

1. [a] *n*

1. 1) глаз, око

blue [brown, large, near-sighted] eyes - голубые [карие, большие, близорукие] глаза

compound eye - сложный /многофасетный/ глаз (*у насекомых*)

naked eye - невооружённый глаз

black eye - синяк под глазом [*см. тж. ◊*]

eye specialist /doctor/ - окулист, офтальмолог; врач по глазным болезням, «глазник»

eye hospital /infirmary/ - глазная больница /лечебница/

the whites of the eyes - белки глаз

eye for eye - *библ.* око за око

with open eyes - а) с открытыми глазами; б) сознательно, отдавая себе полный отчёт

to see with one's own eyes - видеть собственными глазами

the sun [the light] is in my eyes - солнце [свет] режет мне глаза

to cast down one's eyes - опустить глаза, потупить взор

to cock one's eye - подмигивать

to screw up one's eyes - прищуриться

to close /to put/ one's eyes together - сомкнуть глаза, заснуть

to cry one's eyes out - выплакать все глаза

it strikes /it leaps to/ the eye - это бросается в глаза

2) чаще *pl* взгляд, взор

green eye - ревнивый взгляд

eye contact - встретившиеся взгляды

to maintain eye contact - смотреть друг другу в глаза

to set /to lay, to clap/ eyes on smth. - увидеть /заметить/ что-л.

I never set eyes on him - я его в глаза не видел

to run /to pass/ one's eyes over /through/ smth. - бегло просмотреть что-л., пробежать глазами что-л.

to throw /to cast/ one's eye on smth. - бросить взгляд /взглянуть/ на что-л.

to arrest the eye - остановить (*чей-л.*) взор; заставить взглянуть на себя

to meet smb.'s eye - а) поймать чей-л. взгляд; б) прямо смотреть в глаза кому-л.; в) попадаться на глаза кому-л.

more than meets the eye - больше, чем кажется на первый взгляд; не так просто

to catch smb.'s eye - а) поймать чей-л. взгляд; б) броситься кому-л. в глаза; [*см. тж. ◊*]

to turn a blind eye to smth., to close one's eyes to smth. - закрывать глаза на что-л.; \cong смотреть сквозь пальцы на что-л.

one cannot shut one's eyes to the fact that ... - нельзя закрывать глаза на то, что ...

to have /to keep/ one's eyes glued on smth., smb. - не отрывать взгляда от чего-л., кого-л., не спускать глаз с чего-л., кого-л., любоваться чем-л., кем-л.

to burst upon the eye - а) бросаться в глаза; б) предстать перед взором

to have eyes only for ... - не смотреть ни на кого другого /ни на что другое/, кроме ...

to see in the mind's eye - видеть внутренним взором /в воображении/

3) взгляды, мнение, воззрение; суждение

in the eye(s) of smb. - по чьему-л. мнению

in the eye of the law - в глазах закона

I look upon the problem with a different eye - я иначе смотрю на этот вопрос, я не разделяю такого взгляда на этот вопрос

to see eye to eye - сходиться во взглядах, полностью соглашаться; смотреть одними глазами

she does not see eye to eye with me - мы с ней расходимся во взглядах /по-разному смотрим на вещи/

4) зрение

eye training - тренировка зрения

education through the eye - визуальное обучение

to open smb.'s eyes - а) вернуть кому-л. зрение; б) открыть кому-л. глаза; вывести кого-л. из заблуждения /заставить кого-л.

