

inkling['ɪŋklɪŋ] *n*

1) осторожный намёк

an inkling of the truth - крупица истины

2) отдалённое представление

I hadn't the slightest inkling of what it was all about - я не имел ни малейшего представления о том, что происходит

3) слабое подозрение

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ink·ling ['ɪŋklɪŋ] *BrE* ['ɪŋklɪŋ] *NAmE* ['ɪŋklɪŋ] *noun* usually singular

a slight knowledge of sth that is happening or about to happen

Syn: ↑suspicion• ~ (of sth) He **had no inkling** of what was going on.

• ~ (that...) The first inkling I had that something was wrong was when I found the front door wide open.

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'a mention in an undertone, a hint'): from the rare verb *inkle* 'utter in an undertone', of unknown origin.Example Bank:

- The first inkling we had of Cliff's problem was when he didn't come to work.
- We didn't have the slightest inkling of the dramatic news we were about to hear.
- He didn't have the slightest inkling of what was going on.
- I had some vague inkling of what she must have gone through.

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ink·ling /'ɪŋklɪŋ/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable usually singular][Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from *inkle* 'to say quietly, hint' (1300-1400)]a slight idea about something ⇒ **suspicion:**I had an inkling that she was pregnant.**inkling of**

She had absolutely no inkling of what was going on.

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