

spark

I

1. [spa:k] *n*

1. 1) искра

2) *физ.* искра, искровой разрядspark advance - *авт.* раннее зажиганиеspark test - *тех.* проба «на искру»spark tester - *авт.* индикатор работы свечи

2. проблеск, след

not a spark - нисколько

not a spark of interest - ни малейшего интереса

he has not a spark of wit - у него нет ни грана остроумия

not a spark of life remained - признаков жизни не осталось

the appeal failed to strike a responsive spark - призыв не произвёл никакого впечатления/никого не зажёл/

3. мелкий алмаз

◇ as the sparks fly upward - неотвратимо неизбежно

to strike sparks out of smb. - заставить кого-л. блеснуть (*в разговоре и т. п.*)

the vital spark - жизнь

to have a spark in one's throat - *сл.* постоянно испытывать жажду2. [spa:k] *v*

1. 1) искриться

2) *слец.* искрить, давать искру; давать вспышку2. зажигать, воодушевлять (*кого-л.*)

a player can spark his team to victory - один игрок может зажечь свою команду и привести её к победе

3. вызвать (*тж.* spark off)

to spark off a strike - стать причиной забастовки, вызвать забастовку

the question sparked a lively discussion - этот вопрос вызвал оживлённую дискуссию

II

1. [spa:k] *n*

1. щёголь, фронт

2. волокита

to play the spark to smb. - ухаживать (*за кем-л.*)3. *поэт.* возлюбленный2. [spa:k] *v*

1. щеголять; рисоваться

2. ухаживать, увиваться (*за кем-л.*)**spark**

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spark [spark sparks sparked sparking] *noun, verb* BrE [spa:k] ^{us} NAmE [spa:rk]

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noun1. **countable** a very small burning piece of material that is produced by sth that is burning or by hitting two hard substances together

• A shower of sparks flew up the chimney.

• A spark from the machinery had set fire to some material.

2. **countable** a small flash of light produced by an electric current

• sparks from a faulty light switch

• A spark ignites the fuel in a car engine.

3. **countable, usually singular** ~ **of sth** a small amount of a particular quality or feeling**Syn:** ↑glimmer

• a spark of hope

• The woman's eyes still had a spark of life in them.

4. **uncountable, singular** a special quality of energy, intelligence or enthusiasm that makes sb very clever, amusing, etc

• As a writer he seemed to lack creative spark.

• She was a real star. She had a certain spark— that something extra.

5. **countable** an action or event that causes sth important to develop, especially trouble or violence

• the sparks of revolution

6. **countable, usually plural** feelings of anger or excitement between people• **Sparks flew** at the meeting (= there was a lot of argument) .

• She was suddenly aware of the romantic spark between them.

see a bright spark **at** ↑bright _{adj.}Word Origin:

Old English spærca, spearca, of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

• Flying sparks ignited the dry grass.

• Flying sparks set fire to the dry grass.

• He had kindled a spark of interest within her.

- Her eyes shot sparks of contempt.
- Her performance added a little spark to the movie.
- His iron-tipped stick struck sparks from the pavement
- His performances lack creative spark.
- His remarks drew sparks from her.
- She didn't have a spark of talent in her.
- She felt a little spark of anger.
- Sparks flew at the meeting.
- The firework showered sparks all over the lawn.
- The grinding wheel sent a shower of sparks across the workbench.
- a spark of hope/life
- She had a certain spark— that something extra that made her a star.
- She had lost none of the spark that had made her such an endearing young bride.
- The players have shown that they still possess the spark to make a fight of it.
- These were the sparks of revolution

Derived ↑spark up something

verb

- 1. transitive** to cause sth to start or develop especially suddenly
 - ~ **sth** The proposal would spark a storm of protest around the country.
 - Winds brought down power lines, sparking a fire.
 - The organizers are hoping to spark some interest in young people.
 - ~ **sth off** The riots were sparked off by the arrest of a local leader.
- 2. intransitive** to produce small flashes of fire or electricity
 - a sparking, crackling fire
 - (figurative) The game suddenly sparked to life.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spark
	BrE /spa:k/
	NAme /spa:rk/
he / she / it	sparks
	BrE /spa:ks/
	NAme /spa:rks/
past simple, past participle	sparked
	BrE /spa:kt/
	NAme /spa:rkɪd/
-ing form	sparking
	BrE /spa:kɪŋ/
	NAme /spa:rkiŋ/

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I. **spark**¹ /spɑ:k\$ spa:rk BrE[™] AmE[™] noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: spearca]

- 1. FIRE [countable]** a very small piece of burning material produced by a fire or by hitting or rubbing two hard objects together:
 - sparks from the fire
 - The scrape of metal on metal sent up a shower of sparks.
- 2. ELECTRICITY [countable]** a flash of light caused by electricity passing across a space:
 - electric sparks from a broken wire
- 3. spark of interest/excitement /anger etc** a small amount of a feeling or quality:
 - Rachel looked at her and felt a spark of hope.
- 4. CAUSE [countable]** a small action or event that causes something to happen, especially trouble or violence:
 - The judge's verdict provided the spark for the riots.
 - Interest rate cuts were the spark the market needed.
- 5. INTELLIGENCE/ENERGY [uncountable]** a quality of intelligence or energy that makes someone successful or fun to be with:
 - She was tired, and lacked her usual spark.
 - McKellen's performance gives the play its spark of life (=quality of energy).
- 6. sparks [plural]** anger or angry arguments:
 - The sparks were really flying (=people were arguing angrily) at the meeting!

⇒ **bright spark** at ↑bright(10)

II. **spark**² BrE[™] AmE[™] verb

- 1. [transitive]** (also **spark something ↔ off**) to be the cause of something, especially trouble or violence **SYN** provoke:
 - The police response sparked outrage in the community.
 - A discarded cigarette sparked a small brush fire.
- 2. spark sb's interest/hope/curiosity etc** to make someone feel interested, hopeful etc:
 - topics that spark children's imaginations
- 3. [intransitive]** to produce sparks of fire or electricity

spark

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RANGE: **3k** SPARK ⁹⁶¹¹

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sparks ²⁸¹⁹

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