

whiff

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1. [wɪf] *n*

1. дуновение, струя
a whiff of fresh air - струя свежего воздуха
2. 1) табачный дым; затяжка
to take a whiff or two - затянуться разок-другой
they stopped work to have a few whiffs - они устроили перекур
- 2) *разг.* короткая сигара
3. запах (*особ. неприятный*)
a whiff of garlic - запах чеснока
there was a slight whiff of the stable about him - от него попахивало конюшней
give her another whiff of chloroform - дайте ей ещё понюхать хлороформа
4. свист (*ветра, пули*)

2. [wɪf] *v*

1. веять, слегка дуть
2. выдохнуть (*слово*)
3. пускать клубы дыма; попыхивать (*трубкой и т. п.*)
4. чують, слышать запах; нюхать, принюхиваться
5. свистеть (*о пуле и т. п.*)

II

[wɪf] *n*

1. выпел; флажок
2. учебная гоночная лодка-клинкер

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whiff [whiff whiffs whiffed whiffing] **noun, verb** BrE [wɪf] ^ˈ NAmE [wɪf] ^ˈ

noun usually singular

1. ~ (of sth) a smell, especially one that you only smell for a short time
 - a whiff of cigar smoke
 - He caught a whiff of perfume as he leaned towards her.
2. ~ (of sth) a slight sign or feeling of sth
 - a whiff of danger
3. (NAmE) (in ↑golf or ↑baseball) an unsuccessful attempt to hit the ball

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (originally in the senses 'gust of wind' and 'inhalation of tobacco smoke', also, as a verb, 'blow with a slight gust'): imitative.

Example Bank:

- I caught the whiff of Scotch on his breath.
- Journalists caught a whiff of scandal and pursued the actress relentlessly.
- She took a deep whiff of his aftershave
- The proposal had the whiff of a hoax about it.
- The unmistakable whiff of electoral blackmail could be detected.
- a whiff of perfume
- He caught a whiff of her perfume as she passed.
- She can't bear the slightest whiff of tobacco smoke.

verb

1. **intransitive** (BrE, informal) to smell bad
2. **intransitive** (NAmE) (in ↑golf or ↑baseball) to try without success to hit the ball

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	whiff
	BrE /wɪf/
	NAmE /wɪf/
he / she / it	whiffs
	BrE /wɪfs/
	NAmE /wɪfs/
past simple, past participle	whiffed
	BrE /wɪft/
	NAmE /wɪft/
-ing form	whiffing
	BrE /wɪfɪŋ/
	NAmE /wɪfɪŋ/

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whiff**whiff** /wɪf/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: From the sound of a light movement of air carrying a smell]

1. a very slight smell of something

whiff of

" a whiff of tobacco

get/catch a whiff of something

" As she walked past, I caught a whiff of her perfume.

2. a **whiff of danger/adventure/freedom etc** a slight sign that something dangerous, exciting etc might happen:

" The whiff of danger filled her with excitement.

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THESAURUS

- **smell** something that you can recognize by breathing in through your nose: the smell from the kitchen | What's that awful smell? | the sweet smell of roses
- **whiff** something that you smell for a short time: He caught a whiff of her perfume. | a whiff of apple blossom
- **scent** a smell – used especially about the pleasant smell from flowers, plants, or fruit. Also used about the smell left by an animal: The rose had a beautiful scent. | Cats use their scent to mark their territory. | the sharp, dying scent of autumn | the heady scent (=strong scent) of magnolias
- **fragrance/perfume** a pleasant smell, especially from flowers, plants, or fruit. **Fragrance** and **perfume** are more formal than **scent**: the sweet perfume of the orange blossoms | Each mango has its own special fragrance.
- **aroma** *formal* a pleasant smell from food or coffee: the aroma of fresh coffee | The kitchen was filled with the aroma of mince pies.
- **odour** *British English*, **odor** *American English formal* an unpleasant smell: An unpleasant odour was coming from the dustbins. | the odor of stale tobacco smoke
- **pong** *British English informal* an unpleasant smell: What's that horrible pong?
- **stink/stench** a very strong and unpleasant smell: I couldn't get rid of the stink of sweat. | The toilet gave off a terrible stench.

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