

**blink** *n*

1. 1) мигание; моргание  
several blinks will get a cinder out of the eye - моргнув несколько раз, удалишь соринку из глаза
- 2) мерцание; небольшая вспышка света  
blink signal - *сигнал*. проблесковый сигнал
2. миг, мгновение  
like a blink - *разг.* моментально  
he must have died like a blink - он, должно быть, сразу умер
3. *шотл.* быстрый взгляд
4. ледяной отблеск  
◇ on the blink - в плохом состоянии, не в порядке  
to be on the blink - потерпеть аварию (*об оборудовании*); выйти из строя

**blink** *v*

1. 1) мигать, моргать  
don't blink your eyes - не моргай  
to blink away a tear - смахнуть ресницами слезу  
to blink away /back/ (one's) tears - пытаться сдержать слёзы
- 2) щуриться
- 3) ослеплять  
the sun is blinking my eyes - солнце слепит мне глаза
2. мерцать  
the lights of a steamer blinked out at sea - огни парохода мерцали в море
3. смотреть, посматривать  
she blinked at him - она взглянула на него из-под полуопущенных ресниц
4. скисать (*о молоке, пиве*)
5. 1) избегать, игнорировать  
to blink the facts - игнорировать факты  
to blink the question - уклоняться от ответа (на вопрос)
- 2) (at) закрывать глаза (*на что-л.*)  
to blink at smth. - закрывать глаза на что-л.

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**blink** [blink blinks blinked blinking] *verb, noun* *BrE* [bɪŋk] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [bɪŋk] <sup>m</sup>

*verb*

1. *intransitive, transitive* ~ (sth) when you blink or blink your eyes or your eyes blink, you shut and open your eyes quickly
  - He blinked in the bright sunlight.
  - Lucy blinked at him in astonishment.
  - I'll be back **before you can blink** (= very quickly) .
  - When I told him the news he **didn't even blink** (= showed no surprise at all) .

*compare* ↑*wink*

2. *intransitive* to shine with an unsteady light; to flash on and off
  - Suddenly a warning light blinked.

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	blink
	BrE /bɪŋk/
	NAmE /bɪŋk/
he / she / it	blinks
	BrE /bɪŋks/
	NAmE /bɪŋks/
past simple, past participle	blinked
	BrE /bɪŋkt/
	NAmE /bɪŋkt/
-ing form	blinking
	BrE /bɪŋkɪŋ/
	NAmE /bɪŋkɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He blinked in surprise.
- She blinked at him, astonished.
- She had to blink back her tears before she continued her story.

Idioms: ↑in the blink of an eye ▪ ↑on the blink

Derived ↑blink something away

the act of shutting and opening your eyes very quickly

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Middle Dutch; Origin: blinken 'to shine']

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to shut and open your eyes quickly:  
I blinked as I came out into the sunlight.
2. **[intransitive]** if lights blink, they shine unsteadily or go on and off quickly:  
The light on your answering machine is blinking.
3. **not (even) blink** to not seem at all surprised:  
When I told her how much it would cost, she didn't even blink.
4. **before you could blink** *spoken* extremely quickly
5. **blink back/away tears** to shut and open your eyes in order to get rid of tears:  
Lynn laughed, blinking back unexpected tears.

II. **blink**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun*

1. **on the blink** *spoken* not working properly:  
My computer's on the blink again.
2. **in the blink of an eye** very quickly
3. **[countable]** the action of quickly shutting and opening your eyes

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