

gamble1. [ˈɡæmb(ə)] *n* **разг.**

1. азартная игра

2. рискованное предприятие, авантюра

to take a gamble on smth. - рискнуть чем-л.

it was pure gamble but we agreed - мы согласились, хотя это была чистая /чистой воды/ авантюра

2. [ˈɡæmb(ə)] *v*

1. играть в азартные игры, играть на деньги

I never gamble - я никогда не играю на деньги

to gamble deep - вести крупную игру

2. спекулировать, играть (*на бирже*; *тж.* to gamble on the Stock Exchange)

to gamble on a rise in prices - спекулировать на повышении цен

to gamble in oil shares - спекулировать нефтяными акциями

3. 1) (with) рисковать

to gamble with one's future - рисковать своим будущим

2) делать ставку

they gambled on our politeness - они рассчитывали на нашу вежливость

I'll gamble my life on his honesty - за его честность я ручаюсь жизнью

gamble**gam·ble** [gamble gambles gambled gambling] **verb, noun** BrE [ˈɡæmbəl] ^oNAme [ˈɡæmbəl] ^o**verb**1. **intransitive, transitive** to risk money on a card game, horse race, etc• ~ (at/on sth) to **gamble at cards**• to **gamble on the horses**• ~ **sth (at/on sth)** I gambled all my winnings on the last race.2. **transitive, intransitive** to risk losing sth in the hope of being successful• ~ **sth (on sth)** He's gambling his reputation on this deal.• ~ **with/on sth** It was wrong to gamble with our children's future.**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	gamble
	BrE / ˈɡæmbəl/
	NAme / ˈɡæmbəl/
he / she / it	gambles
	BrE / ˈɡæmbəlz/
	NAme / ˈɡæmbəlz/
past simple, past participle	gambled
	BrE / ˈɡæmbəd/
	NAme / ˈɡæmbəd/
-ing form	gambling
	BrE / ˈɡæmbəlɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈɡæmbəlɪŋ/

Word Origin:early 18th cent.: from obsolete **game** 'play games', or from the verb **↑game**.**Thesaurus:****gamble** **noun** **sing.**

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risk • **chance** • |often disapproving **lottery** •**Opp: safe bet****take** a gamble/risk/chance **on sth**a **huge/major/calculated** gamble/risk**something of/a bit of** a gamble/risk/lottery**Gamble, risk or chance?** **Risk** is used especially when there is danger to life or sb's safety; **gamble** is used about less serious danger, or when you risk money. When you decide to give/not to give sb the opportunity to do sth, you **take a chance/take no chances**.**Thesaurus:****gamble** **verb** **I, T**

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bet •gamble/bet (sth) **on sth**gamble/bet **money/£50, etc.****Example Bank:**

• He gambled away the family fortune.

• She became depressed and began to gamble heavily.

• to gamble on the horses

- He doesn't drink or gamble any more.
- He gambled his reputation on this deal.
- He had gambled all their money away.
- It was wrong to gamble with our children's future.
- She gambled that he wouldn't read it before she reached the airport.

Derived Word ↑**gambler**

Derived ↑**gamble on on doing something** ▪ ↑**gamble something away**

noun singular

an action that you take when you know there is a risk but when you hope that the result will be a success

- She knew she was **taking a gamble** but decided it was worth it.
- They invested money in the company right at the start and **the gamble paid off** (= brought them success) .
- It was the biggest gamble of his political career.

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Example Bank:

- I took a calculated gamble and it paid off.
- It was time for a last desperate gamble.
- Trying to find the right pension can be a bit of a gamble.
- They invested money in the company right at the start and the gamble paid off.

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I. **gamble** ¹ /'gæmbəl/ *BrE* " *AmE* " **verb** [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: game]

1. to risk money or possessions on the result of something such as a card game or a race, when you do not know for certain what the result will be ⇒ **bet**:

▪ Their religion forbids them to drink or gamble.

gamble on

▪ Jack loves gambling on the horses.

2. to do something that involves a lot of risk, and that will not succeed unless things happen the way you would like them to

gamble on

▪ They're gambling on Johnson being fit for Saturday's game.

gamble something on something

▪ Potter gambled everything on his new play being a hit.

gamble that

▪ She was gambling that he wouldn't read it too carefully.

gamble with

▪ We can't relax our safety standards – we'd be gambling with people's lives.

—**gambler** *noun* [countable]:

▪ Stevens was a compulsive gambler.

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THESAURUS

- **gamble** to try to win money, for example by playing cards or guessing which horse will win a race: Eddie loved to gamble, and would spend most evenings at the roulette table. | A growing number of people are gambling online.
- **bet/have a bet** to try to win money by guessing who will win a race or game: He liked to smoke, drink, and bet on horses. | Jerry bet \$1000 on the game. | We had a bet on the Irish team to win.
- **put £10/\$20 etc on something** to gamble £10, \$20 etc on the horse or team that you think will win a race or competition: I put \$100 on the Cowboys to win.
- **have a flutter** *British English informal* to gamble a small amount of money, especially on the result of a horse race. Used especially when someone does not gamble very often: I'm not a heavy gambler, but I like to have a flutter from time to time. | I had a little flutter on the Grand National and won £5.
- **play for money** to gamble money on the result of a game which you are playing: 'Are we playing for money here, gentlemen?' he said as he approached the pool table. | You're allowed to play cards in the bar, but not for money.
- **back** to gamble money on a particular horse, team etc that you think will win a race or competition: When I back a horse, it always seems to finish second.

gamble something ↔ **away** *phrasal verb*

to lose the whole of an amount of money by gambling:

▪ Nielsen gambled his inheritance away.

II. **gamble** ² *BrE* " *AmE* " **noun** [singular]

an action or plan that involves a risk but that you hope will succeed:

▪ It was a big gamble for her to leave the band and go solo.

gamble on

▪ The gamble on the harvest had paid off (=succeeded).

▪ Ellen had to admit the gamble had paid off (=succeeded).

▪ In a depressed market, we cannot afford to take a gamble on a new product.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **take a gamble** The publishers took a gamble on an unknown author, and the books have sold well.
- **a gamble pays off** (=succeeds) She gave up a career in law to become an actor, but the gamble has paid off.

■ adjectives

- **a big gamble** It's a big gamble for any presenter to leave such a successful show.
- **a huge gamble** Giving him the job seemed like a huge gamble at the time.
- **a calculated gamble** (=one in which you consider the risks very carefully) He made a calculated gamble that an early election would return his party to power.
- **a desperate gamble** The parents took a desperate gamble by throwing their baby out of the burning building.
- **a political gamble** His determination to go ahead with the plan, despite the unrest, was a huge political gamble.

■ phrases

- **be a bit of a gamble** (=involve a small amount of risk) It was a bit of a gamble putting him on the field, but he played well.
- **be something of a gamble** (=involve an amount of risk) A few years ago, launching a weekly magazine for men would have been something of a gamble.

gamble

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gamblers 782

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