball back with a quick **flick of the wrist** .
2. **singular a ~ through sth** a quick look through the pages of a book, magazine, etc.
 

**Syn:** ↑flip

  - I had a flick through the catalogue while I was waiting.
3. **countable** (old-fashioned, informal) a film/movie
4. **the flicks plural** (old-fashioned, BrE, informal) a cinema

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- The fish gave a quick flick of its tail.
- With a flick of his wrist he removed the ash from the end of his cigarette.

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### I. flick<sup>1</sup> /flɪk/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: From the sound of a light blow]

1. **[transitive usually + adverb/preposition]** to make something move away by hitting or pushing it suddenly or quickly, especially with your thumb and finger:

ˈ Papa flicked the ash from his cigar.

2. **[intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition]** to move with a sudden quick movement, or to make something move in this way

**flick from/up/down**

ˈ The cow's tail flicked from side to side.

**flick something up/down etc**

ˈ Jackie flicked her long hair back.

3. **[transitive]** to move a switch so that a machine or piece of electrical equipment starts or stops **SYN flip**:

ˈ I felt inside the doorway and flicked the light switch.

**flick something on/off**

ˈ Sandra flicked the TV on.

4. **flick a glance/look at somebody/something** *British English* to look very quickly at someone or something:

ˈ Leith flicked a glance at her watch.

5. **[transitive]** if you flick something such as a ↑towel or rope, you move it so that the end moves quickly away from you:

ˈ The old man flicked his whip and the horses moved off.

**flick through something** *phrasal verb*

to look at a book, magazine, set of photographs etc quickly:

ˈ Will flicked through Carla's photo album.

### II. flick<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

[Sense 1-2, 5: Date: 1400-1500; Origin: ⇒ ↑flick<sup>1</sup>]

[Sense 3-4: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: ⇒ ↑flicker<sup>1</sup>; because of the appearance of early movies.]

1. **[countable]** a short quick sudden movement or hit with a part of your body, whip etc:

ˈ With a flick of the wrist, Frye sent the ball into the opposite court.

2. **the flick of a switch** used to emphasize how easy it is to start a machine and use it:

ˈ I can shut off all the power in the building at the flick of a switch.

3. **[countable usually singular]** *especially American English* a film:

ˈ an action flick

4. **the flicks** *British English old-fashioned* the cinema

5. **have a flick through something** *British English* to look at a book, magazine, set of pictures etc very quickly:

ˈ I had a quick flick through your report.

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## THESAURUS

- **film** *especially British English, movie especially American English* a series of images that tell a story and are shown in a cinema or on television: What's your favourite movie? | It won the award for best foreign film. | a made-for-TV movie
- **motion picture** *formal (also picture)* a film – used especially by people who make films or by critics: a major Hollywood motion picture | Tell us about your latest picture.
- **blockbuster** *informal* a very successful film: Steven Spielberg's latest Hollywood blockbuster
- **flick** *informal* a film – a very informal use: an action flick
- **documentary** a film that gives detailed information and facts about a particular subject: a documentary on the rain forest

- **feature film** a film made to be shown in cinemas: The book was later made into a full-length feature film starring Sean Penn.
- **comedy** a film intended to make people laugh: Monroe appeared in a number of comedies.
- **romantic comedy** (also **romcom** *British English informal*) a film about two people who are in love, which is intended to make the people who watch it feel happy: 'Notting Hill' is a romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant.
- **thriller** an exciting film, especially about murder or serious crimes: 'The Birds' is a classic Hitchcock thriller.
- **film noir** a film that shows strong feelings of fear or evil and whose characters are often immoral, or these films in general: 'The Big Sleep' is a classic Hollywood film noir.
- **action film/movie** a film that has lots of fighting, explosions etc: Stallone's latest action movie
- **horror film/movie** a frightening film about ghosts, murders etc: She loves watching old horror movies.
- **western** a film with cowboys in it: John Wayne is famous for making westerns.
- **science fiction film/movie** (also **sci-fi film/movie** *informal*) a film about imaginary events in the future or in outer space: '2001' is probably the most famous sci-fi movie ever made.
- **gangster film/movie** a film about violent criminals
- **silent film/movie** an old film without any sound: The 1920s were the golden age of silent movies.
- **an independent film/movie** a film made by a small film company
- **animated film/movie/cartoon** a film with characters that are drawn or made using a computer: One of his first animated films was 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.
- **anime** /'æniːmeɪ, -mə/ a type of Japanese animated film, which often has a science fiction story: Miyazaki's anime film 'Spirited Away' became an international success. | an anime character
- **CGI** the use of computers to create characters and images in a film: The film uses CGI. | Disney's latest CGI movie
- **short** a short film, usually shown before a longer movie in the cinema: an animated short
- **trailer** a series of short scenes from a film or programme, shown in order to advertise it in a cinema, on television etc: We had to sit through all the trailers.

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flicked 1301

flicking 618

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321 **37755**<sup>372</sup> *vv0*

174 **56334**<sup>178</sup> *vvi*