прозреть/ в отношении чего-л.; he opened my eyes to her perfidy - он открыл мне глаза на её обман; в) *библ.* исцелить слепого

2. вкус (к чему-л.); понимание (чего-л.)

to have an eye for smth. - а) быть знатоком /любителем/ чего-л., ценить что-л., знать толк в чём-л.; to have an eye for beauty -

быть ценителем прекрасного; б) разбираться в чём-л.; to have an eye for colour - обладать чувством цвета; to have an eye for

the ground - обладать способностью быстро ориентироваться на местности

the Japanese have an eye for flowers - японцы понимают толк в цветах

3. 1) внимание к чему-л., присмотр

with all one's eyes - во все глаза, очень внимательно

to give an eye to smb., smth. - обращать внимание на кого-л., что-л., уделять внимание кому-л., чему-л.; присматривать, следить за кем-л., чем-л.

give an eye to the child - присмотрите за ребёнком

to keep an eye on - глаз не спускать с, следить за

keep your eye on him! - не спускайте с него глаз!

he kept an eye on his luggage - он приглядывал за своим багажом

he could not take his eyes off it - он не спускал глаз с этого, он не мог отвести взгляд от этого

to be all eyes - смотреть внимательно, не отрывать глаз

to make smb. open his eyes - удивить /изумить/ кого-л.

to have an eye in one's head - а) обладать наблюдательностью; б) быть бдительным

to have eyes at the back of one's head - всё видеть, всё замечать

to have all one's eyes about one - быть начеку /настороже/, смотреть в оба

2) (to) план, замысел

to have an eye to - иметь на примете (*что-л.*); не упускать из виду (*шанс, возможность*)

with an eye to - с видами на (*что-л.*), в расчёте на (*что-л.*), с целью; для того чтобы

to marry smb. with an eye to her fortune - жениться по расчёту

he always has an eye to his own interest - о своих собственных интересах он никогда не забывает

4. глазомер

eye sketch /work/ - *слец.* глазомерная съёмка; определение расстояния на глаз /глазомером/

to estimate by (the) eye - определить на глазок /на глаз/

to have a good eye for distances - уметь хорошо определять расстояния на глаз

5. центр; средоточие (*света, науки и т. п.*)

the eye of day /of heaven/ - *поэт.* дневное светило, солнце, «небесное око»

the eye of Greece - *поэт.* око Греции, Афины

the eye of the problem - суть проблемы

eye of the storm - *метеор.* око /глаз/ бури; центр тропического циклона

wind's eye - направление, откуда дует ветер

in the wind's eye - *мор.* против ветра

6. глазок (*для наблюдения*); смотровое окошко

7. *тех.* ушко (*иголки и т. п.*)

8. 1) петелька (*для крючка*)

2) колечко (*к которому что-л. прицепляется*)

9. ноздря, глазок (*в сыре*)

10. *сл.* сыщик, детектив

private eye - частный сыщик

11. *сл.* экран телевизора

12. *тех.* проушина; глазок; коуш

13. *мор.* рым

14. *горн.* устье шахты

15. *с.-х., бот.* глазок

16. = bull's-eye

◇ black eye - а) стыд и срам; б) *амер.* плохая репутация; [*см. тж.* 1, 1]]

camera eye - хорошая зрительная память

ship's eyes - *мор.* клюзы

(oh) my eye! - ≅ вот те на!, вот так так!, ну и ну!, подумать только!

that's all my eye - *сл.* всё это вздор /враки/

••eyes only•• - «только лично» (*гриф на секретной переписке*)

••for the eyes of the President•• - «президенту только лично» (*гриф*)

up to the eyes in smth. - ≅ по уши /по горло/ в чём-л.

he is up to the eyes in work - он занят по горло

eyes right [left]! - равнение направо [налево]! (*команда*)

easy on the eye - красивый, привлекательный

in a pig's eye - *амер. сл.* никогда, ни в коем случае; ≅ когда рак свистнет

to do smb. in the eye - *прост.* нагло обманывать /надувать/ кого-л.

to give smb. the eye - *сл.* газетть, пялиться на кого-л. (в восхищении)

to give smb. the fishy /beady/ eye - *сл.* посмотреть на кого-л. неодобрительно

to make eyes at smb. - строить кому-л. глазки

to close one's eyes - уснуть /закрывать глаза/ навеки, скончаться [*см. тж.* 1, 1]]

to catch the chairman's eye - получить слово (*на собрании, в парламенте и т. п.*) [*см. тж.* 1, 2]]

to keep an eye out for smth. - *амер.* следить за чем-л.; поджидать появления чего-л.

