

**twitch**

**1. [twɪtʃ] n**

- 1) 1) резкое дёргающее или тянущее усилие; дёрганье  
to give a twitch at smb.'s sleeve - дёрнуть кого-л. за рукав
- 2) подёргивание, судорога, конвульсия; спастическое сокращение мышц  
convulsive[nervous] twitch - судорожное [нервное] подёргивание  
facial twitch - тик
- 3) острая боль  
he felt the twitch of an old wound - у него разболелась старая рана  
twitch of conscience - угрызения совести
- 2. петля, скоба (для зажимания морды лошади во время болезненной операции)
- 3. *горн.* пережим жилы

**2. [twɪtʃ] v**

- 1. дёргать, тащить  
to twitch smb. by the sleeve, to twitch at smb.'s sleeve - дёрнуть кого-л. за рукав  
his fingers twitched at the bed-clothes - его пальцы судорожно хватались за простыни  
she twitched the curtain aside - она резко отодвинула занавеску
- 2. 1) подёргивать  
a horse twitches his ears - лошадь прядёт ушами
- 2) дёргаться, подёргиваться  
his face twitched with emotion [with pain] - у него дёргалось лицо от волнения [от боли]  
her lips began to twitch - её губы начали дёргаться  
rock-besotted fans sway and twitch on the platform - обалдевшие от танцев любители рока продолжают покачиваться и дёргаться на площадке
- 3. сдёргивать; выдёргивать  
to twitch the cloth off the table - сдёрнуть скатерть со стола  
the wind twitched the paper out of /from/ his hand - ветер вырвал лист из его руки  
to twitch a purse from smb.'s pocket - выхватить кошелек из кармана у кого-л.
- 4. щипать; ущипнуть
- 5. 1) *редк.* мучить  
misgivings twitched him - его одолевали /мучили/ сомнения /страхи/
- 2) болеть (об острой боли)  
his corn twitched like a bad tooth - его мозоль болела как испорченный зуб  
her conscience twitched at the memory - при этом воспоминании она почувствовала укол совести
- 6. *диал.* завязывать; закреплять (верёвкой)

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**twitch** [twɪtʃ twitches twitched twitching] verb, noun BrE [twɪtʃ] <sup>u</sup> NAmE

[twɪtʃ]

verb

- 1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** if a part of your body twitches, or if you twitch it, it makes a sudden quick movement, sometimes one that you cannot control
  - Her lips twitched with amusement.
  - The cats watched each other, their tails twitching.
  - The animal lay on the ground, its whole body twitching and jerking.
- 2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to give sth a short sharp pull; to be pulled in this way
  - He twitched the package out of my hands.
  - The curtains twitched as she rang the bell.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	twitch
	BrE /twɪtʃ/
	NAmE /twɪtʃ/
he / she / it	twitches
	BrE /twɪtʃɪz/
	NAmE /twɪtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	twitched
	BrE /twɪtʃt̩/
	NAmE /twɪtʃt̩/
-ing form	twitching
	BrE /twɪtʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /twɪtʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: of Germanic origin; related to Old English twiccian 'to pluck, pull sharply'.

Example Bank:

- Her fingers twitched nervously.
- His shoulders twitched with suppressed laughter.
- The body twitched violently and then lay still.
- The corner of his mouth twitched in amusement.

- As she waited outside she could see the curtains twitching.
- Mark twitched the cigarette from his mouth.
- The dog twitched its ears and looked very intently.

noun

1. a sudden quick movement that you cannot control in one of your muscles
  - She has a twitch in her left eye.
  - a nervous twitch
2. a sudden quick movement or feeling
  - He greeted us with a mere twitch of his head.
  - At that moment she felt the first twitch of anxiety.

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Example Bank:

- His mouth gave a slight twitch.
- He has a nervous twitch in his cheek.
- I felt a twitch of anxiety.
- I've always had a twitch in my left eye.
- Martin gave a slight twitch of his eyebrow.

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I. **twitch**<sup>1</sup> /twɪtʃ/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: Perhaps from Low German]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** if a part of someone's body twitches, or if they twitch it, it makes a small sudden movement:
  - His mouth twitched slightly, and then he smiled.
  - He twitched his eyebrows.
2. **[transitive]** to move something quickly and suddenly:
  - Sarah twitched the reins, and we moved off.
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**THESAURUS**

- **move** to go to a different place, or change the position of your body: Sarah moved away from the window. | Every time I move I get a pain in my left shoulder.
- **sway** to move slowly from one side to the other: The branches swayed in the wind. | Donny swayed drunkenly as he walked back to his car.
- **rock** to move repeatedly from one side to another, with small gentle movements: He rocked backward and forward in his chair. | The boat rocked from side to side with the waves.
- **wobble** to move unsteadily from side to side: The bike wobbled a bit, but she soon got it under control.
- **fidget** to keep moving or playing with your fingers, hands, feet etc, because you are bored or nervous: Diana fidgeted nervously with her pencil.
- **squirm** to make very small movements from side to side with your body, especially because you feel uncomfortable: By the end of the hour, most of the children were squirming in their seats.
- **wriggle** to make small movements from side to side, especially in order to get into or out of something: The dog wriggled under the fence and escaped into the street. | She managed to wriggle into the dress, but it was much too tight.
- **twitch** if part of your body twitches, it makes small movements that you cannot control: A muscle on Yang's face twitched.
- **stir** *written* to make a movement – used especially when describing a situation in which no one moves, or someone wakes up: In the village a dog barked but no one stirred | The sleeping child stirred and opened her eyes.
- **budge** to move – used when you are trying hard to make something move, often without success: The piano wouldn't budge.

II. **twitch**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

1. a quick movement of a muscle, especially one that you cannot control:
  - a nervous twitch
2. a sudden quick movement:
  - There was no movement in the house, not even a twitch of the curtains.

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