

finger**1. [ˈfɪŋɡə] n****1. 1) палец; перст**

index finger - указательный палец

middle finger - средний палец

the ring finger - безымянный палец

little finger - мизинец

finger notation - **муз.** аппликатура

the finger of Fate [of God] - перст судьбы [перст божий]

they can be counted on the fingers of one hand - их можно пересчитать по пальцам

to twist one's fingers - ломать пальцы (*в волнении, горе*)

to eat smth. with one's fingers - есть что-л. руками

I never laid a finger on her! - я её никогда и пальцем не тронул!

2) палец (перчатки и т. п.)**2. 1) стрелка часов****2) указатель на шкале****3. 1) ширина пальца (как мера длины, около 3/4 дюйма)**two fingers of gin - джина на два пальца (*отмеривается на стакане*)**2) фингер, длина пальца (около 4 1/2 дюйма, ≈ 11,4 см)****3) чуточка**

just a finger of bread - маленький кусочек хлеба

4. муз. туше

she has a very good finger - у неё прекрасное туше

5. тех. (направляющий) палец; штифт**6. фарм.** палочка лекарственного растения

finger of rhubarb - палочка ревеня

7. грубый жест; ≅ кукиш

◇ by a finger's breadth - еле-еле

his fingers are all thumbs - он очень неловок /неуклюж/; ≅ у него всё из рук валится

to be finger and thumb - быть закадычными /неразлучными/ друзьями

finger on the wall - а) **библ.** рука на стене; б) зловещее предзнаменование

to burn one's fingers, to get one's fingers burned, to put one's fingers in the fire - поплатиться за непрошенное вмешательство; ≅ обжечься на чём-л.

to dip /to put/ one's finger in smth. - вмешиваться во что-л.

to have a finger in smth. - участвовать в чём-л.; иметь касательство к чему-л.; вмешиваться во что-л.

to have a finger in the pie - быть замешанным в чём-л.; приложить руку к чему-л.

to cock one's little finger - пить, напиться

to give smb. the finger - обмануть чьи-л. ожидания

nothing that I can put my finger on - ничего определённого, ничего точного, ничего реального

to let slip between /through/ one's fingers - упустить что-л.

not to lift /to move, to raise, to stir/ a finger - и пальцем не пошевелить, палец о палец не ударить

to look through one's fingers - смотреть сквозь пальцы

his fingers itch - у него руки чешутся (*сделать что-л.*)

to rap smb.'s fingers - наказать кого-л., сделать кому-л. выговор, дать нагоняй

to snap one's finger at smb., at smth. - смотреть с презрением на кого-л., на что-л.; игнорировать кого-л., что-л.

to stick in /to/ smb.'s fingers - прилипнуть к рукам (**особ.** о *деньгах*)

to turn /to twist, to wind/ smb. round one's (little) finger - помыкать кем-л.; ≅ вить верёвки из кого-л.

with a wet finger - с лёгкостью, без труда

to work one's fingers to the bone - работать не покладая рук

to keep one's fingers crossed - складывать пальцы крестообразно (*от дурного глаза*)

keep your fingers crossed - тьфу, тьфу, не сглазьте!

finger on the button - **амер. полит.** «палец на кнопке», готовность развязать ядерную войну

finger in the dike - отчаянная попытка спасти положение

2. [ˈfɪŋɡə] v**1. трогать, прикасаться пальцами; вертеть в руках (тж. finger over)**

to finger through the cards - перебирать карты

she fingered the rich silk - она пощупала плотный шёлк

2. 1) играть на музыкальном инструменте

to finger a piano [a guitar] - брэнчать на рояле [на гитаре]

2) муз. указывать аппликатуру**3. сл.** воровать, красть

to finger smb.'s money - присваивать чужие деньги

4. 1) указывать (пальцем); устанавливать (личность, причину и т. п.)**2) сл.** опознать кого-л.; донести на кого-л. (*полиции*); ≅ указать пальцем**finger****fin-ger** [finger fingers fingered fingering] noun, verb BrE [ˈfɪŋɡə(t)] NAmE

[ˈfɪŋɡə]

noun

1. one of the four long thin parts that stick out from the hand (or five, if the thumb is included)

- She **ran her fingers** through her hair.
- Hold the material between finger and thumb.
- He was about to speak but she raised a finger to her lips.
- The old man wagged his finger at the youths.

see also ↑butterfingers, ↑forefinger, ↑green fingers, ↑index finger, ↑little finger, ↑middle finger, ↑ring finger

2. **-fingered** (in adjectives) having the type of **fingers** mentioned; having or using the number of **fingers** mentioned

- long-fingered
- nimble-fingered
- a four-fingered chord

see also ↑light-fingered

3. the part of a glove that covers the **finger**

4. ~ (of sth) a long narrow piece of bread, cake, land, etc

- a finger of toast
- chocolate fingers
- a narrow finger of land pointing out into the sea

see also ↑fish finger

more at burn your fingers/get your fingers burnt **at** ↑burn *v.*, be able to count sb/sth on (the fingers of) one hand **at** ↑count *v.*, cross your fingers **at** ↑cross *v.*, not lift/raise a finger/hand (to do sth) **at** ↑lift *v.*, point a/the finger (at sb) **at** ↑point *v.*, let sth slip (through your fingers) **at** ↑slip *v.*, snap your fingers **at** ↑snap *v.*, have sticky fingers **at** ↑sticky, be all (fingers and) thumbs **at** ↑thumb *n.*

Word Origin:

Old English, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **vinger** and German **Finger**.

