

**shrink**

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1. [ˈrɪŋk] *n*  
усадка (ткани)

2. [ˈrɪŋk] *v* (*shrank, shrunk; shrunk, shrunken*)

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1. 1) садиться, давать усадку

to shrink after laundering - садиться после стирки

flannel [wool] shrinks in the wash - фланель[шерсть] садится при стирке

a shirt shrank out of shape - (после стирки) сорочка потеряла форму

metals that shrink when cooling - металлы, которые сжимаются при остывании

meat shrinks in cooking - мясо уваривается

2) вызывать усадку

to shrink cloth - декатировать ткань

this soap won't shrink woollen goods - от этого мыла шерстяные вещи не садятся

2. 1) сжиматься, съеживаться

to shrink with cold - съежиться от холода

to shrink in horror - сжаться от ужаса

to shrink into oneself - сжаться (в комок) [см. тж. ◊ ]

to shrink into oneself with horror - съежиться /сжаться/ от ужаса

my income has shrunk - мои доходы уменьшились

to shrink up to nothing - уменьшиться до предела

2) уменьшать, сокращать, сжимать

3. 1) пересыхать, усыхать

streams shrink from drought - во время засухи ручьи пересыхают

2) вызывать пересыхание или усыхание

shrunk to the size of an orange - высушенный до размера апельсина

summer shrinks streams - от летнего зноя ручьи пересыхают

4. удаляться, исчезать

to shrink from the room - (незаметно) исчезнуть из комнаты

to shrink out of sight - исчезнуть из виду

he shrank toward the doorway - он попятился к двери

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1. to shrink (away) from smth. /from doing smth./ избегать чего-л.; уклоняться от какого-л. дела

to shrink from meeting smb. - уклоняться от встречи с кем-л.; бояться встречи с кем-л.

to shrink away from responsibility - уклоняться от ответственности

to shrink away from danger - стараться избежать опасности

not to shrink away from passing judgement - не бояться высказаться /высказать своё мнение/

he never shrinks from even the most unpleasant task - он никогда не отказывается даже от самого неприятного дела

to shrink from making new acquaintances - стесняться заводить новые знакомства; бояться новых знакомств

his mind shrank from painful memories - он отгонял от себя грустные воспоминания

2. to shrink back from smth. /from doing smth./ = to shrink (away) from smth. /from doing smth./

to shrink back from the edge [from the fire] - отпрянуть от края [от огня]

to shrink back before obstacles - отступить перед препятствиями

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to shrink into oneself - уходить в себя, в свою скорлупу; замкнуться в себе [см. тж. 2, 1)]

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[ˈrɪŋk] *n* сл. (сокр. от headshrinker)

психиатр

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**shrink** [shrink shrinks shrank shrinking shrunk] *verb, noun* BrE [ˈrɪŋk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> NAmE

[ˈrɪŋk] <sup>ⓘ</sup>

*verb* (shrank BrE [ˈfræŋk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ; NAmE [ˈfræŋk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> shrank BrE [ˈrʌŋk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ; NAmE [ˈrʌŋk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ) or (shrunk, shrunk)

1. **intransitive, transitive** ~ (sth) to become smaller, especially when washed in water that is too hot; to make clothes, cloth, etc. smaller in this way

• My sweater shrank in the wash.

2. **intransitive, transitive** to become or to make sth smaller in size or amount

• The tumour had shrunk to the size of a pea.

• The market for their products is shrinking.

• ~ **sth** There was a movie called 'Honey, I Shrank the Kids'.

• Television in a sense has shrunk the world.

**see also** †shrunken

3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move back or away from sth because you are frightened or shocked

**Syn:** †cower

• He shrank back against the wall as he heard them approaching.

