

mince

1. [mins] *n*
фарш; мелко порубленное мясо, грибы *и т. п.*
2. [mins] *v*
 1. 1) крошить, рубить, резать на мелкие куски
 - 2) пропускать через мясорубку
 2. смягчать, преуменьшать
 3. говорить, держаться жеманно
 4. семенить, ходить маленькими шажками

he minced up to me - он подошёл ко мне семенящей походкой
 ◇ not to mince matters /one's words/ - говорить прямо, без обиняков
 he didn't mince matters with me - он со мной не церемонился, выложил всё начистоту

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mince [mince minces minced mincing] *verb, noun* *BrE* [mins] ^m *NAmE* [mins]

verb

1. (NAmE also **grind**) **transitive** ~ **sth** to cut food, especially meat, into very small pieces using a special machine (called a **↑mincer**)
 - minced beef
2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (*disapproving*) to walk with quick short steps, in a way that is not natural
 - He minced over to serve us.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	mince
	BrE /mins/
	NAmE /mɪns/
he / she /it	minces
	BrE /mɪnsɪz/
	NAmE /mɪnsɪz/
past simple, past participle	minced
	BrE /mɪnst/
	NAmE /mɪnst/
-ing form	mincing
	BrE /mɪnsɪŋ/
	NAmE /mɪnsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **mincier**, based on Latin **minutia** 'smallness'.

Idiom: **↑not mince words**

noun (BrE) **uncountable**

meat, especially beef, that has been finely chopped in a special machine
 • a pound of mince
see also **↑hamburger** (2)

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See also: **↑grind**

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I. **mince**¹ /mɪns/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: mincier, from Latin minutia 'smallness'; ⇔ **↑minutiae**]

1. **[transitive]** (*also mince something ↔ up*) to cut food, especially meat, into very small pieces, usually using a machine:
 - minced lamb
 - Mince the meat up with some onion and garlic.
2. **[intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** to walk with very quick, short steps in a way that looks unnatural or silly:
 - She was mincing about in her high-heeled shoes.
3. **not mince (your) words** to say exactly what you think, even if this might offend people:
 - Tom didn't mince words and told me straight away that I had failed.

II. **mince**² *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun* [uncountable] *British English*

meat, especially **↑beef**, that has been cut into very small pieces using a special machine **SYN ground beef** *American English*

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