Collocations:

Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**
deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**
small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**
piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**
bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**
bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**
long/dark/thick/curly/false **eyelashes/lashes**

Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**
a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**
full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**
dry/chapped/cracked **lips**
flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**
soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**
white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**
a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**
a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**
a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**
a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil **moustache/ (especially US) mustache**

Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned **skin**
dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled **skin**
a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear **complexion**
deep/fine/little/facial **wrinkles**
blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(*BrE*) ginger/grey **hair**
straight/curly/wavy/frizzy/spiky **hair**
thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning **hair**
dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny **hair**
long/short/shoulder-length/cropped **hair**
a bald/balding/shaved **head**
a receding **hairline**
a bald **patch/spot**
a side/centre/(*US*) center (*BrE*) **parting/ (NAme) part**

Body

a long/short/thick/slender/(*disapproving*) scrawny **neck**
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched **shoulders**
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large **chest**
a flat/swollen/bulging **stomach**
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch **waist**
big/wide/narrow/slim **hips**

a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy back

thin/slender/muscular arms

big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved hands

long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony fingers

long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(both informal, often disapproving) skinny/spindly legs

muscular/chubby/(informal, disapproving) flabby thighs

big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare feet

a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass figure

be of slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky build

Example Bank:

- 'None of that!' cried the teacher, wagging her finger.
- Although she knew lots of people, she could count her friends on the fingers of one hand.
- Dad started twiddling his fingers nervously.
- Everyone put their fingers in their ears when the shooting started.
- He crooked a finger to tell us to go over to him.
- He gently laced his fingers between mine.
- He held up his hand with the fingers extended.
- He snapped his fingers and the waiter came running.
- He was drumming his fingers nervously on the arm of the chair.
- Her nimble fingers undid the knot in seconds.
- His clumsy fingers struggled with the buttons.
- I dipped my finger in the sauce and licked it.
- I noticed the ring on the third finger of her left hand.
- I stubbed my finger painfully while reaching for a book.
- It's easiest to eat chicken legs with your fingers.
- Sally trailed her fingers in the water idly.
- She hooked her fingers in the belt loop of his jeans.
- She raised a finger to her lips to ask for silence.
- She ran her finger along the dusty shelf.
- She took off his bandages with gentle fingers.
- The child needed treatment after trapping her finger in the car door.
- The enquiry pointed the finger of blame at the driver of the crashed coach.
- The finger of suspicion was pointed at the chicken served for lunch.
- The man drew a finger across his throat in a threatening gesture.
- The nurse pricked my finger to get some blood.
- The ornaments had been put out of reach of the children's prying fingers.
- The protester was jabbing a finger aggressively at a policeman.
- The teacher raised a warning finger and we stopped talking.
- Tina curled her slender fingers into a fist.
- We were swaying and clicking our fingers in time to the music.

Idioms: ↑finger of suspicion ▪ get/pull your finger out ▪ ↑give somebody the finger ▪ ↑have a finger in every pie ▪ ↑have your finger on the pulse ▪ ↑have your fingers in the till ▪ ↑lay a finger on somebody ▪ ↑not put your finger on something ▪ ↑put two fingers up at somebody ▪ ↑work your fingers to the bone

verb

1. ~ sth to touch or feel sth with your fingers

- Gary sat fingering his beard, saying nothing.

2. ~ sb (for sth) | ~ sb (as sth) (informal, especially NAmE) to accuse sb of doing sth illegal and tell the police about it

- Who fingered him for the burglaries?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	finger
	BrE / 'fɪŋgə(r) /
	NAmE / 'fɪŋgə /
he / she /it	fingers
	BrE / 'fɪŋgəz /
	NAmE / 'fɪŋgəz /
past simple, past participle	fingered
	BrE / 'fɪŋgəd /
	NAmE / 'fɪŋgəd /
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	BrE / 'fɪŋgərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'fɪŋgərɪŋ /