to keep one's eyes on the ball - *амер.* не упускать из виду основной цели, быть настороже /начеку/

to be in the public eye - а) пользоваться славой /известностью/; б) часто показываться в общественных местах

to wipe smb.'s eyes - а) осушить чьи-л. слёзы; утешить кого-л.; б) *сл.* ≅ утереть нос кому-л.

to show the whites of one's eyes - таращить *или* закатывать глаза

to see the whites of the enemy's eyes - подпускать противника на близкое расстояние

no eye like the eye of the master - ≅ хозяйский глаз везде нужен

to see with half an eye - увидеть с первого взгляда, легко заметить

one could see with half an eye that ... - бросалось в глаза, что ...; нельзя было не увидеть, что ...

if you had half an eye - если бы вы не были совершенно слепы

mind your eye! - берегись!, внимание!, гляди в оба!

damn your eyes! - *зруб.* будьте вы прокляты!

four eyes see more than two - четыре глаза заметят то, чего не заметят два; ≅ ум хорошо, а два лучше

to feast one's eyes with /on/ smth. - любоваться чем-л.

to keep one's /both/ eyes open /wide open, peeled, skinned/ - не зевать, смотреть в оба; ≅ держать ухо востро

to knock smb.'s eyes out - произвести на кого-л. огромное впечатление; ошеломить кого-л. (*особ. женской красотой*)

2. [a] v

1. разглядывать; рассматривать; взирать

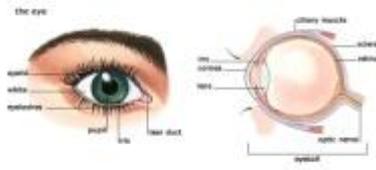
to eye smb. with suspicion - уставиться на кого-л. с подозрением, бросать подозрительные взгляды на кого-л.

to eye with curiosity - разглядывать /взирать/ с любопытством

2. держать под наблюдением, следить (*за кем-л.*), не спускать глаз (*с кого-л.*)

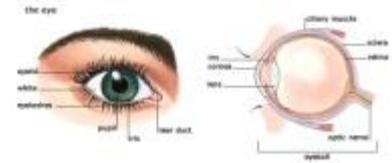
3. делать глазки, петельки, проушины *и т. п.*

eye [eye eyes eyed eyeing eying] **noun, verb** *BrE* [aɪ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [aɪ] ^ˈ
noun



PART OF BODY

- 1. countable** either of the two organs on the face that you see with
- The suspect has dark hair and green eyes.
 - to **close/open** your **eyes**
 - to **drop/lower** your **eyes** (= to look down)
 - There were tears in his eyes.
 - I have something in my eye.
 - His eyes narrowed suspiciously.
 - Her eyes widened in horror.
 - to make/avoid **eye contact** with sb (= to look/avoid looking at them at the same time as they look at you)
 - **All eyes were on** him (= everyone was looking at him) as he walked on to the stage.



see also ↑black eye, ↑compound eye, ↑lazy eye, ↑shut-eye

- 2. -eyed** (in adjectives) having the type or number of **eyes** mentioned
- a blue-eyed blonde
 - a one-eyed monster

ABILITY TO SEE

- 3. singular** the ability to see
- A surgeon needs a good eye and a steady hand.
- see also** ↑eagle eye

WAY OF SEEING

- 4. countable, usually singular** a particular way of seeing sth
- He looked at the design **with the eye of** an engineer.
 - She viewed the findings with a critical eye.
 - **To my eye**, the windows seem out of proportion.

OF NEEDLE

- 5. countable** the hole in the end of a needle that you put the thread through

ON CLOTHES

- 6. countable** a small thin piece of metal curved round, that a small hook fits into, used for fastening clothes
- It fastens with a **hook and eye**.

OF STORM

- 7. singular** a/the ~ of a/the storm, tornado, hurricane, etc. a calm area at the centre of a storm, etc.

