

**spear**

I

1. [spɪə] *n*
  1. копё; дротик
  2. острота; гарпун  
to catch a fish [a whale] with a spear - поймать рыбу острой [загарпунить кита]
  3. *уст.* копыносец, копейщик
  4. *pl редк.* колючки, шипы
  5. *с.-х.* щуп (для зерна)
2. [spɪə] *v*
  1. пронзать копём
  2. бить острой; гарпунить
  3. 1) пронзать; подцеплять остриём  
be speared a chop from a platter - он подцепил вилкой котлету с блюда
  - 2) вонзаться, втыкаться

II

1. [spɪə] *n*
  1. острый лист (*травы*)
  2. молодое деревце (*особенно дуб*)
  3. *бот.* побег, отпрыск; стрелка
2. [spɪə] *v бот.*  
пойти в стрелку, выбрасывать стрелку

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**spear** [spear spears speared spearing] **noun, verb** *BrE* [spɪə(r)] *NAmE* [spɪr]

**noun**



1. a weapon with a long wooden handle and a sharp metal point used for fighting, hunting and fishing in the past
2. the long pointed **stem** of some plants

Word Origin:

Old English spere, of Germanic origin; compare with Dutch **speer** and German **Speer**.

Example Bank:

- She had a fish impaled on the point of her spear.
- The tribesmen were armed with spears and shields.
- a 5 000-year-old stone spear point

**verb ~ sth/sb**

to throw or push a **spear** or other pointed object through sth/sb

- They were standing in the river spearing fish.
- She speared an olive with her fork.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spear
	<i>BrE</i> /spɪə(r)/
	<i>NAmE</i> /spɪr/
he / she / it	spears
	<i>BrE</i> /spɪəz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /spɪrz/
past simple, past participle	speared
	<i>BrE</i> /spɪəd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /spɪrd/
-ing form	spearing
	<i>BrE</i> /spɪə(r)ɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /spɪrɪŋ/

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[Sense 1: Language: Old English; Origin: spere]

[Sense 2: Date: 1400-1500; Origin: spire]

1. a pole with a sharp pointed blade at one end, used as a weapon in the past

2. a thin pointed stem of a plant:

# asparagus spears

II. **spear**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>#</sup> *AmE* <sup>#</sup> *verb* [transitive]

1. to push or throw a spear into something, especially in order to kill it

2. to push a pointed object, usually a fork, into something, so that you can pick it up

⇒ **stab****spear**

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