

I

1. [ʃaɪ] *n*
скачок (*испугавшейся лошади и т. п.*)
2. [ʃaɪ] *a*
 1. застенчивый, стеснительный, стыдливый; робкий, тихий
shy girl [smile] - застенчивая /робкая/ девушка [улыбка]
he is very shy with strangers - он очень стесняется посторонних
 2. пугливый, осторожный (*о птицах, животных*); норовистый (*о лошадях*)
flamingoes are very shy - фламинго очень пугливы
today the fish are shy - сегодня рыба не клюёт
 3. (*обыкн.* of) не склонный, не могущий решиться или осмелиться (*сделать что-л.*); нерешительный
he is shy of taking the responsibility - он не хочет брать на себя ответственность
he is shy of interfering - он не решается вмешиваться
they are not shy of such a hypothesis - они не боятся такого предположения
why are you so shy in owning it? - почему вы не решаетесь /боитесь/ признать это?
 4. (of) боязливый, недоверчивый
to be shy of death - бояться смерти
to be shy of people - сторониться людей
 5. *редк.* уединённый, тихий; укромный
shy recesses - укромные уголки
shy house - уединённый дом
 6. недостаточный, недостающий
my blunt is getting shy - мои денежки тают
they are shy of funds - у них маловато ресурсов
he was shy of the required two-thirds majority - он не набрал необходимого большинства в две трети голосов
he looks about ten years shy of his 62 - ему 62 года, но он выглядит на десять лет моложе
 7. *арх.* скудный, скромный
shy dinner [supper] - скудный /скромный/ обед [ужин]
her geography is rather shy - у неё хромает география
 8. *арх.* сомнительный, подозрительный
shy place - подозрительное место
shy character - а) сомнительная репутация; б) тёмная личность
shy saloons - притоны
 9. (-shy) как компонент сложных слов боящийся, чурающийся
work-shy - уваливающий от работы
◇ to look shy on /at/ people - смотреть на людей с подозрением /с недоверием/
to fight shy of - избегать (*кого-л.*); уклоняться (*от чего-л.*); шарахаться (*от чего-л.*)
to fight shy of smth. - уклоняться от чего-л.
we fight shy of criticising him - мы избегаем /боимся/ критиковать его
3. [ʃaɪ] *v*
 1. 1) отступить, останавливаться (*перед чем-л.*); не решаться, колебаться
he won't shy at treachery - он не остановится перед предательством
he will never shy to do it - он сделает это не задумываясь /без колебаний/
 - 2) пугаться
to shy at the sight of blood - испугаться при виде крови
she shies at the very thought of it - она дрожит при одной мысли об этом
the horse shied at an automobile - лошадь испугалась /шарахнулась от/ автомобиля
 - 3) сторониться, избегать; уклоняться, уваливать (*мж. shy away, shy off*)
he has shied us lately - он сторонился /избегал/ нас последнее время
he shies the subject - он избегает /уклоняется от/ этой темы
he shies his work - он уваливает от работы
to shy away from the thought - отбрасывать от себя мысль
her eyes shy away from mine - она старается не встречаться со мной взглядом
to shy off from all allusions to the fact - избегать всякого упоминания об этом факте
she was shying off from us - она нас избегала
 2. вспугивать, отпугивать (*мж. shy on*)

II

1. [ʃaɪ] *n*
 1. 1) *разг.* бросок; швырок
to have a shy - бросать
 - 2) *спорт.* бросок
 2. *разг.*
 - 1) резкий выпад
to have/to take, to get/ a shy at smb. - делать выпады против кого-л., прохаживаться на чей-л. счёт
 - 2) мишень (*для насмешек и т. п.*)
 3. *разг.* попытка
to have a shy at doing smth. - попытаться /попробовать/ сделать что-л.
2. [ʃaɪ] *v*

1. 1) бросаться, швыряться
to shy at a cow [at a cock] with a stone - швырнуть в корову [в петуха] камнем

2) бросать

to shy a ball to the other end of the field - бросить мяч в другой конец поля

2. *спорт.* бросать в цель

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shy

shy [shy shies shied shying shyer shyest] adjective, verb BrE [ˈʃaɪ] ^ˈ NAmE

[ˈʃaɪ] ^ˈ

adjective (shyer, shy-est)

1. (of people) nervous or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

Syn: †timid

- a quiet, shy man
- Don't be shy— come and say hello.
- She was too shy to ask anyone for help.
- As a teenager I was **painfully shy**.
- She's very shy with adults.

2. showing that sb is nervous or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

- a shy smile

3. (of animals) easily frightened and not willing to come near people

- The panda is a shy creature.

4. **not before noun** ~ **of/about (doing) sth** afraid of doing sth or being involved in sth

- The band has never been shy of publicity.
- He disliked her and had never been shy of saying so.

