

peek

I

1. [pi:k] *n* **разг.**
взгляд украдкой, быстрый взгляд
he gave a quick peek at the girl - он украдкой взглянул на девушку
2. [pi:k] *v*
 - 1) заглядывать (*обыкн.* peek in)
 - 2) выглядывать (*обыкн.* peek out)
2. взглянуть, посмотреть (*на что-л.*)
we peeked at the price - мы посмотрели /взглянули/ на цену
3. **разг.** подсматривать, подглядывать

II

1. [pi:k] *n* **амер.**
писк
2. [pi:k] *v* **амер.**
пицать

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▪ **I. peek** [peek peeks peeked peeking] *BrE* [pi:k] *NAmE* [pi:k] **verb**

1. **intransitive** to look at sth quickly and secretly because you should not be looking at it
Syn: ↑peep
 - No peeking!
 - **+ adv./prep.** She peeked at the audience from behind the curtain.
 - I couldn't resist peeking in the drawer.
2. **intransitive** ~ **out/over/through, etc.** to be just visible
 - Her feet peeked out from the end of the blanket.
 - A toe peeked through the hole in his sock.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	peek
	<i>BrE</i> /pi:k/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pi:k/
he / she /it	peeks
	<i>BrE</i> /pi:ks/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pi:ks/
past simple, past participle	peeked
	<i>BrE</i> /pi:kt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pi:kt/
-ing form	peeking
	<i>BrE</i> /pi:kɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /pi:kɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English pike, pyke, of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- Brooke couldn't help but sneak a peek at him.
- Go ahead and take a peek at your presents.
- I dared a little peek through a crack in the door.
- I took a quick peek at myself in the mirror.
- She opened the cupboard and had a peek inside.
- We got a peek into rooms that are normally closed to the public.
- a fascinating peek behind the scenes of the Oprah Winfrey Show

Example Bank:

- Daniel peeked cautiously over his shoulder.
- He peeked out from behind the door.
- I wandered around the house, peeking into various rooms.
- I was tempted to peek around the corner.
- She peeked at the clock to see the time.
- The sun was peeking through the clouds.
- I couldn't resist peeking in the drawer.

▪ **II. peek** **noun singular**

- I took a quick peek inside.

Main entry: ↑peek_{derived}

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peek /pi:k *BrE* *AmE* **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from Dutch kieken 'to look']

1. to look quickly at something, or to look at something from behind something else, especially something that you are not supposed

to see ⇒ **peep**

peek at/through/into etc

- " Carefully he peeked through the glass window in the door.
- " Paula opened the box and peeked inside.
- " Shut your eyes and don't peek!

2. [**always + adverb/preposition**] if something peeks from somewhere, you can just see a small amount of it:

- " The moon peeked out from behind the clouds.

—**peek** *noun* [countable]:

- " Diane took a quick peek at herself in the mirror.

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- **look** to turn your eyes towards someone or something, so that you can see them: You should never look directly at the sun. | After a while, he turned and looked at me.
- **have/take a look** *especially spoken* to look at something quickly, especially in order to find or check something: I'll have a look in my desk. | Take a look at this!
- **glance** to look at someone or something for a short time and then look quickly away: Damien glanced nervously at his watch.
- **peek/peep** (*also take a peek/peep*) to look quickly at something. Used especially when you are not supposed to look, or when you are looking through a small gap: The door was open so he peeked inside. | Katy peeped at her birthday present on the table.
- **peer** to look very carefully, especially because you cannot see well: Kenji was peering at the screen.
- **glare** to look at someone in an angry way: She glared at me as I got up to leave.
- **stare** to look at someone or something for a long time without moving your eyes: It's rude to stare. | She stared straight into the camera.
- **gaze** to look at someone or something for a long time, often without realizing that you are doing it: She gazed out of the window. | He lay on his bed gazing at the ceiling.
- **gape** to look at someone or something for a long time, usually with your mouth open, because you are very shocked or surprised: People gaped at him with wide-open mouths.
- **regard** *formal* to look at someone or something, especially in a particular way: He regarded her steadily.

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