

# wink

## 1. [wɪŋk] *n*

1. моргание, мигание  
without a wink of the eyelid - и глазом не моргнул; и бровью не повёл

2. подмигивание  
to give smb. a wink - а) подмигнуть кому-л.; б) намекнуть кому-л.  
he gave me the wink that the lady was a friend of his - он дал мне понять, что эта дама - его приятельница  
to tip /to give/ smb. the wink - **разг.** сделать предостерегающий знак кому-л., предупредить кого-л.

3. миг  
in a wink - моментально  
◇ forty winks - короткий (послеобеденный) сон  
to have one's forty winks - соснуть, вздремнуть  
not a wink (of) - ни капли, ни крошки (*чего-л.*)  
not to get a wink of sleep, not to sleep a wink - глаз не сомкнуть  
not to see a wink - совершенно ничего не видеть

## 2. [wɪŋk] *v*

- моргать, мигать  
to wink tears away - сморгнуть слёзы
- мигать, мерцать (*о свете*)
- подмигивать; перемигиваться  
to wink at smb. - подмигивать кому-л.
- закрывать глаза (*на что-л.*), смотреть сквозь пальцы  
to wink at abuse - не обращать внимания на злоупотребления
- приходить к концу; угасать, меркнуть (*обыкн.* wink out)
- слец.** сигнализировать светом  
◇ to wink the other eye - **сл.** взглянуть или улыбнуться недоверчиво

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**wink** [wɪŋk wɪŋks wɪŋkəd wɪŋkɪŋ] **verb, noun** *BrE* [wɪŋk] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [wɪŋk] <sup>ˈ</sup>

## verb

1. **intransitive** ~ (**at sb**) to close one eye and open it again quickly, especially as a private signal to sb, or to show sth is a joke  
• He winked at her and she knew he was thinking the same thing that she was.

**compare** ↑blink

2. **intransitive** to shine with an unsteady light; to flash on and off

**Syn:** ↑blink

• We could see the lights of the ship winking in the distance.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	wink
	BrE /wɪŋk/
	NAmE /wɪŋk/
he / she /it	winks
	BrE /wɪŋks/
	NAmE /wɪŋks/
past simple, past participle	winked
	BrE /wɪŋkt/
	NAmE /wɪŋkt/
-ing form	winking
	BrE /wɪŋkɪŋ/
	NAmE /wɪŋkɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Old English wincian 'close the eyes', of Germanic origin; related to German **winken** 'to wave', also to ↑wince.

**Example Bank:**

- He winked broadly at Lucinda.
- I saw him wink at her.
- She winked at me, and I winked back.
- She winked knowingly at Jack.

**Idioms:** ↑not get a wink of sleep ▪ ↑not sleep a wink

**Derived** ↑wink at something

## noun

an act of **winking**, especially as a signal to sb

• He gave her a knowing wink.

**see also** ↑forty winks

**more at** a nod and a wink a nod is as good as a wink **at** ↑nod <sub>n</sub>, nudge nudge wink winka nudge and a wink **at** ↑nudge <sub>n</sub>, tip sb the wink **at** ↑tip <sub>v</sub>.

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Example Bank:

- He directed a conspiratorial wink at his son.

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**I. wink**<sup>1</sup> /wɪŋk/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** wincian]

**1. [intransitive and transitive]** to close and open one eye quickly to communicate something or show that something is a secret or joke

**wink at**

- He winked mischievously at Erica.
- He winked an eye at his companion.

**2. [intransitive]** to shine with a light that flashes on and off **SYN** blink:

- a Christmas tree with lights winking on and off

**wink at something** *phrasal verb*

to pretend not to notice something bad or illegal, in a way that suggests you approve of it

**II. wink**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

**1. [countable]** a quick action of opening and closing one eye, usually as a signal to someone else:

- He gave her a wink.
- 'You look tired,' he said with a knowing wink.

**2. not get a wink of sleep/not sleep a wink** not be able to sleep at all:

- I didn't get a wink of sleep last night.

⇒ **↑forty winks**, ⇒ **a nod's as good as a wink at** **↑nod**<sup>2</sup>(4), ⇒ **tip somebody the wink at** **↑tip**<sup>2</sup>(11)

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