

crook

I

1. [krʊk] *n*

1. крюк, крючок; клюка
2. 1) (пастушья) палка с крюком
- 2) *церк.* посох
3. поворот, изгиб (*реки, дороги и т. п.*)
crook in the back - горб на спине
crook in the nose - горбинка на носу
to carry a book in the crook of one's arm - нести книгу под мышкой

4. *разг.* проходимец; плут, обманщик

- ◇ a crook in the lot - удар судьбы; тяжёлое испытание
- he has a crook in his character - он с хитрецей
- on the crook - нечестно; обманным путём
- by hook or by crook - ≅ всеми правдами и неправдами

2. [krʊk] *a*

1. = crooked
2. несправедливый; нечестный
crook business - тёмное дело, афера

3. [krʊk] *v*

1. 1) изгибать, искривлять
- 2) изгибаться, искривляться
2. 1) скрючивать, сгибать
- 2) скрючиваться, сгибаться
3. горбиться
4. ловить крючком
5. *амер. сл.*
- 1) украсть, спереть
he crooked my socks - он стащил мои носки
- 2) подделывать
to crook the books - вносить ложные записи в бухгалтерские книги; фальсифицировать отчётность
- ◇ to crook the elbow /the little finger/ - напиться, наклюкаться

II

[krʊk] *a австрал., новозел. разг.*

1. больной
crook knee - больное колено
to feel crook - чувствовать себя плохо
2. злой, сердитый
to go crook on smb. - бранить кого-л., отчитывать кого-л.; выговаривать кому-л.
3. плохой, скверный, никудышный (*о чём-л.*)
crook weather - мерзкая погода
the food was crook - питание было отвратительное

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

crook [crook crooks crooked crooking] *noun, verb, adjective* BrE [krʊk] ¹

NAME [krʊk] ¹

noun

1. (informal) a dishonest person
Syn: ↑criminal
• That salesman is a real crook.
2. ~ of your arm/elbow the place where your arm bends at the elbow
• He was carrying a gun in the crook of his arm.
3. a long stick with a hook at one end, used especially in the past by ↑shepherds for catching sheep
see by hook or by crook **at** ↑hook *n.*

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'hooked tool or weapon'): from Old Norse *krókr* 'hook'. A noun sense 'deceit, guile, trickery' (compare with ↑crooked) was recorded in Middle English but was obsolete by the 17th cent. The Australian senses are abbreviations of ↑crooked.

Example Bank:

- The film portrays a world of small-time crooks, petty crime and drinking clubs.

verb ~ sth

to bend your finger or arm

- She winked and crooked a finger at him.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	crook
	BrE /kroʊk/
	NAme /kroʊk/
he / she / it	crooks
	BrE /kroʊks/
	NAme /kroʊks/
past simple, past participle	crooked
	BrE /kroʊkt/
	NAme /kroʊkt/
-ing form	crooking
	BrE /kroʊkɪŋ/
	NAme /kroʊkɪŋ/

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adjective not usually before noun (AustralE, NZE, informal)

ill/sick

- I'm feeling a bit crook.

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I. **crook**¹ /kroʊk/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: krokr 'hook']

1. **informal** a dishonest person or a criminal:
 - The crooks got away across the park.
2. a long stick with a curved end, used by people who look after sheep
3. **the crook of your arm** the part of your arm where it bends

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THESAURUS

- **criminal** someone who is involved in illegal activities or has been proved guilty of a crime. **Criminal** is used especially about someone who often does things that are illegal: Criminals are stealing people's credit card details off the Internet. | He is one of the most wanted criminals in the United States.
- **offender** someone who breaks the law: The courts should impose tougher punishments on offenders. | a special prison for young offenders
- **crook informal** a dishonest person, especially one who steals money and who you cannot trust: Some politicians are crooks, but not all of them. | They're just a bunch of crooks.
- **felon law especially American English** someone who has committed a serious crime: Convicted felons should not be allowed to profit from their crimes.
- **the culprit** the person who has done something wrong or illegal: The culprits were never found. | If I ever catch the culprit, he or she is in big trouble. | The culprits were just six years old.
- **delinquent** a young person who behaves badly and is likely to commit crimes - used especially in the phrase **juvenile delinquent**: He later worked with juvenile delinquents in a Florida youth services program.
- **accomplice** someone who helps a criminal to do something illegal: Police believe the murderer must have had an accomplice.

II. **crook**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

if you crook your finger or your arm, you bend it

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