

pry

I

1. [praɪ] *n*
 1. 1) любопытство
 - 2) любопытный взгляд, вопрос *и т. п.*
2. любопытный человек
 - ◇ Paul Pry *см.* Paul Pry
2. [praɪ] *v*
 1. (*обыкн.* into)
 - 1) подглядывать, подсматривать, любопытствовать (*мж.* pry about)
 - to pry into every corner - шарить по всем углам, заглядывать во все углы
 - 2) вмешиваться, совать нос в чужие дела
 - to pry into other people's affairs - вмешиваться /совать нос/ в чужие дела
 2. выведывать, выпытывать (*мж.* pry out)
 - to pry into smb.'s secrets - выпытывать чьи-л. секреты

II

1. [praɪ] *n диал., амер.*
 1. рычаг
 2. подъём, перемещение, вскрытие *или* взламывание с помощью рычага, лома *и т. п.*
2. [praɪ] *v*
 1. поднимать, передвигать, вскрывать *или* взламывать при помощи рычага; двигать, открывать с трудом
 - to pry the lid off a can - сорвать крышку с банки
 - to pry a door open - взломать дверь
 - I stood rooted to the spot and you could not have pried me away - я стоял пригвождённый к месту, и никакая сила не могла заставить меня сдвинуться
 - he finally pried her away from the TV - наконец ему удалось оторвать её от телевизора
 2. извлекать с трудом, вырывать
 - to pry military information out of a prisoner - выпытать у пленного военную тайну

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pry [praɪ praɪs praɪd praɪɪŋ] *BrE* [praɪ] ¹ *NAmE* [praɪ] ¹ *verb* (prɪes, praɪ-ɪŋ, praɪd, praɪd *BrE* [praɪd] ¹ ; *NAmE* [praɪd] ¹)

1. **intransitive ~ (into sth)** to try to find out information about other people's private lives in a way that is annoying or rude
 - I'm sick of you prying into my personal life!
 - I'm sorry. I didn't mean to pry.
 - She tried to keep the children away from **the prying eyes** of the world's media.
2. (*especially NAmE*) = ↑prise

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pry
	<i>BrE</i> /praɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /praɪ/
he / she / it	prɪes
	<i>BrE</i> /praɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /praɪz/
past simple, past participle	praɪd
	<i>BrE</i> /praɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /praɪd/
-ing form	praɪɪŋ
	<i>BrE</i> /praɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /praɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

- sense 1** Middle English 'peer inquisitively'
sense 2 early 19th cent. ↑prise prɪes

Example Bank:

- I'm sorry— I didn't mean to pry.
- I tried to pry his hands off the box.
- I'm sick of you prying into my personal life!
- See if you can pry the lid off.
- She tried to keep the children away from the prying eyes of the world's media.

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pry /praɪ/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* (past tense and past participle **prɪd**, present participle **praɪɪŋ**, third person singular **prɪes**)

[Sense 1,3: Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Origin unknown]

[Sense 2,4: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: prize 'to force up' (17-21 centuries), from prize 'lever' (14-20 centuries), from Old French prize 'act of seizing']

1. [**intransitive**] to try to find out details about someone else's private life in an impolite way:

I don't want to pry, but I need to ask you one or two questions.

pry into

reporters prying into the affairs of celebrities

2. [transitive always + adverb/preposition] *especially American English* to force something open, or force it away from something else **SYN prize** *British English*

pry something open/away/off etc

We finally managed to pry the door open with a screwdriver.

3. **away from prying eyes** in private, where people cannot see what you are doing

pry something out of somebody/something *phrasal verb American English*

to get money or information from someone with a lot of difficulty:

If you want to know his name, you'll have to pry it out of her.

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- **interfere** to try to get involved in a situation where you are not wanted or needed: She tried not to interfere in her children's lives. | It's not your problem, so don't interfere.
- **meddle** to interfere in someone else's affairs in a way that is annoying for them. **Meddle** is more informal than **interfere**, and has more of a feeling of being annoyed: I did not want my parents meddling in my private affairs. | He warned diplomats against meddling in Indonesia's affairs.
- **intrude** to interfere by being somewhere where you are not wanted, or getting involved in a situation that is private – used especially when saying that you want to avoid doing this: Sorry, I didn't mean to intrude while you were on the phone. | When someone dies, people are often worried about intruding.
- **butt in** *informal* to interfere by trying to become involved in a private situation or conversation that does not concern you: Stop butting in, will you! | I didn't want to give them any advice in case they thought I was butting in.
- **pry** to try to find out what someone else is doing in their private life, by asking questions or secretly checking what they are doing, in a way that seems annoying or rude: Journalists like to pry into the lives of the rich and famous. | I didn't mean to pry – I just wanted to know if I could help.
- **poke/stick your nose into something** *informal* to ask questions about someone else's private life or give them advice they do not want, in a way that annoys them: She's one of those people who's always poking her nose into other people's business.

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