

tinker

1. [ˈtɪŋkə] *n*

- 1. медник, жестянщик; лудильщик; бродячий ремесленник
to swear like a tinker - ≅ ругаться как ломовой извозчик
as drunk as a tinker - ≅ пьяный в стельку
as quarrelsome as a tinker - ≅ сварливая баба
- 2. 1) плохой работник, ремесленник
2) *амер.* мастер на все руки
- 3. *тк. sing* попытка кое-как починить что-л.
to have a /an hour's/ tinker at smth. - починить что-л. на скорую руку
- 4. *амер.*
1) скат (*рыба*)
2) колюшка (*рыба*)
3) скумбрия
- 5. *амер.* небольшая мортра
◇ I don't care a tinker's damn /curse, cuss/ - ≅ мне совершенно наплевать
it is not worth a tinker's damn /curse/ - это ломаного /медного/ гроша не стоит

2. [ˈtɪŋkə] *v*

- 1. работать лудильщиком; бродить в поисках паяльной, лудильной работы
- 2. (*тж.* at, with, about) пытаться поправить; чинить, ремонтировать кое-как; подремонтировать, подправить; подновить
to tinker (up) a broken clock - кое-как починить сломавшиеся часы
to tinker (away) at the radio - химичить с радио
to tinker about the house - чинить разные мелочи в доме
don't tinker with it - не трогай этого, только хуже сделаешь
his doctor tinkered him up - врач немного его подлечил /подремонтировал/
- 3. (at, with)
1) относиться по-ремесленнически; заниматься поверхностно *или* несерьёзно; халтурить; работать вхолостую
art does not admit of being tinkered at - искусство не терпит ремесленничества
2) переделывать, кромсать, портить
to tinker with a novel - искромсать роман

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tin-ker [tinker tinkers tinkered tinkering] *noun, verb* BrE [ˈtɪŋkə(r)][Ⓜ] NAmE

[ˈtɪŋkər][Ⓜ]
noun
(in the past) a person who travelled from place to place, selling or repairing things

Word Origin:
Middle English (first recorded in Anglo-Latin as a surname): of unknown origin.

verb intransitive ~ (with sth)
to make small changes to sth in order to repair or improve it, especially in a way that may not be helpful

- He's in the garage tinkering with his bike.
- The password will prevent others from tinkering with your data.
- The government is merely tinkering at the edges of a much wider problem.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tinker
	BrE / ˈtɪŋkə(r) /
	NAmE / ˈtɪŋkər /
he / she / it	tinkers
	BrE / ˈtɪŋkəz /
	NAmE / ˈtɪŋkərz /
past simple, past participle	tinkered
	BrE / ˈtɪŋkəd /
	NAmE / ˈtɪŋkəd /
-ing form	tinkering
	BrE / ˈtɪŋkərɪŋ /
	NAmE / ˈtɪŋkərɪŋ /

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1. **tin·ker**¹ /ˈtɪŋkə \$ -ər/ BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] *verb* [intransitive]

to make small changes to something in order to repair it or make it work better

tinker with
Congress has been tinkering with the legislation.

tinker around with something

Dad was always tinkering around with engines.

II. **tinker**² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Perhaps from tink (⇒ †tinkle²); from the sounds made by someone mending a metal pot]

1. in the past, a tinker was someone who travelled from place to place selling things or repairing metal pots, pans etc
2. *British English old-fashioned* a disobedient or annoying young child

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RANGE: **5k** TINKER¹⁷⁵⁷

tinker 491

tinkers 66

tinkered 190

tinkering 866

tinkerer 82

tinkerers 62

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267 **44020**²⁸² *vvi*

94 **67335**¹²⁶ *nn1*

79 **83551**⁸³ *vv0*