5. **not before noun** ~ **(of sth)** (informal, especially NAmE) lacking the amount that is needed

- He died before Christmas, only a month shy of his 90th birthday.
- We are still two players shy (of a full team).

6. **-shy** (in compounds) avoiding or not liking the thing mentioned

- camera-shy (= not liking to be photographed)
- He's always been work-shy.

see fight shy of sth **at** †fight _{v.}, once bitten, twice shy **at** †once _{adv.}

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

shy adj.

- Don't be shy— come and say hello.

coy • **embarrassed** • **awkward** • **self-conscious** • **introverted** • **reserved** • **inhibited** • **insecure** • |especially written **timid** • **diffident** •

Opp: confident

shy/coy/embarrassed/awkward/self-conscious/inhibited/insecure/timid/diffident **about** sth
a/an shy/reserved/insecure/timid (**young**) **man/woman/child**
a/an shy/coy/embarrassed/self-conscious/diffident **smile**

Example Bank:

- He is a naturally shy, retiring man.
- I was a bit shy of them at first.
- Please don't be shy— I won't eat you!
- She was terribly shy around strangers.
- She went all shy and hid behind her mother.
- You don't have to be shy with me, you know.
- Don't be shy— come and say hello.
- He gave a shy little smile.
- She felt suddenly shy as the large crowd fell silent.
- She was a shy, retiring girl.

Derived Words †shyly ▪ †shyness

Derived †shy away

verb (shies, shy-ing, shied, shied BrE [ˈʃaɪd] ^ˈ ; NAmE [ˈʃaɪd] ^ˈ) **intransitive** ~ **(at sth)** (especially of a horse)

to turn away with a sudden movement because it is afraid or surprised

- My horse shied at the unfamiliar noise.

see also †coconut shy

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shy
	BrE / ʃaɪ/
	NAme / ʃaɪ/
he / she / it	shies
	BrE / ʃaɪz/
	NAme / ʃaɪz/
past simple, past participle	shied
	BrE / ʃaɪd/
	NAme / ʃaɪd/
-ing form	shying
	BrE / ʃaɪɪŋ/
	NAme / ʃaɪɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Her horse shied violently at a gorse bush.

shy

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I. **shy**¹ /ʃaɪ/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ adjective (comparative **shyer**, superlative **shyest**)

[Word Family: verb: **↑shy**; noun: **↑shyness**; adverb: **↑shyly**; adjective: **↑shy**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *sceoh*]

1. nervous and embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people, especially people you do not know:

• He was a quiet shy man.

shy with

• She was very shy with strangers.

• a shy smile

• As a teenager, I was painfully shy (=extremely shy).

shy to do something

• He was too shy to come and sit by me in class.

go all shy *British English* (=to suddenly become very shy)

• Oh, have you gone all shy, Jenny?

2. **somebody is not shy about (doing) something** used to emphasize that someone is very willing to do something or get involved with something:

• John has strong opinions and he's not shy about sharing them.

3. unwilling to do something or get involved in something

be shy about/of (doing) something

• Employees are urged not to be shy about reporting incidents of sexual harassment.

4. **be shy (of something)** *especially American English* to have less than a particular amount of something:

• The Democrats are three votes shy of a majority.

• Jessica died Monday. She was one week shy of her 13th birthday.

5. used to say that someone does not like something and therefore tries to avoid it:

• Although publicity-shy, he recently agreed to be interviewed. ⇒ **↑camera-shy**, **↑work-shy**

6. shy animals get frightened easily and are unwilling to come near people **SYN timid**:

• Deer are shy creatures.

—shyly adverb:

• He grinned shyly.

—shyness noun [uncountable]:

• I overcame my shyness.

⇒ **fight shy of (doing) something** at **↑fight**¹(22), ⇒ **once bitten, twice shy** at **↑bite**¹(14)

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THESAURUS

- **bashful** shy and not willing to say very much
- **self-conscious** worried and embarrassed about what you look like or what other people think of you
- **timid** not brave or confident
- **reserved** not liking to express your emotions or talk about your problems
- **introverted** thinking a lot about your own interests, problems etc, and not liking to be with other people
- **withdrawn** quiet and not wanting to talk to other people, especially because you are unhappy
- **antisocial** not liking to meet people and talk to them
- **retiring** *formal* not wanting to be with other people

II. **shy**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **shied**, present participle **shying**, third person singular **shies**)
[intransitive]

[Word Family: verb: **↑shy**; noun: **↑shyness**; adverb: **↑shyly**; adjective: **↑shy**]

if a horse shies, it makes a sudden movement away from something because it is frightened:

• The horse shied, throwing Darrel from his saddle.

shy away from something phrasal verb

to avoid doing or dealing with something because you are not confident enough or you are worried or nervous about it:
" They criticized the leadership, but shied away from a direct challenge.

III. shy³ BrE^{*} AmE^{*}

⇒ ↑coconut shy

shy

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