

pounce

I

1. [paʊns] *n*
 1. коготь (*хищной птицы*)
 2. внезапный налёт, наскок, прыжок
to make a pounce - внезапно налететь/наскок/прыжок/
on the pounce - готовый к внезапному налёту/наскоку, прыжку/
2. [paʊns] *v*
 1. налетать, набрасываться, атаковать; устремляться вниз
a hawk pounced on /at/ a chicken - ястреб камнем упал на цыплёнка
a cat ready to pounce - кот, готовый к прыжку
the cat pounced on the mouse - кошка бросилась на мышь
 2. схватить когтями
 3. внезапно ворваться, войти, налететь *и т. п.*
to pounce into the room - (неожиданно) влететь/вбежать/ в комнату
unexpectedly he pounced on the right answer - неожиданно он наткнулся на верный ответ
 4. (с радостью) ухватиться (за *ошибку, промах и т. п.*); придирается (ко *всякой мелочи*)
to pounce upon an omission - воспользоваться допущенной оплошностью
he pounced on every mistake - он цеплялся за малейшую ошибку

II

1. [paʊns] *n*
порошкообразный сандарак *или* уголь
pounce box - ящичек *или* коробочка для угольного порошка (с отверстиями в крышке)
2. [paʊns] *v*
 1. затирать сандарак
 2. переводить, копировать (*узор*) угольным порошком

III

- [paʊns] *v*
1. выбивать, выдавливать выпуклый рисунок (*на золоте или серебре*)
 2. вырезать отверстия узора (*по коже или материи*); украшать дырочками, зубцами, фестонами
 3. пробивать, просверливать

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pounce [paʊns paʊns paʊnst paʊns] *BrE* [paʊns] ¹ *NAmE* [paʊns]

verb intransitive

- to move suddenly forwards in order to attack or catch sb/sth
- The lion crouched ready to pounce.
 - ~ **on/upon sb/sth** The muggers pounced on her as she got out of the car.
 - Rooney pounced on the loose ball and scored.

Derived ↑ **pounce on something**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pounce
	BrE /paʊns/
	NAmE /paʊns/
he / she / it	pounces
	BrE /paʊnsɪz/
	NAmE /paʊnsɪz/
past simple, past participle	pounced
	BrE /paʊnst/
	NAmE /paʊnst/
-ing form	pouncing
	BrE /paʊnsɪŋ/
	NAmE /paʊnsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a noun denoting a tool for stamping or punching): origin obscure, perhaps from puncheon. The noun sense 'a bird's claw' arose in the late 15th cent. and gave rise to the verb (late 17th cent.).

Example Bank:

- The cat crouched down as if about to pounce.
- watching a lioness pounce on her prey

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pounce /paʊns/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: pounce 'claw' (15-19 centuries), probably from puncheon 'pointed weapon' (14-20 centuries), from Old French poinchon]

to suddenly move forward and attack someone or something, after waiting to attack them:

¹ The cat was hiding in the bushes, ready to pounce.

pounce on

¹ Kevin pounced on Liam and started hitting him.

—pounce *noun* [countable]

pounce on somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to criticize someone's mistakes or ideas very quickly and eagerly:

" Teachers are quick to pounce on students' grammatical errors.

2. to eagerly take an opportunity as soon as it becomes available:

" When they offered O'Leary the chance to become manager, he pounced on it.

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