

instinct**1. [ˈɪnstɪŋkt] n****1. ИНСТИНКТ**

the instinct of self-preservation- инстинкт самосохранения
to do smth. by /from/ instinct - делать что-л инстинктивно

2. внутреннее чутьё, интуиция; природная, врождённая способность

he has an instinct for always saying the right thing - он всегда чувствует, что именно нужно сказать
to be by instinct a collector - быть прирождённым коллекционером

2. [ɪnˈstɪŋkt] a *predic книжн.***полный, преисполненный**

the picture is instinct with life - картина полна жизни
instinct with pity - преисполненный жалости

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in·instinct [**instinct instincts**] **BrE** [ˈɪnstɪŋkt] **AmE** [ˈɪnstɪŋkt] **noun****uncountable, countable****1. ~ (for sth/for doing sth) | ~ (to do sth)** a natural tendency for people and animals to behave in a particular way using the knowledge and abilities that they were born with rather than thought or training

- maternal instincts
- Children do not know **by instinct** the difference between right and wrong.
- His first instinct was to run away.
- Horses have a well-developed instinct for fear.
- Even at school, he showed he **had an instinct for** (= was naturally good at) business.

2. ~ (that...) a feeling that makes you do sth or believe that sth is true, even though it is not based on facts or reason**Syn:** †intuition

- Her instincts had been right.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (also in the sense 'instigation, impulse'): from Latin *instinctus* 'impulse', from the verb *instinguere*, from *in-* 'towards' + *stinguere* 'to prick'.

Thesaurus:**instinct** **noun** U, C

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intuition • • **sixth sense** •a/an instinct/intuition/sixth sense **for** sthan instinct/intuition **that...**do sth **by** instinct/intuition**have** a/an instinct/intuition/sixth sense**rely on** your instinct/intuitionExample Bank:

- Against her better instincts, she ran back into the burning house to save some of her jewellery.
- Artists have to learn to be guided by their instincts.
- Babies know by instinct who their mother is.
- Both superpowers shared the same instinct for self-preservation
- He had an unerring instinct for when people were lying to him.
- He has an instinct for survival in a tough job.
- He plays well but lacks that killer instinct that wins matches.
- Her instinct told her that she was being followed.
- Her instincts took over and she dived on the escaping thief.
- His first instinct was to run away from danger.
- I acted purely on instinct.
- I've trusted my instincts in the past and they've usually been right.
- In negotiating you have to develop an instinct for when to be tough and when to make a deal.
- Out of pure instinct, he moved back a little.
- They accused the campaign of appealing to the electorate's baser instincts.
- What makes all these people come to the club? In my view it's the herd instinct.
- Why don't you just follow your natural instincts?
- As a player he seemed to lack the killer instinct.
- Children do not know the difference between right and wrong by instinct.
- Her instincts about him had been right.
- It's best to follow your first instincts in matters like this.
- Marshall's gut instinct was to turn and run.
- Most people have a well-developed survival instinct.
- She did not seem to have any of the usual maternal instincts.
- She has a definite instinct for business.
- The instinct for migration seems to be programmed into some birds and not others.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: *instinctus*, from *instinguere* 'to make someone wish to do something']

a natural tendency to behave in a particular way or a natural ability to know something, which is not learned ⇒ **intuition**

instinct for

Animals have a natural instinct for survival.

instinct to do something

the human instinct to form relationships

by instinct

Birds build nests by instinct.

sexual/maternal/survival instinct

Her instinct told her that something was wrong.

sb's first instinct (=what someone feels like doing first when something happens)

His first instinct was to rush back to Isobel.

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COLLOCATIONS**ADJECTIVES/NOUN + instinct**

- **a deep/strong/powerful instinct** He bent down, obeying a deep instinct to protect himself from danger.
- **a natural instinct** I followed my natural instinct to run away.
- **somebody's first/initial instinct** His first instinct was to try and hide.
- **somebody's gut instinct** *informal* (=someone's first instinct) Her gut instinct about Jimmy had been right.
- **human instinct** It's a natural human instinct to comfort someone who is unhappy.
- **animal instinct** It's an animal instinct to attack the leader of the herd when his strength begins to fail.
- **a basic instinct** The need to survive is the most basic instinct that we have.
- **survival instinct** (=an instinct to survive in a difficult situation) Survival instinct told me to get up and run.
- **killer instinct** (=an instinct to kill, harm or defeat someone) The team needs to develop the killer instinct.
- **competitive instinct** (=an instinct to compete against others and try to win) He now channels his competitive instincts into his job.
- **maternal instinct** (=the instinct of a mother) Kate's maternal instinct told her to pick the child up and comfort it.
- **political instinct** The minister's shrewd political instincts didn't let him down.
- **business/commercial instinct** I have faith in your business instinct.

verbs

- **trust your instinct(s)** (also **rely on your instincts**) (=believe that your instincts are correct) I've trusted my instincts in the past and they've usually been right.
- **go on your instinct(s)** *informal* (=trust your instincts) I just went on my instincts and refused his offer.
- **follow/obey your instinct(s)** (=do what your instinct tells you to do) You should obey your instincts when dealing with strangers.
- **have the instinct to do something** She had the instinct to see what made people unhappy.
- **lack the instinct to do something** He lacked the instinct to attack another human being.
- **an instinct tells somebody something** Every instinct told her that he was telling the truth.

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