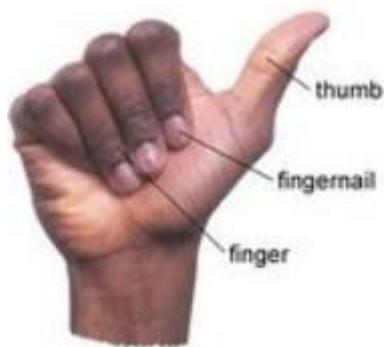
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I. **fin**ger¹ **S2 W2** /'fɪŋgə/\$ -ər/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English]



1. **PART OF YOUR HAND** one of the four long thin parts on your hand, not including your thumb:

- " The woman had a ring on her finger, so I assumed she was married.
- " We ate with our fingers.

run your fingers through/over/along etc something

- " She ran her fingers through his hair. ⇒ ↑index finger, ↑little finger, ↑forefinger, ↑middle finger, ↑ring finger

2. **cross your fingers**

a) to hope that something will happen the way you want:

- " We're keeping our fingers crossed that she's going to be OK.

b) to secretly put one finger over another finger, because you are telling a lie – done especially by children:

- " 'He's nice,' said Laura, crossing her fingers under the table.

3. **not lift/raise a finger** to not make any effort to help someone with their work:

- " I do all the work around the house – Frank never lifts a finger.

4. **put your finger on something** to know or be able to explain exactly what is wrong, different, or unusual about a situation:

- " There was something about the man that worried Wycliffe, but he couldn't put his finger on it.

5. **not lay a finger on somebody** to not hurt someone at all, especially to not hit them:

- " Don't lay a finger on me, or I'll call the police!

6. **have/keep your finger on the pulse (of something)** to always know about the most recent changes or developments in a particular situation or activity:

- " people who have their finger on the pulse of fashion and pop culture

7. **have a finger in every pie/ in many pies** to be involved in many activities and to have influence over a lot of people, used especially when you think someone has too much influence

8. **twist/wrap/wind somebody around your little finger** to be able to persuade someone to do anything that you want:

- " Ed could wrap his mother around his little finger.

9. **the finger of blame /suspicion:**

- " The finger of suspicion immediately fell on Broderick.

10. **OF A GLOVE** the part of a ↑glove that covers your finger

11. **SHAPED LIKE A FINGER** anything that is long and thin, like the shape of a finger, especially a piece of land, an area of water, or a piece of food:

- " fish fingers
- " chocolate fingers

finger of

- " the long finger of Chile

12. **pull/get your finger out** *British English informal* used to tell someone to work harder

13. **put two fingers up at somebody** *British English informal* to show someone you are angry with them in a very offensive way by holding up your first two fingers with the back of your hand facing them

14. **give somebody the finger** *American English informal* to show someone you are angry with them in a very offensive way by holding up your middle finger with the back of your hand facing them

15. **be all fingers and thumbs** *British English* to use your hands in an awkward or careless way, so that you drop or break things

16. **long-fingered /slim-fingered etc** having long fingers, slim fingers etc:

- " lovely long-fingered hands

17. **DRINK** an amount of an alcoholic drink that is as high in the glass as the width of someone's finger:

- " two fingers of whiskey

⇒ ↑butterfingers, ↑fish finger, ⇒ **have your hands/fingers in the till** at ↑till²(3), ⇒ **count something on the fingers of one hand** at ↑count¹(7), ⇒ **have green fingers** at ↑green¹(10), ⇒ **burn your fingers/get your fingers burnt** at ↑burn¹(16), ⇒ **point the/a finger at somebody** at ↑point²(9), ⇒ **let something slip through your fingers** at ↑slip¹(15), ⇒ **snap your fingers** at ↑snap¹(7), ⇒ **have sticky fingers** at ↑sticky(6), ⇒ **work your fingers to the bone** at ↑work¹(29)

II. **fin**ger² **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** [transitive]

1. to touch or handle something with your fingers:

- " She fingered the beautiful cloth.

2. **informal** if someone, especially a criminal, fingers another criminal, they tell the police what that person has done

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- **touch** to put your fingers or hand onto someone or something for a very short time: Don't touch the iron – it's hot!

- **feel** to touch something with your fingers in order to find out about it: Feel how soft this material is. | I felt his forehead. It was cold.
- **handle** to touch something and pick it up and hold it in your hands: Children should always wash their hands before handling food. | The glass was very fragile, and she handled it with great care. | Please do not handle the merchandise.
- **finger** to touch or handle something with your fingers, especially while you are thinking of other things: She fingered the heavy necklace around her neck.
- **rub** to move your hand over a surface while pressing it: Bob rubbed his eyes and yawned.
- **scratch** to rub part of your body with your nails, often because it **ITCHES**: The dog kept scratching its ear. | Bob scratched his head thoughtfully.
- **tickle** to move your fingers lightly over someone's body in order to make them laugh: The baby giggled as I tickled him.
- **grope** to touch someone's body in a sexual way when they do not want to be touched: The officer was accused of groping several women in his platoon.

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