

whisker['wɪskə] *n*

1. 1) волос бороды
- 2) *pl* борода
2. *pl* бакенбарды, баки
3. *pl* усы, усики (*у животных*)
4. *pl арх.* усы
5. *pl амер. сл.* «борода» (*о старике, независимо от наличия бороды*)
6. *pl амер. сл.* накладные ресницы
7. *pl амер. сл.* стаж (*рабочий, профсоюзный*)
8. *pl мор.* усы (*бушприта*)
9. *тех.* контактная пружина, усик
10. *pl сл.* нежелательные шумы, жужжание (*при звукозаписи и т. п.*)
11. *слец.* «ус», нитевидный кристалл

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whisker ['whisker whiskers] *BrE* ['wɪskə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['wɪskər] ^ˈ *noun*

1. **countable** any of the long stiff hairs that grow near the mouth of a cat, mouse, etc.
2. **whiskers plural** (*old-fashioned or humorous*) the hair growing on a man's face, especially on his cheeks and chin

more at be the cat's whiskers/pyjamas **at** ↑*cat*| **idioms** be/come within a whisker of something sth ▪ ↑*by a whisker***Word Origin:**late Middle English (originally denoting a bundle of feathers, twigs, etc., used for whisking): from the verb ↑*whisk* + ↑*-er*.**whisker**

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1. [**usually plural**] one of the long stiff hairs that grow near the mouth of a cat, mouse etc
2. [**usually plural**] one of the hairs that grow on a man's face
3. **win/lose by a whisker** *informal* to win or lose by a very small amount:
" Schmidt finished second, losing by a whisker in the final event.
4. **come within a whisker of (doing) something** to almost succeed or fail at doing something:
" Doctors say he came within a whisker of dying on the operating table.

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