

screech

I

1. [skri:tʃ] *n*
 - 1) хриплый или визгливый крик
the screech of the monkey - крик обезьяны
to let out a screech - визжать, взвизгивать; испускать вопли
the screech of the owl - уханье совы
 - 2) визгливый или хриплый звук
the screech of a saw - визжание /визг/ пилы
2. [skri:tʃ] *v*
 1. 1) хрипло или визгливо кричать
to screech with pain - вопить от боли
the monkeys were screeching in the trees - на деревьях кричали обезьяны
the owl screeched - сова заухала
 - 2) скрипеть, визжать
the brakes screeched and the car suddenly stopped - тормоза завизжали, и машина внезапно остановилась
 2. хрипло или визгливо выкрикивать (*что-л.*; *тж.* screech out)
to screech curses - хрипло выкрикивать проклятия
to screech defiance [one's anger] - вызывающе [гневно] вопить

II

- [skri:tʃ] *n сл.*
- 1) самогон
 - 2) дешёвое виски

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screech [screech screeches screeched screeching] *verb, noun* BrE [skri:tʃ]¹

NAmE [skri:tʃ]¹

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to make a loud high unpleasant sound; to say sth using this sound
 - Monkeys were screeching in the trees.
 - The wind screeched in his ears.
 - screeching brakes
 - He screeched with pain.
 - **+ speech** 'No, don't!' she screeched.
 - **~ (sth) (at sb)** He screeched something at me.
2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.) (of a vehicle)** to make a loud high unpleasant noise as it moves
 - The car **screeched to a halt** outside the hospital.
 - A police car screeched out of a side street.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	screech
	BrE /skri:tʃ/
	NAmE /skri:tʃ/
he / she /it	screeches
	BrE /skri:tʃɪz/
	NAmE /skri:tʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	screeched
	BrE /skri:tʃt/
	NAmE /skri:tʃt/
-ing form	screeching
	BrE /skri:tʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /skri:tʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: alteration of archaic scritch, of imitative origin.

Example Bank:

- 'No, don't!' she screeched.
- They all turned to the sound of screeching brakes.

noun

- a loud high unpleasant cry or noise
- a **screech of brakes/tyres**
 - She suddenly let out a screech.

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Example Bank:

- The car came to a halt with a screech of brakes.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: scritch 'to screech' (13-20 centuries), from the sound]

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to shout loudly in an unpleasant high voice because you are angry, afraid, or excited **SYN** shriek, scream:

- 'Look out!' she screeched.
- They screeched with laughter.

screech at

- She screeched at me to take off my muddy shoes.

2. **[intransitive]** if a vehicle screeches, its wheels make a high unpleasant noise as it moves along or stops:

- A van screeched onto the road in front of me.
- The car screeched to a halt.

—**screech** *noun* [countable]:

- a screech of laughter
- the screech of tyres
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THESAURUS■ **a high sound**

- **squeak** a very short high sound or cry: I heard the squeak of his shoes on the tiled floor. | Annie gave a squeak of surprise.
- **creak** a long high sound that something makes when someone opens it, walks on it, sits on it etc - used especially about a door, wooden floor, bed, or stairs: the creak of floorboards | The door opened with a creak.
- **screech** a loud, long, unpleasantly high sound - used especially about someone's voice, or about brakes, tyres etc: There was a screech of tyres followed by a bang. | She let out a screech of horror.
- **beep** (also **bleep** *British English*) a high electronic sound that a machine sends out, especially in order to attract someone's attention: You'll hear a bleep when the photocopier's finished printing.

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