

prickle1. ['prɪk(ə)] *n*

- шип, колючка
- игла (*дикобраза, ежа и т. п.*)
- разг. преим. pl* ощущение покалывания, «иголки»

2. ['prɪk(ə)] *v*

- колоть, прокалывать
- испытывать колотьё, покалывание
- становиться колючим

prickle

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prickle [prɪkəl prɪkəls prɪkəld prɪklɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* ['prɪkl] *AmE*

['prɪkl]

verb

- transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to give sb an unpleasant feeling on their skin, as if a lot of small sharp points are pushing into it
 - The rough cloth pricked my skin.
 - His moustache pricked when he kissed me.
- intransitive ~ (with sth)** (*of skin, eyes, etc.*) to sting or feel strange and unpleasant because you are frightened, angry, excited, etc.
 - Her eyes pricked with tears.
 - The thought made her prickle with excitement.
 - The hairs on the back of my neck pricked when I heard the door open.
 - (*figurative*) He pricked (= became angry) at the suggestion that it had been his fault.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prickle
	BrE / 'prɪkl/
	NAme / 'prɪkl/
he / she / it	prickles
	BrE / 'prɪklz/
	NAme / 'prɪklz/
past simple, past participle	pricked
	BrE / 'prɪkɪd/
	NAme / 'prɪkɪd/
-ing form	prickling
	BrE / 'prɪklɪŋ/
	NAme / 'prɪklɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *pricel* 'instrument for pricking, sensation of being pricked'; related to Middle Dutch *prickel*, from the Germanic base of ↑*prick*. The verb is partly a diminutive of the verb ↑*prick*.

noun

- a small sharp part on the ↑*stem* or leaf of a plant or on the skin of some animals
 - a cactus covered in prickles
- a slight stinging feeling on the skin
 - a prickle of fear/excitement

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I. **prickle**¹ /'prɪkəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: pricle]

- a long thin sharp point on the skin of some animals or the surface of some plants
- if you feel a prickle of fear, anger, or excitement, you feel slightly afraid, angry, or excited in a way that makes your skin feel slightly cold and uncomfortable

prickle of

She felt a prickle of fear as she realized that she was alone.

II. **prickle**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

- [*intransitive and transitive*] if something prickles your skin, it makes it sting slightly:
 - A cold breeze pricked his face.
 - His hair pricked my neck.

prickle on

He felt sweat prickle on his forehead.

- [*intransitive*] if your skin prickles, it begins to sting slightly:
 - Her skin was prickling uncomfortably.
- [*intransitive*] *British English* if your eyes prickle, they sting slightly because you are going to cry:
 - She felt her eyes prickle. 'It was awful,' she whispered.

My eyes prickled with tears.

4. [intransitive] if you prickle, you feel slightly angry, excited, or afraid

prickle with

" The thought of meeting him made her prickle with excitement.

prickle at

" She felt herself prickle (=become angry) at his tone of voice.

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