## Verb forms:

verb form	
present simple	shrink
I / you / we / they	shrink
	BrE / ˈʃrɪŋk/
	NAmE / ˈʃrɪŋk/
he / she / it	shrinks
	BrE / ˈʃrɪŋks/
	NAmE / ˈʃrɪŋks/
past simple	shrank
	BrE / ˈʃræŋk/
	NAmE / ˈʃræŋk/
past simple	shrank
	BrE / ˈʃrɒŋk/
	NAmE / ˈʃrɒŋk/
past participle	shrunk
	BrE / ˈʃrʌŋk/
	NAmE / ˈʃrʌŋk/
-ing form	shrinking
	BrE / ˈʃrɪŋkɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈʃrɪŋkɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

Old English *scrincan*, of Germanic origin; related to Swedish *skrynka* 'to wrinkle'.

## Thesaurus:

**shrink** *verb*, **T**

• The market for their products is shrinking.

**contract** • • **narrow** • • **shorten** •

**Opp:** **grow**

shrink/contract/narrow/shorten (sth) **to** a particular size

shrink/contract/narrow/shorten (sth) **by** a particular amount

**a market/the economy** shrinks/contracts

**Shrink or contract?** A market or economy **shrinks** or **contracts**. Glass, metal and muscles **contract** and words can be **contracted**. Most other things, including clothes and fabric, **shrink**.

## Example Bank:

- He shrank back against the wall.
- Households have been shrinking in size but increasing in number.
- I shrank back into the shadows.
- She shrank back in terror.
- She shrank from his touch.
- Their profits shrank by 4% last year.
- Their share of the market has shrunk from 14% to 5%.
- We are competing in a market that is shrinking fast.
- In some ways, the Internet has shrunk the world.
- The town had shrunk to the size of a village.

**Idiom:** ↑ **shrinking violet**

**Derived** ↑ **shrink from something**

**noun** (slang, humorous)

a ↑ **psychiatrist** or ↑ **psychologist**

- She sees her shrink once a week.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **shrink**<sup>1</sup> /ˈʃrɪŋk/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **verb** (past tense **shrank** /ˈʃræŋk/, past participle **shrunk** /ˈʃrʌŋk/)

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

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to become smaller, or to make something smaller, through the effects of heat or water:

I'm worried about washing that shirt in case it shrinks. ⇨ ↑ **pre-shrunk**, ↑ **shrunk**

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to become or to make something smaller in amount, size, or value **OPP grow**:

The city continued to shrink.

**shrink to**

The firm's staff had shrunk to only four people.

Treatment can shrink a tumour.

We want to expand the business, not shrink it.

3. **[intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** to move back and away from something, especially because you are frightened:

She listened, shrinking under the blankets, to their shouts.

Meredith was scared of him and shrank back.

His anger was enough to make the others shrink away from him.

**shrink from something** *phrasal verb*

to avoid doing something difficult or unpleasant:

The leadership too often shrinks from hard decisions.

shrink from doing something

" We will not shrink from making the necessary changes in policy.

II. **shrink**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable] *informal*

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: head-shrinker 'psychiatrist' (1900-2000)]

a ↑**psychoanalyst** or ↑**psychiatrist** – used humorously

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## THESAURUS

■ a doctor who treats mental illness

- **psychiatrist** /saɪ'kaɪətrəst, saɪ'kaɪətrɪst \$ sə-/ a doctor who is trained to treat people with mental illnesses: In order to become a psychiatrist, you first need a medical degree.
- **psychologist** /saɪ'kɒlədʒəst, saɪ'kɒlədʒɪst \$ -'kɑː-/ a scientist who studies and is trained in ↑**psychology** (=the study of the mind): Many psychologists believe that aggression is a learned behaviour.
- **shrink** *informal* a humorous word for a ↑**psychiatrist**
- **therapist** a trained person whose job is to help people with their emotional problems, especially by talking to them and asking them to talk about their feelings

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RANGE: **4k** **SHRINK**<sup>9400</sup>

shrink<sup>2941</sup>

shrank<sup>1003</sup>

shrunken<sup>1171</sup>

shrinks<sup>452</sup>

shrinks<sup>786</sup>

shrinking<sup>2715</sup>

shrinkable<sup>0</sup>

shrinkage<sup>332</sup>

shrinkages<sup>0</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1386 **16097**<sup>1528</sup> *vvi*

607 **23357**<sup>849</sup> *nn1*

525 **30048**<sup>554</sup> *vv0*

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