

peck

I

[pek] *n*

1. пек (мера объёма сыпучих тел; *англ.* ≈ 8,81 л; *амер.* ≈ 7,7 л)
2. множество, масса, куча
a peck of trouble - куча неприятностей

II

1. [pek] *n*

1. клевок
2. *шутл.* лёгкий поцелуй
to give smb. a peck - чмокнуть кого-л.
3. след клевка, укола, дырочка; углубление
a bird peck - поклёв на плоде
4. *сл.* пицца, харч
peck and perch - ночлег и харчи
peck and tittle /booze/ - еда и выпивка
the peck was served at once - на стол собрали сразу
to be of one's peck - потерять аппетит

2. [pek] *v*

1. клевать, долбить клювом
birds pecked at the grapes - птицы поклевали виноград
2. (on) *шутл.* легко поцеловать «клюнуть»
3. выклёвывать, продалбливать дырку
4. *разг.*
1) мало есть, «клевать»
I'll peck a bit - я немного поем
she merely pecked at the partridge - она только поковыряла вилкой куропатку
- 2) (at) пилить, бранить, «клевать» (кого-л.)
5. 1) копать киркой
2) долбить острым инструментом
father was pecking ice off - отец сбивал лёд

II

[pek] *v диал.*

1. 1) бросать камни
2) бросаться камнями
2. бросаться вперёд (о лошади)
the horse pecked and stumbled - лошадь рванулась вперёд и споткнулась

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peck [peck pecks pecked pecking] *verb, noun* *BrE* [pek] * *NAmE* [pek] *

verb

1. *intransitive, transitive (of birds)* to move the beak forward quickly and hit or bite sth
 - ~ (at sth) A robin was pecking at crumbs on the ground.
 - Hens pecked around in the yard.
 - ~ sth A bird had pecked a hole in the sack.
 - ~ sth out Vultures had pecked out the dead goat's eyes.
2. *transitive (informal)* to kiss sb lightly and quickly
 - ~ sb on sth He pecked her on the cheek as he went out.
 - ~ sth She pecked his cheek.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	peck
	BrE /pek/
	NAmE /pek/
he / she / it	pecks
	BrE /peks/
	NAmE /peks/
past simple, past participle	pecked
	BrE /pekt/
	NAmE /pekt/
-ing form	pecking
	BrE /pekɪŋ/
	NAmE /pekɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: of unknown origin; compare with Middle Low German *pekken* 'peck (with the beak)'.

Idiom: pecking order

Derived ↑ peck at something

noun

1. (informal) a quick kiss

- He gave her a friendly peck on the cheek.
- 2. an act of **pecking** sb/sth
 - The budgerigar gave a quick peck at the seed.

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Example Bank:

- The robin had a peck at the bird seed.

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I. **peck**¹ /pek/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from pick]



1. [intransitive and transitive] if a bird pecks something or pecks at something, it makes quick repeated movements with its beak to try to eat part of it, make a hole in it etc

peck at
birds pecking at breadcrumbs on the pavement

2. **peck somebody on the cheek/forehead etc** to kiss someone quickly and lightly:
She pecked her father lightly on the cheek.

peck at something *phrasal verb*
to eat only a little bit of a meal because you are not interested in it or not hungry:
She pecked at her food in silence.

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

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: ⇒ ↑peck¹]

1. a quick light kiss:
He gave her a quick **peck on the cheek**.
2. an action in which a bird pecks someone or something with its beak

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