

**flirt**

1. [flɜ:t] *n*
  1. 1) кокетка
  - 2) любитель пофлиртовать поухаживать
  2. внезапный толчок, взмах (*крыльями*)
2. [flɜ:t] *v*
  1. 1) флиртовать кокетничать; ухаживать
  - 2) заигрывать  
reactionary groups that flirted with the fascists - реакционные группы, заигрывавшие с фашистами
  2. 1) проявлять преходящий интерес к чему-л.  
a man who flirted with all the arts but mastered none - человек, который пытался заниматься всеми видами искусства, но ни в одном не преуспел  
to flirt with an idea - подумывать о чём-л.  
we flirted with the idea of sending our daughter to a figure-skating school but decided against it - мы одно время подумывали о том, чтобы устроить дочку в школу фигурного катания, но решили не делать этого
  - 2) играть (*чем-л. опасным*)  
to flirt with danger - вести опасную игру  
to flirt with death - играть со смертью
3. быстро взмахивать, тряхи  
to flirt a fan - играть веером  
a bird flirts its tail - птица распускает хвост

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**flirt** [flɪrt flɪrts flirted flirting] *verb, noun* *BrE* [flɜːt] *NAmE* [flɜːrt]

*verb intransitive* ~ (with sb)

to behave towards sb as if you find them sexually attractive, without seriously wanting to have a relationship with them

- He flirts outrageously with his female clients.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flirt
	BrE /flɜːt/
	NAmE /flɜːrt/
he / she / it	flirts
	BrE /flɜːts/
	NAmE /flɜːrts/
past simple, past participle	flirted
	BrE /flɜːtɪd/
	NAmE /flɜːrtɪd/
-ing form	flirting
	BrE /flɜːtɪŋ/
	NAmE /flɜːrtɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

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informal **come on to sb** • **make a pass at sb** • |BrE, informal **chat sb up** • |disapproving **tease** •

**Flirt or chat sb up?** **Chat sb up** only refers to sb's words; **flirt** also includes their behaviour. Usually sb who **chats you up** wants to have a relationship with you, but sb who **flirts** may not.

Example Bank:

- She flirted briefly with the idea of telling him the truth.

Derived **↑flirt with something**

*noun usually singular*

a person who **↑flirts** with a lot of people

- She's a real flirt.

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**flirt**<sup>1</sup> /flɪːt/ \$ flɪːt BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [intransitive]

to behave towards someone in a way that shows that you are sexually attracted to them, although you do not really want a relationship with them

**flirt with**

- " She accused him of flirting with other women.
- " She was flirting outrageously (=a lot) with some of the managers.

**flirt with something** phrasal verb

1. to consider doing something, but not be very serious about it:
  - " He had flirted with the idea of emigrating.
2. to do something that is dangerous or could cause problems for you:
  - " Climbers enjoy flirting with danger.

**flirt**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

someone who flirts with people

a terrible/dreadful etc flirt (=someone who flirts a lot)

- " She's an incorrigible flirt!

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