

**tickle****1. ['tɪk(ə)] n**

1. 1) щекотание; щекочущее прикосновение

he had a tickle in the throat - у него першило в горле

to give smb. a tickle - пощекотать кого-л.

2) *спорт.* лёгкое прикосновение битой к мячу, «щекотание» (в крикете)

2. приятное ощущение

the dinner was a tickle of the palate - обед был такой, что пальчики оближешь

**2. ['tɪk(ə)] a диал.**

1. ненадёжный, капризный

2. 1) неустойчивый, непрочный, шаткий; легко приводимый в движение

2) трудный, щекотливый

3) тонкий, чувствительный

3. щепетильный; привередливый, разборчивый

4. пугливый (о животных)

**3. ['tɪk(ə)] v**

1. 1) щекотать; раздражать

to tickle smb. with a straw - (по)щекотать кого-л. соломинкой

don't tickle me - не щекочи меня

2) чесаться; вызывать раздражение

my nose tickles - у меня щекочет в носу

2. забавлять; развлекать, веселить

the story tickled me - этот рассказ позабавил меня

to tickle smb. to death - уморить кого-л. со смеху [*см. тж.* 3]

3. доставлять удовольствие; угождать

to tickle one's palate - быть приятным на вкус

to tickle one's ears - услаждать слух

to tickle the ear - льстить (кому-л.), задабривать (кого-л.)

to tickle smb.'s palm - дать кому-л. взятку, подмазать кого-л.

to tickle smb. to death - угодить кому-л. как нельзя лучше [*см. тж.* 2]

to tickle smb. with a satirical poem - пощекотать кому-л. нервы сатирическим стихотворением

you tickle her fancy - вы волнуете её воображение

it tickled me to hear the news - мне было приятно выслушать эти новости

it tickled his vanity - это льстило ему /его тщеславию/

the idea of danger tickled his nerves - мысль об опасности щекотала ему нервы

he was highly tickled at the idea - эта мысль пришлась ему по душе /очень ему понравилась/

the idea tickled his heart - сердце его сладко трепетало при этой мысли

4. легко касаться (чего-л.)

to tickle the strings of a guitar - пощипывать струны гитары

5. ловить (форель) руками (особый приём ловли)

6. (out of, into) побудить к какому-л. действию щекоткой

he tickled the pup out of the corner - он щекотал щенка, пока тот не вышел из угла

to tickle smb. into the grave - защекотать кого-л. до смерти

◇ to tickle smb. with the birch - дать кому-л. отведать розог

to be tickled pink - быть в восторге, безумно радоваться

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**tickle** [tɪkəl tɪkəlz tɪkəld tɪkəlɪŋ] verb, noun BrE ['tɪkl] " NAmE ['tɪkl] "

**verb**

**1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sb/sth)** to move your fingers on a sensitive part of sb's body in a way that makes them laugh

• The bigger girls used to chase me and tickle me.

• I tickled his feet with a feather.

• Stop tickling!

**2. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to produce a slightly uncomfortable feeling in a sensitive part of the body; to have a feeling like this

• His beard was tickling her cheek.

• My throat tickles.

• a tickling cough

**3. transitive** to amuse and interest sb

• ~ **sb/sth** to tickle sb's imagination

• ~ **sb to do sth** I was tickled to discover that we'd both done the same thing.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tickle
	BrE / 'tɪkəl/
	NAme / 'tɪkl/
he / she / it	tickles
	BrE / 'tɪkəlz/
	NAme / 'tɪklz/
past simple, past participle	tickled
	BrE / 'tɪkɪd/
	NAme / 'tɪkɪd/
-ing form	tickling
	BrE / 'tɪk(ɪ)ŋ/
	NAme / 'tɪk(ɪ)ŋ/

Word Origin:

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Idioms: **↑tickle somebody's fancy** = **↑tickled pink**

noun usually singular

1. an act of **tickling** sb
    - She gave the child a little tickle.
  2. a slightly uncomfortable feeling in a part of your body
    - to have a tickle in your throat (= that makes you want to cough)
- see slap and tickle at **↑slap** n.

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I. **tickle**<sup>1</sup> /'tɪkəl/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from tick 'to touch lightly' (16-19 centuries)]

1. **[transitive]** to move your fingers gently over someone's body in order to make them laugh:
  - Stop tickling me!
2. **[intransitive and transitive]** if something touching your body tickles you, it makes you want to rub your body because it is slightly uncomfortable:
  - Mommy, this blanket tickles.
  - Mazie's fur collar was tickling her neck.
3. **[transitive]** if a situation, remark etc tickles you, it amuses or pleases you
  - be tickled pink** (=be very pleased or amused)
  - The kids were tickled pink to see you on TV!
4. **tickle sb's fancy** *informal* if something tickles your fancy, you want to have it or to try doing it:
  - If I see something that tickles my fancy, I'm going to buy it.
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THESAURUS

- **touch** to put your fingers or hand onto someone or something for a very short time: Don't touch the iron – it's hot!
- **feel** to touch something with your fingers in order to find out about it: Feel how soft this material is. | I felt his forehead. It was cold.
- **handle** to touch something and pick it up and hold it in your hands: Children should always wash their hands before handling food. | The glass was very fragile, and she handled it with great care. | Please do not handle the merchandise.
- **finger** to touch or handle something with your fingers, especially while you are thinking of other things: She fingered the heavy necklace around her neck.
- **rub** to move your hand over a surface while pressing it: Bob rubbed his eyes and yawned.
- **scratch** to rub part of your body with your nails, often because it **ITCHES**: The dog kept scratching its ear. | Bob scratched his head thoughtfully.
- **tickle** to move your fingers lightly over someone's body in order to make them laugh: The baby giggled as I tickled him.
- **grope** to touch someone's body in a sexual way when they do not want to be touched: The officer was accused of groping several women in his platoon.

II. **tickle**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [singular]

1. a feeling in your throat that makes you want to cough:
  - I've got a tickle in my throat.
2. **give somebody a tickle** to move your fingers gently over someone's body in order to make them laugh

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