

**varnish**

**1. [ˈvɑːnɪʃ] n**

- 1. 1) лак  
 nail varnish - лак для ногтей  
 oil [spirit] varnish - масляный [спиртовой] лак
- 2) олифа
- 3) лакировка
- 2. глянец (*на листьях и т. п.*); блеск
- 3. 1) прикрытие, маскировка  
 to put a varnish of legality on one's actions - придать своим действиям видимость законности
- 2) лоск, внешний блеск; лакировка  
 to take the varnish off - разоблачить, сорвать маску, показать в истинном свете /во всей неприглядности/
- 4. глазурь
- 5. *pl сл.* пассажирский поезд *или* автобус прямого сообщения
- 6. *тех.* налёт на рабочих поверхностях двигателя
- 7. *полигр.* защитный кислотоупорный лак (*для изготовления клише*)

**2. [ˈvɑːnɪʃ] v**

- 1. лакировать, покрывать лаком (*тж.* varnish over)
- 2. придавать глянец, лоск
- 3. муравить (*керамику*)
- 4. прикрывать (*недостатки*); приукрашивать, лакировать (*действительность*); наводить глянец  
 to varnish smb.'s reputation - обелять кого-л.

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**var-nish** [**varnish varnishes varnished varnishing**] **noun, verb** BrE [ˈvɑːnɪʃ] ǂ

NAme [ˈvɑːrnɪʃ] ǂ

**noun uncountable, countable**

a liquid that is painted onto wood, metal, etc. and that forms a hard shiny transparent surface when it is dry

- I 'ljive the shelves a coat of varnish.

**see also** ↑nail varnish

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **vernis**, from medieval Latin **veronix** 'fragrant resin' or medieval Greek **berenikē**, probably from **Berenice**, a town in Cyrenaica, a region of NE Libya.

Example Bank:

- The painting was obscured by discoloured/discolored varnish and a heavy layer of grime.
- The table needed two coats of varnish
- You need a good quality varnish to protect the timber.

**verb**

to put ↑varnish on the surface of sth

- ~ **sth** The doors are then stained and varnished
- (BrE) Josie was sitting at her desk, varnishing her nails.
- ~ **sth + noun** Her nails were varnished a brilliant shade of red.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	varnish
	BrE / ˈvɑːnɪʃ/
	NAme / ˈvɑːrnɪʃ/
he / she / it	varnishes
	BrE / ˈvɑːnɪʃɪz/
	NAme / ˈvɑːrnɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	varnished
	BrE / ˈvɑːnɪʃt/
	NAme / ˈvɑːrnɪʃt/
-ing form	varnishing
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I. **varnish**<sup>1</sup> /'vɑːnɪʃ/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: vernis, from Medieval Latin veronix type of resin used for making varnish]

a clear liquid that is painted onto things, especially things made of wood, to protect them, or the hard shiny surface produced by this

II. **varnish**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

to cover something with varnish

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Frequency Pack

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15000 **8359**<sup>COCA</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> **93444**<sup>67</sup> *vv0*

<sup>13</sup> **208130**<sup>15</sup> *vvi*