#### instant

# мгновение, минута

I called you the instant (that) I arrived - как только я приехал, я сразу же тебе позвонил

this instant - сейчас (же); сию минуту

come this instant - приходи немедленно

it won't take me an instant - не пройдёт и минуты, как я ..., я мигом

at that very instant - в (э)тот самый момент

in an instant - а) немедленно; тотчас; I shall be back in an instant - я сейчас вернусь; б) в мгновение; спустя /через/ минуту in another instant I was saved - ещё мгновение - и я был спасён

on the instant - тотчас, в тот же момент /миг/

for an instant - на мгновение

to pause for an instant - остановиться на минуту

# 2. ['instənt] a

## 1. немедленный, незамедлительный, мгновенный

instant response - немедленный ответ, мгновенная реакция to feel instant relief - сразу же почувствовать себя лучше he became an instant celebrity - он моментально стал знаменитостью

#### 2. непосредственный, прямой

instant dependence - прямая зависимость

the instant connection between smth. - непосредственная связь между чем-л.

## 3. настоятельный безотлагательный срочный

to be in instant need of smth. - испытывать настоятельную необходимость в чём-л.

## 4. офиц. текущий (о месяце)

the 10th instant - 10-го числа текущего месяца in the instant case - в данном /рассматриваемом/ случае

#### 5. 1) быстрорастворимый

instant coffee - быстрорастворимыйкофе

2) в виде полуфабриката

instant cake mix - (сухая) смесь для кекса

3. ['Instant] adv поэт. см. instantly I

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in-stant [instant instants] adjective, noun BrE ['Instant] NAmE ['Instant] adjective

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## 1. usually before noun happening immediately

#### Syn: †immediate

- She took an instant dislike to me.
- This account gives you instant access to your money.
- The show was an instant success.
- 2. only before noun (of food) that can be made quickly and easily, usually by adding hot water
- instant coffee

#### Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin instant- 'being at hand', from the verb instare, from in- 'in, at' + stare 'to stand'.

#### Example Bank:

- · She took an instant dislike to me, the first time we met.
- The show was an instant success in New York.
- There is no instant solution to the problem of rising crime.

## noun usually singular

## 1. a very short period of time

## Syn: †moment

- I'll be back in an instant.
- Just for an instant I thought he was going to refuse.

# 2. a particular point in time

- At that (very) instant, the door opened.
- I recognized her the instant (that) (= as soon as) I saw her.
- Come here this instant ! (= immediately)

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## Example Bank:

• At any given instant the distribution of molecular speeds is always constant under the same conditions.

- For a brief instant, I thought she was going to fall.
- He paused for an instant before continuing.
- He took out his keys to lock the door. At that very instant the door flew open and a man ran into the room.

- His news was too important to be contained for a single instant longer.
- It was all overin an instant.
- She woke up in the instant before the phone rang.
- The bomb could go off at any instant.
- The next instant she was flying through the air.
- Come here this instant!
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#### I. in stant<sup>1</sup> S3 /'Instant/ BrE AmE adjective

[Word Family: noun: finstance, finstant; adverb finstantly, finstantaneously; adjective: finstant, finstantaneous] [Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: Latin instans, present participle of instare 'to stand on, be present', from stare 'to stand']

#### 1. [usually before noun] happening or produced immediately SYN immediate :

- an instant success
- a system that provides instant access to client information
- The women took an instant dislike to one another.
- <sup>\*</sup> The programme brought an instant response.
- 2. [only before noun] instant food, coffee etc is in the form of powder and prepared by adding hot water:
  - instant coffee
  - instant soup

#### II. instant<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE noun

[Word Family: noun: †instance, †instant; adverb †instantly, †instantaneously; adjective: †instant, †instantaneous] **1**. [countable, usually singular] a moment:

- She caught his eye for an instant.
- When the rain started, the crowd vanished in an instant (=immediately).

#### instant of

an instant of panic

- She stepped towards the door and, in that very same instant, the doorbell rang.
- 2. the instant (that) as soon as something happens:
  - The instant I saw him, I knew he was the man from the restaurant.
  - Jen burst out laughing the instant she walked in.
- 3. this instant *spoken* used when telling someone, especially a child, to do something immediately **SYN now**: Come here this instant!

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