

**tweak**

1. [twi:k] *n*

- 1. 1) щипок  
to give smb.'s nose a tweak - ущипнуть кого-л. за нос
- 2) подёргивание; тик
- 2. волнение, беспокойство
- 3. *сл.* увёртка; уловка

2. [twi:k] *v*

- 1. ущипнуть  
to tweak a child's ears - драть ребёнка за уши  
to tweak smb.'s nose - а) потянуть кого-л. за нос (*знак оскорбления или презрения*); б) натянуть кому-л. нос  
it has been tweaking at my conscience ever since - с тех пор я испытываю угрызения совести
- 2. дёргаться; подёргиваться

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**tweak** [tweak tweaks tweaked tweaking] *verb, noun* *BrE* [twi:k] *AmE* [twi:k]

*verb*

- 1. ~ **sth** to pull or twist sth suddenly  
• She tweaked his ear playfully.
- 2. ~ **sth** to make slight changes to a machine, system, etc. to improve it  
• I think you'll have to tweak these figures a little before you show them to the boss.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tweak
	BrE /twi:k/
	NAme /twi:k/
he / she / it	tweaks
	BrE /twi:ks/
	NAme /twi:ks/
past simple, past participle	tweaked
	BrE /twi:kt/
	NAme /twi:kt/
-ing form	tweaking
	BrE /twi:kɪŋ/
	NAme /twi:kɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: probably an alteration of dialect twick 'pull sharply'; related to **twitch**.

Example Bank:

- I think you'll have to tweak these figures a little before you show them to the boss.
- Kath tweaked at the hem of her skirt.
- Tom tweaked the reins lightly.

*noun*

- 1. a sharp pull or twist  
• She gave his ear a tweak.
- 2. a slight change that you make to a machine, system, etc. to improve it  
• With a few tweaks this venue will be perfect.

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Example Bank:

- She gave his nose an affectionate tweak.

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**tweak** /twi:k *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: twiccian 'to pull out']

- 1. to suddenly pull or twist something:  
She leant forward and tweaked both ends of his moustache.
- 2. to make small changes to a machine, vehicle, or system in order to improve the way it works:  
Maybe you should tweak a few sentences before you send in the report.

—**tweak** *noun* [countable usually singular]

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