ON POTATO

- 8. countable** a dark mark on a potato from which another plant will grow

see also ↑bullseye, ↑Catseye, ↑evil eye, ↑fisheye lens, ↑red-eye

more at the apple of sb's eye **at** ↑apple, bat your eyes/eyelashes not bat an eyelid/eye **at** ↑bat _{v.}, beauty is in the eye of the beholder **at** ↑beauty, not believe your ears/eyes **at** ↑believe, a bird's-eye view (of sth) **at** ↑bird, turn a blind eye **at** ↑blind _{adj.}, in the blink of an eye **at** ↑blink _{n.}, blue-eyed boy **at** ↑blue _{adj.}, catch sb's eye **at** ↑catch _{v.}, keep a close eye/watch on sb/sth **at** ↑close ² _{adj.}, cock an ear/eye at sth/sb **at** ↑cock _{v.}, see sth out of the corner of your eye **at** ↑corner _{n.}, not a dry eye in the house **at** ↑dry _{n.}, easy on the ear/eye **at** ↑easy _{adj.}, as far as the eye can/could see **at** ↑far _{adv.}, feast your eyes **at** ↑feast _{v.}, hit sb (straight/right) in the eye **at** ↑hit _{v.}, meet sb's eye there is more in/to sb/sth than meets the eye **at** ↑meet _{v.}, your mind's eye **at** ↑mind _{n.}, the naked eye **at** ↑naked, keep your ears/eyes open (for sth) **at** ↑open _{adj.}, open your/sb's eyes (to sth) **at** ↑open _{v.}, please the eye **at**

↑please_{v.,} in the public eye **at** ↑public_{adj.,} pull the wool over sb's eyes **at** ↑pull_{v.,} have a roving eye **at** ↑roving a sight for sore eyes **at** ↑sight_{n.,} in the twinkling of an eye **at** ↑twinkling, keep a weather eye on sth **at** ↑weather_{n.}

Word Origin:

Old English ēage, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch oog and German Auge.

Collocations:

Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**
deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**
small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**
piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**
bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**
bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**
long/dark/thick/curlly/false **eyelashes** /lashes

Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**
a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**
full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**
dry/chapped/cracked **lips**
flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**
soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**
white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**
a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**
a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**
a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**
a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil **moustache** / (*especially US*) **mustache**

Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned **skin**
dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled **skin**
a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear **complexion**
deep/fine/little/facial **wrinkles**
blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(*BrE*) ginger/grey **hair**
straight/curlly/wavy/frizzy/spiky **hair**
thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning **hair**
dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny **hair**
long/short/shoulder-length/cropped **hair**
a bald/balding/shaved **head**
a receding **hairline**
a bald **patch/spot**
a side/centre/(*US*) center (*BrE*) **parting** / (*NAmE*) **part**

Body

a long/short/thick/slender/(*disapproving*) scrawny **neck**
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched **shoulders**
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large **chest**
a flat/swollen/bulging **stomach**
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch **waist**
big/wide/narrow/slim **hips**
a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy **back**
thin/slender/muscular **arms**
big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved **hands**
long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony **fingers**
long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(*both informal, often disapproving*) skinny/spindly **legs**
muscular/chubby/(*informal, disapproving*) flabby **thighs**
big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare **feet**
a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass **figure**
be of slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky **build**

Example Bank:

- A movement in the reeds caught my eye.
- As my eyes accustomed to the darkness, I could make out a shape by the window.
- Before our very eyes, the bird snatched the fish from the plate and flew off.
- Could you keep an eye on my bag for a moment?
- Could you keep an eye on my bag while I go to the toilet?
- From the moment he set eyes on her he knew that he wanted to marry her.
- He couldn't keep his eyes off the girl sitting opposite him.
- He drew the curtains to make sure no prying eyes saw what he was doing.

