

# spade

I

1. [speɪd] *n*
    1. 1) лопата, лопатка; заступ
    - 2) скребок
    - 3) совок
  2. нож (для разделки китовых туш)
  3. **воен.** сошник
    - ◇ to call a spade a spade - называть вещи своими именами
2. [speɪd] *v*
    1. копать лопатой
      - to spade a garden - вскапывать /перекапывать/ сад
    2. разделять (китовую тушу)

II

- [speɪd] *n*
- 1) **pl карт.** пики, пиковая масть  
queen of spades - пиковая дама
  - 2) пика, карта пиковой масти, пиковка  
to play a spade - ходить с пики
    - ◇ in spades - а) в пиках, в пиковой масти; б) сильно, в высшей степени; you've got trouble - in spades! - у вас куча неприятностей- и ещё каких!; в) решительно, без колебаний; I was going to tell him off - in spades - я собирался отбрыть /отшitty/ его не стесняясь в выражениях

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**spade** [spade spades spaded spading] *BrE* [speɪd] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [speɪd] <sup>m</sup> **noun**



1. **countable** a garden tool with a broad metal blade and a long handle, used for digging
    - Turn the soil over with a spade.
    - (BrE) The children took their **buckets and spades** to the beach.

**compare** ↑shovel
  2. **spades plural, uncountable** one of the four sets of cards (called ↑suits) in a ↑pack of cards. The cards have a black design shaped like pointed leaves with short ↑stems
    - the five/queen/ace of spades
  3. **countable** a card from the set of **spades**
    - You must play a spade if you have one.
  4. **countable (taboo, slang)** an offensive word for a black person
- more at** call a spade a spade **at** ↑call *v.*
- Idiom:** ↑in spades

## Word Origin:

**sense 1** Old English spadu spada Germanic Dutch **spade** German **Spaten** Greek **spathē** 'blade, paddle'  
**senses 2 to 3** and  
 late 16th cent. Italian **spade spada** 'sword' Latin Greek **spathē**

## Example Bank:

- I believe in calling a spade a spade.
- There was a garden spade in the shed.
- children playing in the sand with their buckets and spades

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**spade** /speɪd/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Sense 1,3: **Language:** Old English; **Origin:** spadu]

[Sense 2, 4-5: **Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Italian; **Origin:** spada or Spanish espada 'broad sword' (used as a mark on cards), from Latin spatha; ⇒ ↑spatula]



1. a tool for digging that has a long handle and a broad metal blade that you push into the ground ⇒ **shovel**
2. (also **spades** [plural]) a ↑**playing card** belonging to the set of cards that have one or more black shapes that look like pointed leaves printed on them:  
" the queen of spades
3. **call a spade a spade** to speak about things in a direct and honest way, even though it may be impolite to do this
4. **in spades** to a great degree, or in large amounts:  
" Beauty, intelligence, wealth – my mother had all of them in spades.
5. [countable] **taboo old-fashioned** a very offensiveword for a black person. Do not use this word.

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