a short high sound made by a piece of electronic equipment

Word Origin:

1950s: imitative.

## verb

- 1. intransitive to make a short high electronic sound
- The microwave will bleep when your meal is ready.
- 2. (BrE) (NAmE beep) transitive ~ sb to call sb on their †bleeper
- Please bleep the doctor on duty immediately.
- 3. transitive ~ sth (out) to broadcast a short high electronic sound in place of a ↑swear word on a television or radio show, so that people will not be offended

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	bleep
	BrE /bli:p/
	NAmE /bli:p/
he / she /it	bleeps
	BrE /bli:ps/
	NAmE /bli:ps/
past simple, past participle	bleeped
	BrE /bli:pt/
	NAmE /bli:pt/
-ing form	bleeping
	BrE /bli:pvŋ/
	NAmE /bli:pɪŋ/

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## Example Bank:

• The alarm on her watch bleeped to tell her it was time to go.

See also: 1beep

## bleep

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I. bleep ¹ /bli□p BrE " AmE " noun [countable] [Date: 1900-2000; Origin: From the sound]

- 1. a short high sound made by a piece of electronic equipment
- 2. a bleeper
- II. bleep <sup>2</sup> BrE AmE verb
  - 1. [intransitive] to make a high electronic sound:

The timer on the cooker started to bleep.

2. [transitive] *British English* to let someone know, through their bleeper, that you want them to telephone you **SYN beep** *American English* 

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3. [transitive] (also bleep out) to prevent an offensive word being heard on television or the radio by making a high electronic sound:

All the swear words had been bleeped out.

bleep

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RANGE: 6k BLEEP 466
bleep 418
bleeps 48

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

15545337<sup>267</sup> nn1

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