- He held up the newspaper to shield his eyes from the sun.
- He let his eyes roam around the scene.
- He looked at me with a twinkle in his eye.
- He pictured the scene in his mind's eye.
- He saw his students with new eyes now that he had a child of his own.
- He screwed up his eyes against the glare of the sun.
- He seemed unwilling to meet my eye.
- He turned his eyes to the door when he heard the handle turning.
- Her bleary eyes showed that she hadn't slept.
- Her eye caught mine.
- Her eyes danced with amusement.
- Her eyes dilated with horror at what she had done.
- Her eyes dropped to her lap as she answered.
- Her eyes flew open in surprise.
- Her eyes glazed over when I said I worked in dictionaries.
- Her eyes prickled with unshed tears.
- Her eyes squinted against the brightness.
- Her eyes told me nothing.
- Her skill at working with wood is coupled to a keen eye for design.
- His eyes blazed with menace.
- His eyes bulged in fury.
- His eyes crinkled up at the corners as he smiled.
- His eyes darted from face to face.
- His eyes drifted over to Helen's chair.
- His eyes hardened as he remembered how they had laughed at him.
- His eyes held a mischievous gleam.
- His eyes never left mine.
- His eyes reflected his anguish.
- His eyes rounded in mock amazement.
- His eyes scanned the room as he entered.
- His eyes were drawn to a bundle of papers in the corner.
- His eyes were wide with horror.
- His narrow eyes betrayed his impatience.
- I cast my eyes around the room but couldn't see any familiar faces.
- I didn't want to strain my eyes to read, so I put the light on.
- I knew he was lying because he wouldn't make eye contact with me.
- I walked around the store, keeping an eye out for bargains.
- I want you under my eye.
- If I hadn't seen his jump with my own eyes, I would never have believed it possible.
- In the eyes of the law his knife was an offensiveweapon.
- It fastens with a hook and eye.
- It is essential to wear some form of eye protection.
- My eyes followed his every move.
- My eyes strained to make anything out in the darkness.
- My eyes stream when I chop onions.
- My eyes took in every detail as I entered the house for the first time in twenty years.
- Out of the corner of her eye, she saw Harry start forward.
- Rapid eye movements frequently accompany dreaming.
- She averted her eyes from his face.
- She can do no wrong in his eyes.
- She could feel the old lady's eyes bore into her.
- She just looked at me with those big blue eyes of hers.
- She laughed, her eyes alight with excitement.
- She looked her father straight in the eye and answered his question truthfully.
- She reached up and tried to gouge her attacker's eyes.
- She responded softly, her eyes showing concern.
- She rolled her eyes heavenward when she saw what her husband was wearing.
- She rolled her eyes in disgust.
- She tried the door, her eyes rolling in panic.
- She tried to sit up, her eyes fixed on Jean's face.
- Skiers wear goggles to protect their eyes from the sun.
- The children's eagle eyes spotted an ice-cream seller half a mile away.
- The doctor gave me eye drops to put in three times a day.
- The dog's hungry eyes were on my sandwich.
- The government is keeping a close eye on the economy.
- The planet should be visible to the naked eye.
- The series has plenty of eye candy.
- The store detective had his eye on a group of boys who were acting suspiciously.
- The sun was in my eyes and I couldn't see the road.
- The team went through their paces under their trainer's critical eye.

- The tide was out, leaving nothing but mud as far as the eye could see.
- Their eyes locked together in a battle of wills.
- There were tears in his eyes as he spoke.
- Tina squeezed her eyes shut and bit her lip.
- To an expert eye, the painting is an obvious fake.
- To my eye, the windows seem out of proportion.
- Tom fell in love the moment he laid eyes on her.
- You need to look at your website through the user's eyes.
- Your computer screen should be at eye level so that you can work with your neck straight.

