

snake *n*

1. **зоол.** змея (*Serpentes gen.*)
 constricting snakes - удавы (*Boinae*)
 chicken snake - лазающий полоз (*Elaphe*)
 grass snake - обыкновенный уж (*Natrix natrix*)
2. 1) подлец, гадина, змея
 2) **редк.** тварь, ничтожество
3. **фин.** «валютная змея» (*совместные колебания курса валют нескольких стран в установленных рамках*)
 ◇ a snake in the grass - змея подколодная, тайный враг, скрытая опасность
 a snake in smb.'s bosom - змея, пригретая на груди, неблагодарный человек
 to raise /to wake/ snakes - поднять скандал, затеять шумную ссору
 to see snake - напиться до чёртиков /до зелёного змия/
 great snakes! - вот те на!, вот так так!, не может быть!
 mad as a cut snake - **австрал.** вне себя от ярости

snake *v*

1. 1) ползти, извиваться, пробираться ползком
- 2) вытягивать (*шею*)
2. змеиться, виться, извиваться (*о дороге и т. п.*)
3. пробираться осторожно
 to snake one's way through a crowd - пробираться сквозь толпу
4. **амер. разг.** тащить, волочить
5. **амер. сл.** улизнуть, смыться
6. **амер. сл.** вовлечь в беду
 to get snaked - попасть в неприятность, оказаться в трудном положении

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• **1. snake** [**snake snakes snaked snaking**] **noun, verb** *BrE* [sneɪk] ⁴ *NAmE*

[sneɪk] ⁴

noun

- a ↑**reptile** with a very long thin body and no legs. There are many types of **snake**, some of which are poisonous
- a snake coiled up in the grass
 - Venomous snakes spit and hiss when they are cornered.

Word Origin:

Old English *snaca*, of Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- A small green snake slithered across the wet road.
- He had a live snake draped over his shoulders.
- He keeps a pet snake that he lavishes with affection.
- I came to realize that he's just a snake in the grass.
- She was bitten by a snake while walking through long grass.
- The men sit like coiled snakes that are ready to strike.
- The snake lifted up its head before striking its prey.
- The snake wound its way through the undergrowth.
- one of the world's deadliest snakes

verb intransitive, transitive

to move like a snake, in long twisting curves; to go in a particular direction in long twisting curves

Syn: ↑**meander**

- **+ adv./prep.** The road snaked away into the distance.
- **~ its way + adv./prep.** The procession snaked its way through narrow streets.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	snake
	BrE /sneɪk/
	NAmE /sneɪk/
he / she /it	snakes
	BrE /sneɪks/
	NAmE /sneɪks/
past simple, past participle	snaked
	BrE /sneɪkt/
	NAmE /sneɪkt/
-ing form	snaking
	BrE /sneɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /sneɪkɪŋ/

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- **II. a snake (in the 'grass) idiom**
(disapproving) a person who pretends to be your friend but who cannot be trusted
Main entry: ↑snake_{idiom}

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I. **snake**¹ /sneɪk/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]
[Language: Old English; Origin: snaca]



1. an animal with a long thin body and no legs, that often has a poisonous bite:
 - A snake slithered across our path.
 - a **poisonous/venomous snake**
2. (also **snake in the grass**) *informal* someone who cannot be trusted
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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- a **poisonous/venomous snake** He warned me there were poisonous snakes in the region.
- a **deadly snake** It is the most deadly snake in India.

■ **verbs**

- a **snake bites somebody** I might get bitten by a snake.
- a **snake hisses** (=makes a noise which sounds like 'ssss') The snake hissed at him and opened its mouth.
- a **snake slithers somewhere** (=moves there) Just feet from me, a green snake slithered silently across the path.
- a **snake coils itself around something** The snake coiled itself around the branch.

II. **snake**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition]
 if a river, road, train, or line snakes somewhere, it moves in long twisting curves **SYN** wind
 snake along/past/down etc
 ▪ The road snaked along the valley far below.
 ▪ The train was snaking its way through the mountains.

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