

winkle

I
 ['wɪŋk(ə)] *n зоол.*
 береговая улитка, литорина (*Littorina*)

II
 ['wɪŋk(ə)] *v разг.*
 выжать, вытеснить; вытащить (*обыкн.* winkle out)
 at last I winkled the truth out of him - наконец я выжал из него правду

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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win·kle [wɪŋkəl wɪŋkəlz wɪŋkəd wɪŋklɪŋ] *noun, verb BrE* ['wɪŋkl̩] ^m *NAmE*

['wɪŋkl̩] ^m
noun (BrE) (also **peri·win·kle** NAmE, BrE)
 a small ↑shellfish, like a ↑snail, that can be eaten

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: shortening of ↑periwinkle sense 2.

Derived ↑winkle somebody out ▸ ↑winkle something out of somebody

verb (BrE, informal)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	winkle
	BrE / 'wɪŋkl̩/
	NAmE / 'wɪŋkl̩/
he / she / it	winkles
	BrE / 'wɪŋkl̩z/
	NAmE / 'wɪŋkl̩z/
past simple, past participle	winkled
	BrE / 'wɪŋkl̩d/
	NAmE / 'wɪŋkl̩d/
-ing form	winkling
	BrE / 'wɪŋkl̩ɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'wɪŋkl̩ɪŋ/

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See also: ↑periwinkle

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I. **wɪn·kle** ¹ /'wɪŋkəl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun* [countable] *British English*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇨ ↑periwinkle 2]

a small sea animal that lives in a shell and is eaten as food

II. **wɪŋkle** ² *BrE* ^s *AmE* ^s *verb*

winkle somebody/something ⇔ **out** *phrasal verb British English*

1. to make someone leave a place:

Government critics were winkled out of their positions of influence.

2. to get information from someone who does not want to give it to you:

Candy was very good at winking out secrets.

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