Idioms: ↑all eyes ▪ ↑eye for an eye ▪ ↑for somebody's eyes only ▪ ↑get your eye in ▪ ↑give somebody the eye ▪ ↑have an eye for something ▪ ↑have eyes in the back of your head ▪ ↑have eyes like a hawk ▪ ↑have one eye on something ▪ ↑have your eye on somebody ▪ ↑have your eye on something ▪ ↑in front of somebody's eyes ▪ ↑in somebody's eyes ▪ in the eyes of the law/world ▪ ↑keep an eye on somebody ▪ ↑keep an eye out ▪ ↑keep your eye on the ball ▪ ↑keep your eyes peeled ▪ ↑lay eyes on somebody ▪ ↑look somebody in the eye ▪ ↑make eyes at somebody ▪ ↑my eye! ▪ ↑not see eye to eye with somebody ▪ ↑not take your eyes off somebody ▪ ↑one in the eye ▪ ↑only have eyes for eyes only for somebody ▪ ↑run an eye over something ▪ see/look at something through somebody's eyes ▪ ↑shut your eyes to something ▪ ↑somebody's eyes are bigger than their stomach ▪ ↑take your eye off the ball ▪ ↑under the eye of somebody ▪ ↑up to your eyes in something ▪ ↑what the eye doesn't see ▪ ↑with an eye on the main chance ▪ ↑with an eye to to doing something ▪ ↑with your eyes open ▪ ↑with your eyes shut

Derived ↑eye somebody up

verb (eye-ing or eying, eyed, eyed) ~ sb/sth (+ adv./prep.)

to look at sb/sth carefully, especially because you want sth or you are suspicious of sth

- to eye sb suspiciously
- He couldn't help eyeing the cakes hungrily.
- They eyed us with alarm.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	eye
	BrE /aɪ/
	NAme /aɪ/
he / she / it	eyes
	BrE /aɪz/
	NAme /aɪz/
past simple, past participle	eyed
	BrE /aɪd/
	NAme /aɪd/
-ing form	eyeing
	BrE /aɪɪŋ/
	NAme /aɪɪŋ/

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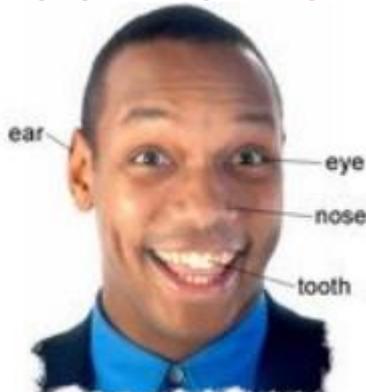
Example Bank:

- The children eyed the cakes greedily.

See also: ↑somebody's eyes

eye
 I. **eye** ¹ **S1 W1** /aɪ/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ noun
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1. FOR SEEING WITH [countable] one of the two parts of the body that you use to see with:

- He's got beautiful eyes.
- There were tears in her eyes as she listened to the story.
- Ow! I've got something in my eye!

