

**leak**

1. [li:k] *n*
- течь  
leak in a boiler [in a boat, in a roof] - течь в котле [в лодке, в крыше]  
to start /to spring/ a leak - дать течь  
to stop a leak - остановить течь
  - утечка
  - слец.* размер утечки; путь утечки; сопротивление утечки
  - 1) утечка информации  
2) просочившаяся информация  
3) источник утечки информации  
◇ to take a leak - *прост.* пописать, отлить

2. [li:k] *v*
- давать течь, протекать, пропускать жидкость  
the boiler [the cistern] is leaking - котёл [цистерна] течёт  
the ship is leaking badly - судно дало сильную течь
  - вытекать, просачиваться, проникать (*о жидкости, газе и т. п.*)  
the rain is leaking in through a crack in the roof - дождь проникает/льёт, хлещет/ через щель в крыше  
gas leaking from a pipe - утечка газа из трубы
  - 1) просачиваться (*об информации*)  
2) неофициально давать, сведения прессе  
he leaked the story to the press - он был источником сведений, якобы просочившихся в прессу

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**leak** [leak leaks leaked leaking] *verb, noun* *BrE* [li:k] *AmE* [li:k]

- verb**
- intransitive, transitive** to allow liquid or gas to get in or out through a small hole or crack
    - a leaking pipe
    - The roof was leaking.
    - ~ **sth** The tank had leaked a small amount of water.
  - intransitive** (*of a liquid or gas*) to get in or out through a small hole or crack in sth
    - Water had started to leak into the cellar.
  - transitive** ~ **sth (to sb)** to give secret information to the public, for example by telling a newspaper

**Syn:** ↑disclose

- The contents of the report were leaked to the press.
- a leaked document

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	leak
	BrE /li:k/
	NAmE /li:k/
he / she /it	leaks
	BrE /li:ks/
	NAmE /li:ks/
past simple, past participle	leaked
	BrE /li:kt/
	NAmE /li:kt/
-ing form	leaking
	BrE /li:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /li:kɪŋ/

Word Origin:  
late Middle English: probably of Low German or Dutch origin and related to ↑lack.

Thesaurus:  
**leak** *verb*, T

- A pipe was leaking in the bathroom.

**seep** • **drip** • **ooze** • **escape** • **formal discharge** • **technical leach** • **secrete** •  
leak/seep/drip/ooze/escape/leach **from** sth  
leak/seep/escape/discharge/leach **into** sth  
**water** leaks/seeps/drips/escapes  
**gas** leaks/seeps/escapes

Example Bank:

- Confidential information that has been leaked from the BBC.
- Gas was leaking from one of the pipes.
- The document had been widely leaked.
- The house was old and the roof leaked badly.
- The report was leaked to the press.
- Water was leaking into the cellar.

- to prevent radiation from leaking out
- A pipe was leaking in her hotel room.
- A small stream of water leaked from the rock.
- He came to help me repair the leaking roof.
- He obtained a leaked document containing the views of some officials.

Derived ↑leak out

## noun

1. a small hole or crack that lets liquid or gas flow in or out of sth by accident
    - a leak in the roof
    - a leak in the gas pipe
  2. liquid or gas that escapes through a hole in sth
    - a gas leak
    - oil leaks/leaks of oil
  3. a deliberate act of giving secret information to the newspapers, etc
    - a leak to the press about the government plans on tax
    - There will be an inquiry into the alleged security leaks.
  4. (slang) an act of passing ↑urine from the body
    - to **have/take a leak**
- see spring a leak at ↑spring v.

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## Collocations:

### Decorating and home improvement

#### Houses

**refurbish/renovate** / (BrE) **do up** a building/a house  
**convert** a building/house/room into homes/offices/(especially NAmE) apartments/(BrE) flats  
**extend/enlarge** a house/building/room/kitchen  
**build** (BrE) an extension (to the back/rear of a house)/(NAmE) an addition (on/to sth)/(BrE) a conservatory  
**knock down/demolish** a house/home/building/wall  
**knock out/through** the wall separating two rooms

#### Decoration

**furnish/paint** / (especially BrE) **decorate** a home/house/apartment/flat/room  
**be decorated** in bright colours/(especially US) colors/in a traditional style/with flowers/with paintings  
**paint/plaster** the walls/ceiling  
**hang/put up/strip off/remove** the wallpaper  
**install/replace/remove** the bathroom fixtures/(BrE) fittings  
**build/put up** shelves  
**lay** wooden flooring/timber decking/floor tiles/a carpet/a patio  
**put up/hang/take down** a picture/painting/poster/curtain

