

knife

1. [naɪf] *n* (*pl knives*)
 - 1) нож; ножик
 the assassin's knife - а) нож (наёмного) убийцы; б) покушение
 the surgeon's knife - а) нож хирурга; б) хирургическое вмешательство
 it cuts like a knife - как ножом режет (*о ветре и т. п.*)
 - 2) *мед.* скальпель
 - 3) (the knife) хирургическая операция
 to have a horror of the knife - панически бояться операции
 to go under the knife - лечь на операцию, подвергнуться операции, лечь под нож
 he was under the knife for two hours - его оперировали два часа
 to die under the knife - умереть во время операции
2. кинжал, нож; кортик
 to get /to put, to stick/ a knife into smb. - заколоть кого-л. кинжалом, зарезать кого-л. ножом [*ср. тж.* ◊]
3. *тех.*
 - 1) струг, скребок
 - 2) нож, резец
 4. *полигр.* ракель
 ◊ before one could say knife - немедленно, тотчас же, моментально ≅ и ахнуть не успел
 to make /to wage/ war to the knife - вести беспощадную войну; ≅ драться не на живот, а на смерть
 to have /to get/ one's knife into smb. - нападать на кого-л., разносить кого-л. [*ср. тж.* 2]
 to play a good knife and fork - есть с аппетитом ≅ уплетать за обе щеки
 to look carving knives at smb. - бросать злобные взгляды на кого-л.

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1. резать ножом
2. нанести удар ножом; заколоть ножом
 he was knifed in the street - его зарезали /пырнули ножом/ на улице
3. 1) резать (*волны*)
 boats knifing the water - лодки, разрезающие воду
- 2) идти наперерез волнам
 the cruiser knifed through the heavy sea - крейсер шёл наперерез высоким волнам
4. *амер. разг.*
 - 1) нанести предательский удар, нанести удар в спину
 - 2) предать свою партию; вредить кандидату своей партии

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knife [knife knives] *noun, verb* BrE [naɪf] ^с NAmE [naɪf] ^с (*pl. knives* BrE [naɪvz] ^с ; NAmE [naɪvz] ^с)



a sharp blade with a handle, used for cutting or as a weapon

- knives and forks
- a sharp knife
- a bread knife (= one for cutting bread)
- He had been stabbed repeatedly with a kitchen knife.
- She was murdered in a frenzied knife attack.

see also ↑flick knife, ↑jackknife, ↑palette knife, ↑paperknife, ↑penknife, Stanley knife

Word Origin:

late Old English cniƿ, from Old Norse knífr, of Germanic origin.

Thesaurus:

knife *noun* C
 • A sharp knife is essential for carving.
blade • • **dagger** • • **scalpel** • • **machete** • • **cleaver** • • **penknife** • • **switchblade** •
 a **sharp** knife/blade/dagger/penknife
cut sth with a knife/blade/scalpel/machete/penknife
stab sb/sth with a knife/blade/dagger
chop sth with a knife/machete/cleaver

Example Bank:

- Each word he uttered was a knife in her heart.
- He and his gang had a knife fight one night.

- He is to go under the surgeon's knife again on Thursday.
- He plunged the knife deep into her heart.
- He pressed the knife tighter against her throat.
- He suddenly pulled a knife on me.
- He was slumped over his desk with a knife protruding from his back.
- He waved his knife in her face threateningly.
- Just to twist the knife, the filmmakers have provided a surprise ending.
- She carries a knife in her bag now.
- She felt a knife slice her wrist open.
- She picked up her knife and fork and started to eat.
- She pointed her knife at Richard.
- She put the knife to his throat to frighten him into silence.
- She stabbed him in the back with a 12-inch knife.
- That knife doesn't cut very well— it needs sharpening.
- The lines can be cut with a craft knife.
- Use a sharp knife to cut away the spare dough.
- a frenzied knife attack
- a set of kitchen knives
- A sharp carving knife is essential when carving any joint.
- Chuck drew his hunting knife from its sheath.
- Sara placed her knife and fork neatly on the plate.
- The raider threatened him with a 6-inch kitchen knife before escaping.
- a butter/steak knife
- a kitchen/carving/hunting knife

Idioms: ↑knives are out ▪ ↑like a knife through butter ▪ ↑put the knife in ▪ ↑put the knife into somebody ▪ ↑turn the knife ▪ ↑under the knife

verb ~ sb

to injure or kill sb with a knife

- She knifed him in the back.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	knife
	BrE /naɪf/
	NAmE /naɪf/
he / she / it	knives
	BrE /naɪvz/
	NAmE /naɪvz/
past simple, past participle	knifed
	BrE /naɪfɪd/
	NAmE /naɪfɪd/
-ing form	knifing
	BrE /naɪfɪŋ/
	NAmE /naɪfɪŋ/

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Syn: ↑stab

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1. **knife**¹ **S3 W3** /naɪf/ BrE " AmE " noun (plural **knives** /naɪvz/) [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: cniġ]



1. a metal blade fixed into a handle, used for cutting or as a weapon ⇒ **scalpel:**

- " a knife and fork
- " Some young people are carrying knives to defend themselves.
- " a kitchen knife

Use a sharp knife to cut the melon into sections. ⇒ ↑carving knife, ↑flick knife, ↑palette knife, ↑paper knife, ↑penknife

2. **the knives are out (for somebody)** *informal* used to say that people are being extremely unfriendly in criticizing someone:

" The knives are out for the vice president.

3. **twist/turn the knife (in the wound)** to say something that makes someone more upset about a subject they are already unhappy about
4. **stick/put etc the knife in/into someone** *British English informal* to dislike someone and be very unfriendly towards them
5. **under the knife** *informal* having a medical operation
6. **you could cut the atmosphere/air/tension with a knife** used to say that you felt the people in a room were angry with each other
7. **like a (hot) knife through butter** *informal* used to say that something happens or is done very easily, without any problems

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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + knife

- **sharp** Be careful using that knife - it's very sharp.
- **blunt** (=not sharp) The knife was so blunt it wouldn't cut anything.
- **a bread knife** Will you pass me the bread knife?
- **a kitchen knife** (=a long knife used for cutting vegetables etc) Every chef has his own set of kitchen knives.
- **a carving knife** (=for cutting meat) Dad always used to sharpen the carving knife.
- **a pocket knife** (=a small knife that you carry with you) He was armed with nothing but a pocket knife.

knife + NOUN

- **a knife wound** She died from a single knife wound.
- **a knife attack** He was sentenced to 9 years in prison for a knife attack.
- **knife crime** (=crimes in which people are attacked with knives) Knife crime is on the increase.

phrases

- **the blade of a knife** The blade of the knife cut cleanly through the rope.
- **the handle of a knife** His hand reached down to the handle of his knife.

verbs

- **carry a knife** (=have it with you) The campaign warns young people about the dangers of carrying knives.
- **be armed with a knife** (=have it with you) One of the men was armed with a knife.
- **hold a knife** In his hand, he held a long knife.
- **threaten somebody with a knife** The girls were threatened with a knife.
- **brandish/wield a knife** (=wave it around in a threatening way) A man brandishing a knife burst into the room.
- **sharpen a knife** (=make it sharper) What's the best way to sharpen a knife?

II. knife² BrE⁺ AmE⁺ verb [transitive]

to put a knife into someone's body **SYN stab**:

She had been knifed to death.

—**knifing** noun [countable]

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