

**spit**

I

- [spɪt] *n*
  - вертел, шампур
  - заострённый стержень; зонд
  - шутл.* меч, шпага
  - длинная отмель, стрелка; (намывная) коса
- [spɪt] *v*
  - насаживать на вертел, на шампур
  - 1) прокалывать, протыкать, пронзать
  - 2) щупать зондом тюки с мягким грузом (*при таможенном досмотре*)

II

- [spɪt] *n*
  - 1) слюна; мокрота
  - 2) плевков
  - 3) плевание
  4. мелкий дождик *или* снегопад, изморось
  4. (of) точная копия  
to be the very /dead/ spit - быть очень похожим, быть точной копией  
the spit and image of smb. - живой портрет, точная копия кого-л.  
he is the very spit (and image) of his father - он вылитый отец
  5. *энт.*
    - 1) = spittle
    - 2) = spittlebug
      - ◇ a spit and a drag, a spit and a draw - *сл.* курение украдкой
- [spɪt] *v* (*spat*)
  - 1) 1) плевать; брызгать слюной  
to spit blood - харкать кровью  
to spit out - выплёвывать  
to spit in smb.'s face /in smb.'s teeth/ - плюнуть кому-л. в лицо
  - 2) плеваться; брызгаться слюной; делать брызги  
my pen spits - моё перо делает кляксы
  - 3) наплеватьски относиться (*к кому-л., чему-л.*); презирать (*кого-л., что-л.*)  
to spit at /on, upon/ smb., smth. - плевать на кого-л., что-л., проявлять пренебрежение к кому-л., чему-л.  
I spit at his advice - мне плевать на его совет
  2. 1) моросить, накрапывать, капать, брызгать, сеять (*о дожде*)
  - 2) сыпаться, сеяться (*о снеге*)
  3. *разг.* высказывать, выпаливать (*тж.* spit out)  
to spit out a reproach - бросить упрёк  
to spit (out) an oath - чертыхнуться
  4. фыркать, шипеть (*о животных*)
  5. трещать, шипеть, сыпать искрами (*о поленьях и т. п.*)  
grease spitting on the fire - жир, шипящий на огне
  6. *горн.* зажигать огнепроводный шнур  
◇ to spit poison /venom/ - исходить ядом  
to spit fire - быть в бешенстве; приходиться в ярость  
to spit cotton /sixpences, white broth/ - *сл.* перхоть из-за того, что пересохло в горле  
to spit in smb.'s eye - высказывать презрение к кому-л.  
we cannot spit in the eye of society - мы не можем пренебрегать мнением общества /бросать вызов обществу/  
to spit one's guts - *груб.* выбалтывать секреты; признаваться во всём, выворачивать душу наизнанку

II

[spɪt] *n*

- штык (*слой земли на глубину заступа*)
- количество земли в полную лопату, полная лопата

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**spit** [spɪt spɪts spɪtted spɪttɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* [spɪt] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [spɪt] <sup>2</sup>  
*verb* (spit-ting, spat, spat *BrE* [spæɪt] <sup>1</sup> ; *NAmE* [spæɪt] <sup>2</sup>) **spit** is also sometimes used for the past tense and past participle, especially in *NAmE*)

**FROM MOUTH**

- transitive** to force liquid, food, etc. out of your mouth
  - ~ **sth (out)** She took a mouthful of food and then suddenly spat it out.
  - ~ **sth (from sth)** He was spitting blood from a badly cut lip.
- intransitive** to force <sup>↑</sup>saliva (= the liquid that is produced in the mouth) out of your mouth, often as a sign of anger or lack of respect
  - He coughed and spat.
  - ~ **at/on/in sb/sth** The prisoners were spat on by their guards.
  - She spat in his face and went out.

- A gang of youths swore and spat at officials outside the stadium.

## SAY STH ANGRILY

3. **transitive** to say sth in an angry or aggressive way
  - + **speech** 'You liar!' she spat.
  - ~ **sth (at sb)** He was dragged out of the court, spitting abuse at the judge and jury.

## OF AN ANIMAL

4. **intransitive** to make a short angry sound
  - Snakes spit and hiss when they are cornered.
  - The cat arched its back and spat at the dog.

