

quibble

1. ['kwɪb(ə)] *n*
 1. игра слов; каламбур
 2. софизм, увёртка; жалкая уловка
 3. несущественное выражение, замечание; придирка

2. ['kwɪb(ə)] *v*
 1. 1) уклоняться от сути вопроса; уклоняться; увиливать от прямого ответа посредством софизмов
 - 2) играть словами; превращать (*что-л.*) в шутку
 2. выискивать недостатки, придираться

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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quib·ble [**quibble quibbles quibbled quibbling**] **verb, noun** *BrE* ['kwɪbl] ^o
NAmE ['kwɪbl] ^o

verb intransitive ~ (about/over sth)

to argue or complain about a small matter or an unimportant detail
 • It isn't worth quibbling over such a small amount.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	quibble
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kwɪbl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kwɪbl/
he / she / it	quibbles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kwɪblz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kwɪblz/
past simple, past participle	quibbled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kwɪblɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kwɪblɪd/
-ing form	quibbling
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kwɪblɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kwɪblɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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noun

a small complaint or criticism, especially one that is not important
 • minor quibbles
 • The only quibble about this book is the lack of colour illustrations.
 • The machine comes with a three-year no quibble guarantee.

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I. **quib·ble** ¹ /'kwɪbəl/ *BrE* ^o *AmE* ^o **verb** [intransitive]

to argue about small unimportant details

quibble about/over

Let's not quibble over minor details.

II. **quibble** ² *BrE* ^o *AmE* ^o **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Probably from quib 'quibble' (16-17 centuries), probably from Latin **quibus** 'for whom, to whom', from **qui** 'who, which']

a small complaint or criticism about something unimportant:

I've just got a few minor quibbles.

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