

dab

I

1. [dæb] n**1. 1) лёгкий удар, тычок**

to give smb. a dab - ударить /стукнуть/ кого-л.

to make /to have/ a dab at smb. - наскокивать /нападать/ на кого-л.

2) клевок

a dab of /with/ a beak - удар клювом, клевок

2. лёгкое прикосновение, касание

with a dab - слегка коснувшись

to give one's face a dab with a wet sponge - промокнуть лицо влажной губкой

to give oneself a dab of powder - слегка поудрить лицо

3. мазок

light dab - лёгкий мазок

a dab of paint - мазок краски

there was just a dab of butter on the bread - хлеб был чуть-чуть намазан /смазан/ маслом

4. мягкий, сырой или грязный комок (чего-л.)**5. капелька; немного, чуть-чуть**

just a dab of money - ничтожная сумма, жалкие гроши

6. преим. pl разг. отпечаток пальца

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2. [dæb] v**1. 1) ударять, тыкать; стучать**

to dab smb. in the neck - ткнуть кого-л. в шею

to dab (at) smb. with one's finger - ткнуть кого-л. пальцем (в бок и т. п.)

2) клевать (о птицах)

the wood-pecker dabbed at the tree-trunk - дятел легонько долбил ствол дерева

3) (at) целиться

to dab a stick at smb. - замахнуться на кого-л. тростью

2. слегка прикасаться; прикладывать (что-л. мягкое или мокрое)

to dab one's eyes [forehead] with a handkerchief - прикладывать к глазам [ко лбу] платок

to dab a brush against paper, to dab paper with a brush - коснуться бумаги кистью

3. намазывать; покрывать (краской, штукатуркой); наносить лёгкие мазки (кистью и т. п.)

to dab paint on canvas - наносить краски на холст

to dab canvas with paint - покрывать холст лёгкими мазками

to dab butter on /onto, over/ the bread - намазать чуть-чуть масла на хлеб

to dab (at) one's lips with a lipstick - слегка подкрасить губы

4. разг. снимать отпечатки пальцев**5. отделять поверхность (камня)****6. тех. отмечать кернером**

II

[dæb] n разг.

знаток, дока, мастак

a dab in history - знаток по части истории

he is a dab at (playing) tennis - он здорово играет в теннис

◇ to be a dab hand at smth. - собаку /зубы/ съест на чём-л.

II

[dæb] n зоол.камбала-лиманда (*Limanda limanda*)**dab****dab** [dab dabs dabbed dabbing] verb, noun BrE [dæb] " NAmE [dæb] "

verb (-bb-)

1. to touch sth lightly, usually several times• ~ **sth** She dabbed her eyes and blew her nose.• ~ **at sth** He dabbed at the cut with his handkerchief.**2. ~ sth + adv./prep. to put sth on a surface with quick light movements**

• She dabbed a little perfume behind her ears.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dab
	BrE /dæb/
	NAme /dæb/
he / she / it	dabs
	BrE /dæbz/
	NAme /dæbz/
past simple, past participle	dabbed
	BrE /dæbd/
	NAme /dæbd/
-ing form	dabbing
	BrE /dæbɪŋ/
	NAme /dæbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

- n. senses 1 to 2 and v. Middle English †dabble
n. sense 3 late Middle English

noun

- a small amount of a liquid, cream or powder that is put on a surface in a quick gentle movement
 - She put a dab of perfume behind her ears.
- an act of gently touching or pressing sth without rubbing
 - He gave the cut a quick dab with a towel.
- a small flat fish
- (WelshE) a person or thing
 - He's in hospital again. **Poor dab** .

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I. **dab**¹ /dæb/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: From the sound of hitting something]

- a small amount of something that you put onto a surface

dab of

" a dab of butter

- a light touch with your hand, a cloth etc:

" She wiped her tears away with a dab of her handkerchief.

- be a dab hand at/with something** *British English informal* to be very good at a particular activity

- a small flat fish

- dabs** [plural] *British English old-fashioned* your †fingerprints

II. **dab**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **dabbed**, present participle **dabbing**)

- [intransitive and transitive] to touch something lightly several times, usually with something such as a cloth:

" She dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief.

dab at

" He dabbed at his bleeding lip.

- [transitive] to put a substance onto something with quick light movements of your hand

dab something on/onto etc something

" She dabbed some cream on her face.

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