## OF STH COOKING/BURNING

5. **intransitive** to make a noise and throw out fat, ↑sparks, etc
  - sausages spitting in the frying pan
  - The logs on the fire crackled and spat.

## RAIN

6. **intransitive (informal)** (only used in the progressive tenses) when it is spitting, it is raining lightly

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spit
	BrE /spɪt/
	NAmE /spɪt/
he / she / it	spits
	BrE /spɪts/
	NAmE /spɪts/
past simple, past participle	spat
	BrE /spæt/
	NAmE /spæt/ (especially in NAmE) spit
	BrE /spɪt/
	NAmE /spɪt/
-ing form	spitting
	BrE /spɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /spɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. and n. senses 1 to 2 Old English spittan

n. senses 3 to 4 Old English spitu West Germanic Dutch spit German Spiess

Idioms: ↑spit and polish ▪ ↑spit it out ▪ ↑spit venom ▪ ↑within spitting distance

Derived ↑spit up

## noun

### IN/FROM MOUTH

1. **uncountable** the liquid that is produced in your mouth
  - Syn:** ↑saliva
2. **countable, usually singular** the act of **spitting** liquid or food out of your mouth

### PIECE OF LAND

3. **countable** a long thin piece of land that sticks out into the sea/ocean, a lake, etc
  - a shingle spit
  - a remote spit of land on the coast



### FOR COOKING MEAT

4. **countable** a long thin straight piece of metal that you put through meat to hold and turn it while you cook it over a fire
  - chickens roasting on a spit

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See also: ↑within shouting distance

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I. **spit**<sup>1</sup> /spɪt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **spat** /spæt/ or **spit** *American English*, present participle **spitting**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: spittan]

1. **LIQUID FROM YOUR MOUTH** [*intransitive*] to force a small amount of ↑*saliva* (=the liquid in your mouth) out of your mouth:

▪ Nick rolled down his window and spat.

**spit at/on/into**

▪ A group of fans spat on the players as they left the field.

2. **FOOD/DRINK ETC** [*transitive*] to force something out of your mouth:

▪ Billy stood up slowly, rubbed his jaw, and spat blood.

**spit something out**

▪ Diana tasted her martini and quickly spat it out.

3. **RAIN be spitting** *British English* to be raining very lightly **SYN drizzle** :

▪ You don't need an umbrella – it's only spitting.

4. **SAY SOMETHING** (also **spit out**) [*transitive*] to say something quickly in a very angry way:

▪ 'Shut up!', spat Maria furiously.

5. **spit it out** *spoken* used to ask someone to tell you something that they seem too frightened or embarrassed to say:

▪ Come on, Jean. Spit it out!

6. **SMALL PIECES** [*intransitive and transitive*] to send out small bits of something, for example fire or hot oil, into the air:

▪ A log fire was crackling and spitting in the hearth.

7. **CAT** [*intransitive*] if a cat spits, it makes short angry sounds

8. **be within spitting distance (of something)** *spoken* to be very close to someone or something

9. **spit the dummy** *informal* to react to something in a very angry way – used when suggesting that the person is behaving like a child and not reacting like an adult should

**spit up** *phrasal verb American English*

if someone, especially a baby, spits up, they bring a small amount of food or drink up from their stomach out through their mouth

**spit something ↔ up**

▪ I was a difficult child, always crying and spitting up my food.

▪ On one occasion, our daughter spat up all over him.

II. **spit**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Sense 1,4-5: Date: 1200-1300; Origin: ⇒ ↑*spit*<sup>1</sup>]

[Sense 2,3: Language: Old English; Origin: spitu]

1. [*uncountable*] *informal* the watery liquid that is produced in your mouth **SYN saliva**

2. [*countable*] a long thin stick that you put through meat so that you can turn it when cooking it over a fire

3. [*countable*] a long narrow piece of land that sticks out into the sea, into a river etc

4. **be the (dead) spit of somebody** *British English spoken* to look exactly like someone else:

▪ Sam is the dead spit of his dad.

5. **spit and polish** *informal* when something is thoroughly cleaned and polished:

▪ It was Christmas, so Ellen gave the dining room a little extra spit and polish.

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774 **23534**<sup>837</sup> *vvi*

154 **58394**<sup>166</sup> *vvd*

105 **72845**<sup>108</sup> *vvn*

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