

## lick

1. [lɪk] *n*

## 1. облизывание, лизание

to have a lick at smth. - лизнуть что-л.

2. чуточка, капелька (*чего-л.*)3. *разг.* сильный удар (*тж. перен.*)

a lick of a stick - удар палкой

4. *разг.* шаг, аллюр

to go at full /at a great/ lick - нестись во весь опор; мчаться опрометью, со всех ног

5. *разг.* усилие; порыв, вспышка (*деятельности и т. п.*)

to put in one's best /big/ licks - прилагать все усилия /старания/

## 6. лизунец

◇ a lick and a promise - а) поплевал, мазнул и готово (*об очень плохой чистке обуви и т. п.*); б) работа, сделанная кое-как; что-л. недоделанное и оставленное на завтра

2. [lɪk] *v*1. лизать, оближивать, вылизывать (*тж. lick off, lick up*)

to lick one's wounds - а) заливать раны (*о животном*); б) оправляться после перенесённого испытания, горя *и т. п.*

to lick smb.'s boots - ≅ лизать пятки кому-л.; подхалимничать

the boy licked the jam off his lips - мальчик слизнул варенье с губ

he licked the spoon clean - он дочиста оближал ложку

the cat licked up the milk - кошка вылизала всё молоко

the fire licked up everything - пожар всё поглотил /≅ как языком слизнул/

## 2. 1) слегка касаться; лизать

flames [waves] licked the walls [rocks] - языки пламени [волны] лизали стены [скалы]

2) (at, out of) доставать, дотягиваться (*как языком*)

the flames licked at our feet - языки пламени подбирались к нашим ногам

flames were licking out of windows - из окон вырывались языки пламени

3. *разг.*

## 1) бить, колотить

to lick a bad habit out of smb. - выбить из кого-л. дурную привычку

he deserves to be well licked - он заслуживает хорошей порки /чтобы его как следует отколотили/

2) побить, превзойти, взять верх (*над кем-л.*)

to lick everything, to lick (all) creation - превзойти всё

to lick into fits - разбить наголову, нанести полное поражение

that licks me - это выше моего понимания

he has licked ail problems - он справился со всеми проблемами, он преодолел все трудности

4. *разг.* нестись, спешить

to go as hard as one can lick - мчаться во весь опор

◇ that licks all! - это нечто небывалое/невообразимое!; ≅ дальше ехать некуда!

to lick the dust - а) быть поверженным в прах; упасть замертво; б) пресмыкаться, унижаться

to lick into shape - а) придавать форму /вид/; отделявать (*произведение и т. п.*); б) обучить приличному поведению;

привить (элементарную) культуру (*кому-л.*)

to lick one's lips /shops/ - а) облизываться, смаковать, предвкушать (*что-л. приятное*); б) злорадствовать

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lick [lɪk lɪks lɪcked lɪcking] verb, noun BrE [lɪk] <sup>ɹ</sup> NAmE [lɪk] <sup>ɹ</sup>

## verb

## 1. transitive to move your tongue over the surface of sth in order to eat it, make it wet or clean it

• ~ sth He licked his fingers.

• I'm tired of licking envelopes.

• The cat sat licking its paws.

• ~ sth + adj. She licked the spoon clean.

## 2. transitive ~ sth + adv./prep. to eat or drink sth by licking it

• The cat licked up the milk.

• She licked the honey off the spoon.

## 3. transitive, intransitive (of flames) to touch sth lightly

• ~ sth Flames were soon licking the curtains.

• ~ at sth The flames were now licking at their feet.

## 4. transitive ~ sb/sth (informal) to easily defeat sb or deal with sth

• We thought we **had them licked** .

• It was a tricky problem but I think we've licked it.

**more at** lick/smack your lips **at** ↑lip, get/knock/lick sth/sb into shape **at** ↑shape *n.*

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	lick
	BrE /lɪk/
	NAme /lɪk/
he / she / it	licks
	BrE /lɪks/
	NAme /lɪks/
past simple, past participle	licked
	BrE /lɪkt/
	NAme /lɪkt/
-ing form	licking
	BrE /lɪkɪŋ/
	NAme /lɪkɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Old English liccian, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **likken** and German **lecken**, from an Indo-European root shared by Greek **leikhein** and Latin **lingere**.

**Idioms:** †at a lick ▪ †lick and a promise ▪ †lick somebody's boots ▪ †lick your wounds

**noun**

- 1. countable** an act of **licking** sth with the tongue
  - Can I have a lick of your ice cream?
- 2. singular a ~ of paint (informal)** a small amount of paint, used to make a place look better
  - What this room needs is a lick of paint.
- 3. countable (informal)** a short piece of music which is part of a song and is played on a †guitar
  - a guitar/blues lick

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**See also:** †lick somebody's arse

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**I. lick<sup>1</sup> S3 /lɪk/ BrE " AmE " verb**

[Language: Old English; Origin: liccian]

- 1. TONGUE [transitive]** to move your tongue across the surface of something in order to eat it, wet it, clean it etc:

" The dog jumped up and licked her face.

**lick something ↔ up**

" A cat licked up the drops spilt on the floor.

**lick something off something**

" He licked the drops off his upper lip.

- 2. SPORT [transitive] informal** to defeat an opponent:

" I bet we could lick the best teams in Georgia.

- 3. FLAMES/WAVES [intransitive and transitive] literary** if flames or waves lick something, they touch it again and again with quick movements

**lick at/against**

" Soon the flames were licking at the curtains.

- 4. have (got) something licked informal** to have succeeded in dealing with a difficult problem:

" Just when you think you've got it licked, it comes back.

- 5. lick your lips (also lick your chops American English)** to feel eager and excited because you are expecting to get something good:

" Scottish rugby fans are licking their lips in anticipation.

- 6. lick your wounds** to quietly think about the defeat or disappointment you have just suffered

- 7. lick sb's boots** to obey someone completely because you are afraid of them or want to please them

⇒ **knock/lick somebody/something into shape** at †shape<sup>1</sup>(3)

**II. lick<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " noun**

- 1. [countable usually singular]** when you move your tongue across the surface of something:

" Can I have a lick of your ice cream?

- 2. a lick of paint/colour etc** a small amount of paint etc put onto the surface of something to improve its appearance:

" It'll be okay after a lick of paint.

- 3. not a lick of something American English old-fashioned** not even a small amount of something:

" Ann won't do a lick of work around the house.

- 4. [countable] informal** part of a song played on a †guitar:

" a bluesy guitar lick

- 5. at a great/fair lick British English informal** very fast

- 6. give something a lick and a promise**

a) *British English* to wash or clean something quickly and carelessly

b) *American English* to do a job quickly and carelessly

7. [countable] *informal* an act of hitting someone

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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