

prick**1. [prɪk] n**

1. шип; колючка; игла
2. 1) укол, прокол
to feel a slight prick - чувствовать слабую боль от укола
the prick made by a needle - укол иглой
- 2) угрызение
the pricks of conscience - угрызания /уколы/ совести
3. 1) остриё; игла для прочистки; шило
- 2) *уст.* стрекало
4. точка, след (*на поверхности от острого инструмента*)
5. *вет.* заковка (*на ноге лошади*)
6. след зайца
7. *с.-х.* виток (*табака*)
8. *груб.* половой член
9. *амер. груб.* самодовольный глупец; мошенник, мерзавец
◇ to kick against the pricks - ≅ лезть на рожон

2. [prɪk] v

1. 1) колоть
to prick smb. with a pin - уколоть кого-л. булавкой
- 2) колотья
the thorns of roses prick badly - шипы роз больно колются
2. прокалывать
a nail pricked the tyre - гвоздь проколол шину
3. чувствовать колющую боль, колотьё
my finger pricks (me) - у меня колет палец
4. мучить, терзать
my conscience pricks me - меня мучит совесть
5. (at) вонзать (*что-л.*) острое, наносить удар (*чем-л.*) острым
6. *тех.* прочищать иглой; просверливать; накернивать
7. заковать (*ногу лошади при ковке*)
8. 1) обозначать пунктиром
- 2) *мор.* прокладывать курс (*на карте*; *тж.* prick out)
9. накалывать, прокалывать (*узор*)
10. (*тж.* prick down, prick off)
- 1) делать пометки (*в списке и т. п.*)
- 2) назначать по списку лиц на должность шерифа *и т. п.*
he was pricked as High Sheriff of the county - он был назначен главным шерифом графства
- 3) отмечать; обозначать (*на бумаге*)
to prick off the ship - отмечать место корабля на карте
11. *мор.* прошивать парус
12. 1) оставлять след (*о зайце*)
- 2) преследовать зайца (*по следу*)
13. 1) *арх.* пришпоривать; быстро ехать верхом
- 2) подстрекать, побуждать (*тж.* prick on)
my duty pricks me on - меня зовёт долг
14. прокисать (*о вине, пиве и т. п.*)
◇ to prick up one's ears - наострить уши, насторожиться
to prick a /the/ bladder /bubble/ - развенчать (*кого-л.*); показать всю несостоятельность (*чего-л.*)

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prick [prɪk prɪks prɪcked prɪkɪŋ] verb, noun BrE [prɪk] ⁴ NAmE [prɪk] ⁴**verb**

1. **transitive** to make a very small hole in sth with a sharp point
 - ~ **sth** He pricked the balloon and burst it.
 - ~ **sth with sth** Prick holes in the paper with a pin.
2. **transitive** ~ **sth (on sth)** to make a small hole in the skin so that it hurts or blood comes out
 - She pricked her finger on a needle.
3. **intransitive, transitive** to make sb feel a slight pain as if they were being **pricked**
 - He felt a pricking sensation in his throat.
 - ~ **sth** Tears pricked her eyes.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prick
	BrE /prɪk/
	NAmE /prɪk/
he / she / it	pricks
	BrE /prɪks/
	NAmE /prɪks/
past simple, past participle	pricked
	BrE /prɪkt/
	NAmE /prɪkt/
-ing form	pricking
	BrE /prɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /prɪkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *pricca* (noun), *prician* (verb), probably of West Germanic origin and related to Low German and Dutch *prik* (noun), *prikken* (verb).

Idioms: ↑prick your conscience ▪ ↑prick your ears ▪ ↑your conscience pricks you

noun

1. (taboo, slang) a ↑penis
2. (taboo, slang) an offensiveword for a stupid or unpleasant man
 - Don't be such a prick!
3. an act of making a very small hole in sth with a sharp point
 - I'm going to give your finger a little prick with this needle.
4. a slight pain caused by a sharp point or sth that feels like a sharp point
 - You will feel a tiny prick in your arm.
 - (figurative) He could feel the hot prick of tears in his eyes.
 - She felt the prick of conscience.

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See also: ↑your ears prick up

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I. prick¹ /prɪk/ BrE " AmE " verb

1. [transitive] to make a small hole in something using something sharp:
 - Prick the sausages before you grill them.
 - prick yourself/prick your finger (=accidentally make a hole in your skin)
 - She had pricked her finger on a rose thorn.
2. [intransitive and transitive] if something pricks a part of your body, or if it pricks, you feel small sharp pains ⇒ **prickle**:
 - Angry tears pricked her eyes.
 - a curious pricking sensation
3. **prick sb's conscience** if something pricks someone's conscience or their conscience pricks them, they feel guilty or ashamed:
 - Her conscience pricked her as she told the lie.
4. **prick (up) its ears** if an animal pricks up its ears, it raises them to listen to a sound:
 - The rabbit stopped suddenly, pricking up its ears.
5. **prick (up) your ears** if you prick up your ears or your ears prick up, you listen carefully because you have heard something interesting:
 - Jay pricked up his ears when I mentioned a vacation.

prick sth ↔ out phrasal verb British English

to place young plants in soil after you have grown them from seed

II. prick² BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *prica*]

1. **PERSON** *spoken not polite* a very offensiveword for a stupid unpleasant man
2. **SEX ORGAN** *informal not polite* a ↑penis
3. **POINT ENTERING**
 - a) a slight pain you get when something sharp goes into your skin:
 - I didn't feel the prick of the needle.
 - b) *British English* an act of pricking something:
 - Give the sausages a prick. ⇒ ↑pinprick
4. **EMOTION** a sudden slight feeling you get when you are unhappy about something
 - prick of
 - She felt a prick of resentment when she saw them together.
5. **prick of conscience** an uncomfortable feeling that you have done something wrong

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THESAURUS

to make a hole in something

- **make a hole in something** to cause a hole to appear in something: Make a hole in the bottom of the can using a hammer and nail.
- **pierce** to make a small hole in or through something, using a pointed object: The dog's teeth had pierced her skin. | Shelley wanted to have her ears pierced (=for earrings).
- **prick** to make a very small hole in the surface of something, using a pointed object: Prick the potatoes before baking them. | My finger was bleeding where the needle had pricked it.
- **punch** to make a hole through paper or flat material using a metal tool or other sharp object: I bought one of those things for punching holes in paper. | You have to get your ticket punched before you get on the train.
- **puncture** to make a small hole in something, especially something where skin or a wall surrounds a softer or hollow inside part: The bullet had punctured his lung.
- **perforate** *formal* to make a hole or holes in something: Fragments of the bullet had perforated his intestines.
- **drill** to make a hole using a special tool, often one which turns round and round very quickly: The dentist started drilling a hole in my tooth. | They won a contract to drill for oil in the area.
- **bore** to make a deep round hole through a rock, into the ground etc: They had to bore through solid rock. | The men were boring a hole for the tunnel.

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