

cough

1. [kɒf] *n*

1. 1) кашель
to have a bad cough - сильно кашлять
- 2) покашливание
he gave me a warning cough - он предостерег меня покашливанием
2. чиханье (мотора)

2. [kɒf] *v*

1. 1) кашлять
- 2) покашливать (подавая сигнал)
2. чихать (о моторе)
3. *сл.* сознаться в совершении преступления; ≅ «расколоться»

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cough [cough coughs coughed coughing] *verb, noun* *BrE* [kɒf] ¹ *NAmE* [kɒːf]

verb

1. **intransitive** to force out air suddenly and noisily through your throat, for example when you have a cold
 - I couldn't stop coughing.
 - to **cough nervously/politely/discreetly**
2. **transitive ~ sth (up)** to force sth out of your throat or lungs by **coughing**
 - Sometimes she coughed (up) blood.
3. **intransitive (of an engine)** to make a sudden unpleasant noise
 - The old engine coughed and spluttered into life.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	cough
	<i>BrE</i> /kɒf/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɔːf/
he / she /it	coughs
	<i>BrE</i> /kɒfs/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɔːfs/
past simple, past participle	coughed
	<i>BrE</i> /kɒft/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɔːft/
-ing form	coughing
	<i>BrE</i> /kɒfɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɔːfɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: of imitative origin; related to Dutch **kuchen** 'to cough' and German **keuchen** 'to pant'.

Example Bank:

- He had a coughing fit and couldn't speak for a few moments.
- He vomited and began coughing up blood.
- The brandy made her cough and splutter.
- The old engine coughed into life.
- He coughed the dust out of his lungs.
- He inhaled the smoke and started coughing and spluttering.
- I couldn't stop coughing.
- She coughed nervously and looked at me.
- Sometimes she coughed up blood.

Derived ↑cough something up ▪ ↑cough up

noun

1. an act or a sound of coughing
 - She gave a little cough to attract my attention.
2. an illness or infection that makes you cough often
 - to have a **dry/persistent/hacking cough**
 - My cold's better, but I can't seem to shake off this cough.

see also ↑whooping cough

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- He had a smoker's cough and nicotine-yellowed fingers.
- She struggled to stifle a cough.
- The butler gave a little cough to announce his presence.

cough**I. cough**¹ /kɒf \$ kɒʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive][Date: 1300-1400; Origin: From an unrecorded Old English *cohhian*]

1. to suddenly push air out of your throat with a short sound, often repeatedly:

" Matthew coughed and cleared his throat.

" I think I'm getting a cold or flu – I've been coughing and sneezing all day.

2. to make a sudden sound like someone coughing:

" The engine coughed and spluttered, then stopped altogether.

cough up *phrasal verb*1. *informal* to give someone money, information etc when you do not really want to:

" Come on, cough up.

cough something ↔ up

" Insurance companies had to cough up £10 million in storm damage claims.

2. **cough something ↔ up** to push something out of your throat or lungs into your mouth:

" You must go to the doctor if you're coughing up blood.

II. cough² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. a medical condition that makes you cough a lot:

" He's got a bad cough.

" Symptoms include a sore throat and a nasty cough.

" cough medicine

2. [countable] the action or sound made when you cough:

" Stuart gave an embarrassed cough.

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COLLOCATIONS**■ verbs**▪ **have (got) a cough** I've had a cough for weeks now.▪ **get/catch a cough** A lot of people get coughs at this time of year.**■ adjectives**▪ **a bad cough** Jason's at home with a bad cough.▪ **a nasty/violent cough** (=a very bad cough)▪ **a smoker's cough** (=one caused by smoking)▪ **a dry cough** (=one that does not produce any liquid)▪ **a loose cough** (=one that produces liquid)▪ **a chesty cough** *British English* (=one that affects your chest)▪ **a hacking cough** (=a bad cough with an unpleasant sound)▪ **a slight cough** (=one that is not very serious) He has a slight cough but I don't think he's really ill.▪ **a tickly cough** (=one that keeps irritating your throat)▪ **a persistent cough** (=one that is difficult to cure)**■ cough + NOUN**▪ **cough medicine/cough mixture/cough syrup** (=liquid containing medicine for a cough) You should take some cough medicine.▪ **a cough drop** (also **a cough sweet** *British English*) (=a sweet you suck to make a cough less irritating) He was sucking on a cough sweet.**cough**

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