

**whim**

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1. [wɪm] *n*1. прихоть; причуда  
whims of fate - капризы судьбы

2. непостоянство; изменчивость

2. [wɪm] *v редк.*

1. жажда; жадно стремиться (к чему-л.)

2. *диал.* кружиться (о голове)

II

[wɪm] *n горн.*

(конный) привод

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**whim** [whim whims] *BrE* [wɪm] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [wɪm] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* countable, uncountable

a sudden wish to do or have sth, especially when it is sth unusual or unnecessary

- He was forced to pander to **her every whim** .
- We bought the house **on a whim** .
- My duties seem to change daily **at the whim of** the boss.
- the whims of fashion
- She hires and fires people **at whim** .

Word Origin:

late 17th cent.: of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- For years she had suffered her husband's whims.
- Funding is subject to political whim.
- He bought the jacket on a whim, having seen it by chance in a shop window.
- Slaves could be bought and sold at the whim of their masters.
- The bird's nest is vulnerable to the slightest whim of the weather.
- The child's parents pandered to his every whim.
- They seem to be able to change the rules of the game at whim.
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[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: whim-wham 'decorative object, whim' (16-19 centuries), of unknown origin]

a sudden feeling that you would like to do or have something, especially when there is no important or good reason

**on a whim**

" I didn't leave just on a whim (=for no good reason).

**at the whim of somebody**

" At work they are at the whim of the boss.

**sb's every whim**

" Their father had always indulged her every whim.

**at whim**

" He appeared and disappeared at whim.

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