

inch

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1. [ɪntʃ] *n*

1. 1) дюйм (*мера длины; ≈2,54 см*)

2) *pl* высота, рост

a man of inches - мужчина высокого роста

2. очень небольшое расстояние *или* количество

not to yield an inch - не уступить ни на йоту

the car missed me by inches - машина чуть не задела меня

he couldn't see an inch before him - он в двух шагах ничего не видел

they beat him to within an inch of his life - они избили его до полусмерти

to be within an inch of death - быть на волосок от смерти

◇ inch by inch, by inches - постепенно, понемногу

to die by inches - умирать медленной смертью

every inch - весь, полностью, с головы до пят

he is noble every inch of him - он благороден во всём

he is every inch a soldier - он солдат до мозга костей

give him an inch and he'll take an ell [a mile, a yard] - ≅ дай ему палец, он и всю руку отхватит

2. [ɪntʃ] *v*

медленно двигаться, передвигаться

to inch one's way forward - медленно продвигаться вперёд

to inch along - медленно передвигаться

II

[ɪntʃ] *n диал.*

1) островок

2) одиноко стоящий холм *или* горка

3) луг на берегу реки

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

inch [ɪnʃ **inches** **inched** **inching**] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ɪntʃ] ^ɹ *NAmE* [ɪntʃ] ^ɹ

noun

1. (abbr. **in**.) a unit for measuring length, equal to 2.54 centimetres. There are 12 **inches** in a foot

- 1.14 inches of rain fell last night.
- She's a few inches taller than me.
- a fat envelope about half an inch thick
- Since I started jogging I've lost three and a half inches from my waistline.

2. a small amount or distance

- He escaped death **by an inch** .
- The car missed us **by inches** .
- He was just inches away from scoring.

more at not trust sb an inch **at** ↑**trust** *v.*

Word Origin:

late Old English ynce, from Latin **uncia** 'twelfth part', from **unus** 'one' (probably denoting a unit). Compare with ↑**ounce**.

Idioms: ↑**every inch** ▪ ↑**give somebody an inch** ▪ ↑**inch by inch** ▪ ↑**not give an inch** ▪ ↑**within an inch of** of doing something

verb intransitive, transitive

to move or make sth move slowly and carefully in a particular direction

- **+ adv./prep.** She moved forward, inching towards the rope.
- **~ sth + adv./prep.** I inched the car forward.
- He **inched his way** through the narrow passage.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	inch
	BrE /ɪntʃ/
	NAmE /ɪntʃ/
he / she / it	inches
	BrE /ɪntʃɪz/
	NAmE /ɪntʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	inched
	BrE /ɪntʃt/
	NAmE /ɪntʃt/
-ing form	inching
	BrE /ɪntʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪntʃɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- She inched cautiously towards the edge of the cliff.
- The cat inched a little closer.

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I. **inch**¹ **S2 W3** /ɪntʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1000-1100; Language: Latin; Origin: uncia 'one twelfth']

1. (*written abbreviation in*) a unit for measuring length, equal to 2.54 centimetres. There are 12 inches in a foot:

- The curtains were an inch too short.
- Rainfall here is under 15 inches a year.

a one-/two-/three- etc inch something

- a six-inch nail

2. a very small distance:

- Derek leaned closer, his face only inches from hers.
- The bus missed us by inches.
- On several occasions, they came within inches of death.

3. **every inch**

a) completely or in every way:

- With her designer clothes and elegant hair, she looks every inch the celebrity.

b) the whole of an area or distance

every inch of

- Every inch of space in the tiny shop was crammed with goods.
- Italy deserved to win, though Greece made them fight every inch of the way.

4. **give somebody an inch and they'll take a yard/mile** used to say that, if you allow someone a little freedom or power, they will try to take more

5. **inch by inch** moving very gradually and slowly:

- Inch by inch, he lowered himself from the roof.

6. **not give/budge an inch** to refuse to change your decision or opinion, even though people are trying to persuade you to do this:

- Neither side is prepared to give an inch in the negotiations.

7. **beat/thrash etc somebody to within an inch of their life** to beat someone very hard and thoroughly:

- Another word out of you and I'll beat you to within an inch of your life.

II. **inch**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition]

to move very slowly in a particular direction, or to make something do this:

- I inched forward along the ground.

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59 **99685**⁵⁹ *vvi*

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