

ache

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1. [eɪk] *n*

боль (*особ.* продолжительная тупая)
 to have an ache - испытывать боль
 to have aches and pains all over - совершенно разболеться; ≅ всё болит

2. [eɪk] *v*

- болеть, испытывать боль
 my head [ear, stomach, tooth] aches - у меня болит голова [ухо, живот, зуб]
 it made my head ache - у меня от этого разболелась голова
 he ached all over - у него всё болело
- болеть; сострадать; переживать (*о чём-л.*)
 my heart aches at the sight of him, it makes my heart ache to see him - когда я вижу его, у меня сердце разрывается
 she ached for the hurt little dog - ей было до слёз жаль раненую собаку
- разг.* жаждать, изо всех сил стремиться
 I ached to see him - я очень хотел его увидеть
 his body ached for a rest - всё его тело ныло от усталости
 he was aching for home - он истосковался по дому
 he was aching to go /with a desire to go/ - ему не терпелось уйти

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[eɪtʃ] *n*

эйч, название буквы H

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ache [ache aches ached aching] **verb, noun** *BrE* [eɪk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [eɪk] ^ˈ

verb

- intransitive** to feel a continuous dull pain
Syn: ↑hurt
 • I'm aching all over.
 • ~ **from sth** Her eyes ached from lack of sleep.
 • (*figurative*) It makes my heart ache (= it makes me sad) to see her suffer.
- intransitive, transitive (formal)** to have a strong desire for sb/sth or to do sth

Syn: ↑long

- ~ **for sb/sth** I was aching for home.
- ~ **to do sth** He ached to see her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	ache
	<i>BrE</i> /eɪk/
	<i>NAmE</i> /eɪk/
he / she /it	aches
	<i>BrE</i> /eɪks/
	<i>NAmE</i> /eɪks/
past simple, past participle	ached
	<i>BrE</i> /eɪkt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /eɪkt/
-ing form	aching
	<i>BrE</i> /eɪkɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /eɪkɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Her head felt hot and she was aching all over.
- I still really ache from all that cycling yesterday.
- My feet ached badly.
- My left foot ached a bit.
- I'm aching all over.
- It makes my heart ache to see her suffer.

noun (often in compounds)

a continuous feeling of pain in a part of the body
 • Mummy, I've got a tummy ache.
 • Muscular **aches and pains** can be soothed by a relaxing massage.
 • (*figurative*) an ache in my heart (= a continuous sad feeling)

see also ↑achy, ↑bellyache, ↑heartache

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- He changed his position once again to ease the ache in his back.
- He was always complaining about his various aches and pains.
- I felt the familiar ache in my lower back.
- She could hardly speak for the ache in her heart.
- She kept feeling the nagging ache in her heart.
- a nagging ache in her knee
- the ache of loneliness inside him
- Mummy, I've got a tummy ache.
- You get more aches and pains as you get older.
- an ache in my heart
- to have a stomach ache/headache/backache/toothache

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I. **ache**¹ /eɪk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *acan*]

1. if part of your body aches, you feel a continuous, but not very sharp pain there **SYN** **hurt**:

His feet were aching from standing so long.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say they **have a headache**, **have (a) backache**, **have (a) stomach ache**, or **have (a) toothache** rather than saying that their **head, back, etc aches**:

▪ *My head aches terribly.* → I have a terrible headache.

2. to want to do or have something very much

ache for

I'm aching for sleep.

ache to do something

He ached to reach out and hold her close.

3. to have a strong unhappy feeling

ache with

Sarah ached with sadness that her brother was so ill.

Tim's heart was aching for her.

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■ when part of your body feels painful

- **hurt** if part of your body hurts, it feels painful: My chest hurts when I cough.
- **ache** to hurt with a continuous pain: I'd been walking all day and my legs were really aching.
- **throb** to feel a bad pain that comes and goes again in a regular and continuous way: Lou had a terrible headache and his whole head seemed to be throbbing.
- **sting** to feel a sharp pain, or to make someone feel this, especially in your eyes, throat, or skin: My throat stings every time I swallow. | This injection may sting a little.
- **smart** to hurt with a sudden sharp pain – used especially about your eyes, or your skin where something has hit you: Her eyes were smarting from the thick smoke. | Jackson's face was still smarting from the punch.
- **burn** to feel very hot and painful or uncomfortable: Be careful because this chemical will make your skin burn. | His eyes were burning because of the gas.
- **pinch** if something you are wearing pinches you, it is too tight and presses painfully on your skin: The shirt was a bit too small and it was pinching my neck.
- **something is killing me** *spoken informal* used when something feels very painful: My legs are killing me. | These shoes are killing me.
- **a bad back/leg/arm etc** if you have a bad back/leg/arm etc, it feels painful: He's off work with a bad back.

II. **ache**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. a continuous pain that is not sharp or very strong:

a stomach ache

A dull ache throbbed at the back of David's head.

aches and pains (=slight feelings of pain that are not considered to be serious)

Apart from the usual aches and pains, she felt all right.

2. a strong, mostly unhappy, feeling:

the ache of his loneliness

—**achy** *adjective*:

I'm feeling tired and achy.

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- **pain** *noun* [uncountable and countable] the feeling when part of your body hurts: A broken leg can cause a lot of pain. | He felt a sharp pain in his chest.
- **ache** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a continuous pain, especially one that is not very bad. Most commonly used in

compounds such as **headache** , **toothache** , and **backache** : I felt an ache in my back after decorating all day. | Driving gives me a headache. | I've got stomach ache. | Do you have earache?

- **twinge** *noun* [countable] a sudden slight pain that comes and then disappears quickly: When I bent down I felt a twinge in my back.
- **discomfort** *noun* [uncountable] *formal* an uncomfortable feeling in your body, or a slight pain: The procedure takes five minutes and only causes slight discomfort.
- **agony** *noun* [uncountable] a feeling of great pain, or a situation in which you feel a lot of pain: the agony of childbirth | I was in agony by the time I got to the hospital. | It was agony (=very painful) getting up out of bed.
- **suffering** *noun* [uncountable] continuous physical or mental pain, which makes someone very unhappy: I just wanted someone to put an end to my suffering. | the suffering of the earthquake victims

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