#### DIY/home improvement

**do** (BrE) DIY/carpentry/the plumbing/the wiring  
**make** home improvements  
**add/install** central heating/underfloor heating/insulation  
**fit/install** double-glazing/a smoke alarm  
**insulate** your house/your home/the walls/the pipes/the tanks/(especially BrE) the loft  
**fix/repair** a roof/a leak/a pipe/the plumbing/a leaking (especially BrE) tap/(NAmE usually) faucet  
**block/clog (up)/unblock/unclog** a pipe/sink  
**make/drill/fill** a hole  
**hammer (in)/pull out/remove** a nail  
**tighten/untighten/loosen/remove** a screw  
**saw/cut/treat/stain/varnish/paint** wood

## Example Bank:

- Fortunately, we spotted the leak in time.
- I managed to plug the leak.
- If you have no idea where the gas leak is coming from, it is always best to turn the complete system off.
- Pollution inspectors were called to a leak from a chemical factory.
- The boat had a small leak.
- The dismantling of a nuclear reprocessing plant caused a leak of radioactivity yesterday.
- The leak could only have come from one source.
- The organization's press secretary is thought to be the source of the leak.
- The pipe has sprung a leak.
- The plumber fixed the leak.
- a leak from the prime minister's office
- a leak of confidential material
- a leak of dangerous chemicals

- a leak to the American authorities
- a security leak about a number of suspicious deaths among civil servants
- an alleged leak of a CIA employee's name to the media
- serious leaks of US intelligence
- steps that can be taken to prevent gas leaks in the future
- taking steps to prevent gas leaks in the future
- There has been a leak to the press about the government plans on tax.
- There will be an enquiry into the alleged security leaks.

## leak

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### I. leak<sup>1</sup> /li:k BrE " AmE " verb

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old Norse; Origin: leka]

1. [intransitive and transitive] if a container, pipe, roof etc leaks, or if it leaks gas, liquid etc, there is a small hole or crack in it that lets gas or liquid flow through:

- " The roof is leaking.
- " A tanker is leaking oil off the coast of Scotland.

2. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a gas or liquid leaks somewhere, it gets through a hole in something **SYN seep**  
**leak into/from/out**

- " Sea water was leaking into the batteries which powered the electric motors.

3. [transitive] to deliberately give secret information to a newspaper, television company etc:

- " The report's findings had been leaked.

**leak something to somebody**

- " civil servants who leak information to the press

**leak out** phrasal verb

if secret information leaks out, a lot of people find out about it:

- " No sooner had the news leaked out than my telephone started ringing.

### II. leak<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. a small hole that lets liquid or gas flow into or out of something:

- " There is a leak in the ceiling.
- " The boat had sprung a leak (=a hole had appeared in it).

2. a gas/oil/water etc leak an escape of gas or liquid through a hole in something:

- " A gas leak caused the explosion.

3. a situation in which secret information is deliberately given to a newspaper, television company etc:

- " It became evident from the leaks that something important was going on.

4. **take/have a leak** informal to get rid of waste liquid from your body **SYN urinate**

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### THESAURUS

- **hole** an empty space in the surface of something, which sometimes goes all the way through it: A fox had dug a hole under our fence. | Rain was coming in through a hole in the roof.
- **space** an empty area between two things, into which you can put something: Are there any empty spaces on the bookshelf? | a parking space
- **gap** an empty area between two things or two parts of something, especially one that should not be there: He has a gap between his two front teeth. | I squeezed through a gap in the hedge.
- **opening** a hole that something can pass through or that you can see through, especially at the entrance of something: The train disappeared into the dark opening of the tunnel. | I looked through the narrow opening in the wall.
- **leak** a small hole where something has been damaged or broken that lets liquid or gas flow in or out: a leak in the pipe | The plumber's coming to repair the leak.
- **puncture** especially British English a small hole in a tyre through which air escapes: My bike's got a puncture.
- **crack** a very narrow space between two things or two parts of something: The snake slid into a crack in the rock. | She was peering through the crack in the curtains.
- **slot** a straight narrow hole that you put a particular type of object into: You have to put a coin in the slot before you dial the number. | A small disk fits into a slot in the camera.
- **crater** a round hole in the ground made by an explosion or by a large object hitting it hard: a volcanic crater | The meteor left a crater over five miles wide. | the craters on the moon

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