

flinch

- [flɪntʃ] *n*
 - отступление, уклонение
 - вздрагивание, дрожь
 - род карточной игры
- [flɪntʃ] *v*
 - отступать, уклоняться (*от обязанности, трудности, неприятности*)
to flinch from combat - **воен.** избегать боя
he did not flinch from his duty - он не уклонялся от своих обязанностей
 - вздрагивать; передёрнуться (*от боли*)
to bear pain without flinching - переносить боль, не дрогнув

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flinch [flɪntʃ flɪntʃes flɪntʃed flɪntʃɪŋ] *BrE* [flɪntʃ] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [flɪntʃ] [ⓘ] **verb**
intransitive

to make a sudden movement with your face or body as a result of pain, fear, surprise, etc

- He met my gaze without flinching.
- He didn't even flinch (= wasn't surprised) when I told him the price.
- ~ **at sth** He flinched at the sight of the blood.
- ~ **away** She flinched away from the dog.

see also ↑unflinching
Derived ↑flinch from doing something ▪ ↑flinch from something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flinch
	<i>BrE</i> /flɪntʃ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flɪntʃ/
he / she / it	flinches
	<i>BrE</i> /flɪntʃɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flɪntʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	flinched
	<i>BrE</i> /flɪntʃt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flɪntʃt/
-ing form	flinching
	<i>BrE</i> /flɪntʃɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flɪntʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:
mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'slink or sneak off'): from Old French **flenchir** 'turn aside', of West Germanic origin and related to German **lenken** 'to guide, steer'.

- Example Bank:**
- He hardly flinched when he was hit.
 - Her finger touched the scar on his forehead, making him flinch.
 - She flinched away from him.
 - She flinched inwardly as he took her hand.
 - She flinched visibly at the sight of the body.
 - She won't flinch from speaking her mind.

flinch Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

flinch /flɪntʃ/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] (also **flinch away**) **verb** [intransitive]
[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Old French; Origin: flenchir 'to turn aside']

- to move your face or body away from someone or something because you are in pain, frightened, or upset
flinch at
" She flinched at the touch of his hand.
flinch from
" The boy flinched away from him.
- to feel embarrassed or upset
flinch at
" Jo flinched at her sister's insensitivity.
- not flinch from (doing) something** to be willing to do something even though it is difficult or unpleasant:
" He never flinched from doing his duty.

⇒ **unflinching**

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15000 **6343**^{COCA}
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flinches 236

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flinching 221

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447 **32715**⁴⁷⁸ *vvi*

154 **58559**¹⁶⁵ *nn1*

85 **80521**⁸⁹ *vv0*

11 **245320**¹¹ *nnu*
