

## sniff

### 1. [snɪf] *n*

- сопение; шмыганье носом
- фыркание, хмыкание  
to say smth. with a sniff - сказать что-л., презрительно фыркнув при этом
- вдох, втягивание носом  
to take a sniff at a rose - понюхать розу  
to get a sniff of fresh air - глотнуть чистого воздуха
- понюшка (*особ. наркотика*)

### 2. [snɪf] *v*

- сопеть; шмыгать носом
- фыркать хмыкать  
to sniff disdain [incredulity] - фыркать/хмыкать/ с презрением [недоверчиво]  
to sniff in contempt [in disapproval] - презрительно [неодобрительно] фыркать/хмыкать/
- 1) нюхать, понюхать  
to sniff at a flower - (по)нюхать цветок
- 2) обнюхивать, принюхиваться  
the dog sniffed at my boots - собака обнюхала мои сапоги
4. вдыхать (носом, через нос)  
to sniff the sea air [the scent of a flower] - вдыхать морской воздух [аромат цветка]
- 1) обонять, чують  
to sniff smth. burning - слышать /чувствовать/ запах горелого
- 2) чують, чувствовать, подозревать  
to sniff danger - чують опасность  
to sniff treason - подозревать /почують/ измену
- 3) разнюхивать, вынюхивать; находить (*обыкн. sniff out*)  
to sniff out abuses of power - выявлять случаи превышения власти
- (at) *разг.* пренебрегать (*чем-л.*)  
the offer [the opportunity] is not to be sniffed at - этим предложением [этой возможностью] нельзя пренебрегать  
we should not sniff at the agreement they proposed - мы не должны с ходу отвергать предложенное ими соглашение
- втягивать через нос, нюхать (*наркотики, лекарство и т. п.*; *обыкн. sniff up*)  
to sniff up through the nostrils - втягивать в ноздри
- сл.* употреблять спиртное, прикладываться к бутылке

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**sniff** [snɪf snɪfs snɪfted snɪfɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* [snɪf] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [snɪf] <sup>m</sup>

### verb

- intransitive** to breathe air in through your nose in a way that makes a sound, especially when you are crying, have a cold, etc
  - We all had colds and couldn't stop sniffing and sneezing.
  - She sniffed a little and dabbed at her eyes.
- transitive, intransitive** to breathe air in through the nose in order to discover or enjoy the smell of sth

**Syn:** ↑smell

- ~ **sth** sniffing the fresh morning air
- to sniff glue
- ~ (**at sth**) The dog sniffed at my shoes.

**see also** ↑glue-sniffing

- transitive, intransitive + speech** | ~ (**sth**) to say sth in a complaining or disapproving way
  - 'It's hardly what I'd call elegant,' she sniffed.

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	sniff
	<i>BrE</i> /snɪf/
	<i>NAmE</i> /snɪf/
he / she / it	sniffs
	<i>BrE</i> /snɪfs/
	<i>NAmE</i> /snɪfs/
past simple, past participle	sniffed
	<i>BrE</i> /snɪft/
	<i>NAmE</i> /snɪft/
-ing form	sniffing
	<i>BrE</i> /snɪfɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /snɪfɪŋ/

### Word Origin:

Middle English: imitative.

### Example Bank:

- He sniffed appreciatively. 'Smells delicious. What is it?'
- She wiped her eyes and sniffed loudly.
- The dog sniffed at his shoes.
- The woman sniffed back her tears.

• He sniffed loudly and continued to weep.

• She sniffed and wiped her nose with a tissue.

**Idioms:** ↑have a sniff around ▪ ↑not to be sniffed at

**Derived** ↑sniff at something ▪ ↑sniff round ▪ ↑sniff round somebody ▪ ↑sniff somebody out

## noun

### 1. countable an act or the sound of sniffing

- She took a deep sniff of the perfume.
- My mother gave a sniff of disapproval
- His sobs soon turned to sniffs.

### 2. singular ~ of sth an idea of what sth is like or that sth is going to happen

- The sniff of power went to his head.
- They make threats but back down at the first sniff of trouble.

### 3. singular ~ of sth a small chance of sth

- She didn't get even a sniff at a medal.

**Word Origin:**

Middle English: imitative.

**Example Bank:**

- 'I'm sorry,' he said between sniffs.
- She gave a loud sniff of disapproval
- The dog had a good sniff at the bushes around the garden.
- to get a sniff of fresh air
- She held the bottle to her nose and took a good sniff.

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### I. sniff<sup>1</sup> /snɪf/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: From the sound]

#### 1. [intransitive] to breathe air into your nose noisily, for example when you are crying or have a cold:

- Margaret sniffed miserably and nodded.
- Stop sniffing and blow your nose.

#### 2. [intransitive and transitive] to breathe air in through your nose in order to smell something:

- He opened the milk and sniffed it.

**sniff at**

- The dog was sniffing at the carpet.

#### 3. [transitive] to say something in a way that shows you think something is not good enough:

- 'Is that all?' she sniffed.

#### 4. [transitive] to take a harmful drug by breathing it up your nose ⇒ **snort**

- kids who sniff glue

**sniff at something** phrasal verb

#### 1. something is not to be sniffed at especially British English spoken used to say that something is good enough to be accepted or considered seriously:

- An 8% salary increase is not to be sniffed at.

#### 2. to refuse something in a proud way, or behave as if something is not good enough for you:

- He sniffed at my choice of restaurants and suggested his own favorite.

**sniff something** ↔ out phrasal verb

#### 1. to discover or find something by its smell:

- A customs officer came round with a dog to sniff out drugs.

#### 2. informal to find out or discover something:

- Vic's been trying to sniff out where you went last night.

### II. sniff<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

#### 1. when you breathe in air noisily through your nose, for example in order to smell something, because you have a cold, or in order to show your disapproval:

- a sniff of disapproval
- She gave a loud sniff.

#### 2. British English informal a small amount or sign of something **SYN hint**

**sniff of**

- He got us into this mess, and then left at the first sniff of trouble!

#### 3. have a sniff around/round British English informal to examine a place carefully

#### 4. not get a sniff of something British English informal to not have any chance of getting something or being successful:

- He never even got a sniff of the target.

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RANGE: **3k** **SNIFF** 4811

sniff 1253

sniffs 568

sniffed 1579

sniffing 1232

sniffer 95

sniffers 84

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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