blue-eyed/one-eyed/bright-eyed etc

- a brown-eyed girl ⇒ ↑wide-eyed

2. **WAY OF SEEING/UNDERSTANDING** [countable usually singular] a particular way of seeing, judging, or understanding something:
- Go through your shopping list with a critical eye for foods with a high fat content.
- with the eye of somebody**
- The magazine combines the accuracy of the scientist with the eye of the artist.
- to sb's eye(s)**
- The picture quality, to my eye, is excellent.
- through the eyes of somebody** (=from the point of view of a particular person)
- The story is told through the eyes of a refugee child.
- in the eyes of somebody** (=according to a particular person or group)
- Carl could do no wrong in the eyes of his parents.
3. **keep an eye on something/somebody** to look after someone or something and make sure that they are safe:
- Mary will keep an eye on the kids this afternoon.
 - We keep a watchful eye on our elderly neighbors.
4. **have/keep your eye on somebody** to carefully watch everything that someone does, especially because you do not trust them:
- We want Taylor in jail where we can keep an eye on him.
5. **eye contact** when you look directly at someone at the same time as they are looking at you:
- People who are lying tend to avoid eye contact.
 - In a formal interview, try to maintain good eye contact with the interviewers.
6. **keep/have one eye/half an eye on somebody/something** to be watching someone or something at the same time that you are doing something else:
- Louise was stirring the soup with half an eye on the baby.
7. **have your eye on something** to want something that you think might become available:
- He has his eye on the bigger apartment next door.
8. **the naked eye** if you can see something with the naked eye, you can see it without using any artificial help such as a telescope or microscope
- with the naked eye**
- It's just about possible to see the planet with the naked eye on a clear night.
- visible/invisible to the naked eye**
- Dust mites are tiny creatures, invisible to the naked eye.
9. **before your very eyes** (also **(right) in front of your eyes**) *especially spoken* if something happens before your very eyes, it happens where you can clearly see it:
- The murder had apparently taken place before our very eyes.
10. **can't take your eyes off somebody/something** to be unable to stop looking at someone or something, especially because they are extremely interesting or attractive:
- She looked stunning. I couldn't take my eyes off her all evening.
11. **under the (watchful/stern etc) eye of somebody** while being watched by someone who is making sure that you behave properly or do something right:
- We went to dances, but only under the watchful eye of our father.
12. **run/cast your eye over something** to look at something quickly:
- She cast her eye over the front page of the paper.
13. **set/lay/clap eyes on somebody/something** *spoken* to see something or meet someone, especially for the first time:
- I loved that house from the moment I clapped eyes on it.
14. **keep an eye open/out (for somebody/something)** to watch carefully so that you will notice when someone or something appears:
- Keep an eye out for rabbits in the field.
15. **with an eye to (doing) something** if you do something with an eye to doing something else, you do it in order to make the second thing more likely to happen:
- Most novels are published with an eye to commercial success.
16. **close/shut your eyes to something** to ignore something or pretend that you do not know it is happening:
- Most governments know that we're heading for an environmental catastrophe but they shut their eyes to it.
17. **have an eye/a good eye for something** to be good at noticing a particular type of thing, especially something attractive, valuable, of good quality etc:
- Ernest has an eye for detail.
 - She's definitely got a good eye for a bargain.
18. **keep your eyes peeled /skinned** *spoken* to watch carefully and continuously for something
- keep your eyes peeled/skinned for**
- She stumbled along, keeping her eyes peeled for a phone box.
19. **with your eyes open** knowing fully what the problems, difficulties, results etc of a situation might be:
- I've no-one to blame but myself – I went into this deal with my eyes open.
20. **can do something with your eyes shut/closed** to be able to do something very easily:
- Believe me, you could run that place with your eyes closed.
21. **make eyes at somebody/give somebody the eye** *informal* to look at someone in a way that shows you think they are sexually attractive:
- Don't look now, but that guy overthere is really giving you the eye.
22. **an eye for/on/to the main chance** if you have an eye for the main chance, you will take advantage of any possible opportunity to get what you want – used to show disapproval
23. **one in the eye for somebody** *British English spoken* something that will annoy someone or give them a disadvantage – used especially when you think this is a good thing:
- This latest judgement will definitely be one in the eye for the fast food corporations.

24. **an eye for an eye** the idea that if someone does something wrong, you should punish them by doing the same thing to them:
 "An eye for an eye is no way to run a civilised justice system."
25. **for sb's eyes only** used to say that something is secret and must only be seen by one particular person or group:
 "The information is for police eyes only."
26. **have eyes in the back of your head** to know what is happening all around you, even when this seems impossible:
 "We'll have to be really careful – old Jonesey has eyes in the back of his head."
27. **get/keep your eye in** *British English informal* to practise or to continue practising an activity so that you become good at it
28. **have eyes like a hawk** to notice every small detail or everything that is happening, and therefore be very difficult to deceive:
 "We never got away with anything in Mrs. Podell's class – she had eyes like a hawk."
29. **his/her etc eyes were popping (out of his/her etc head)** *British English especially spoken* to be very surprised, shocked, or excited by something you see
30. **be up to your eyes in something** *British English informal* to be very busy doing something:
 "He's up to his eyes in paperwork."
31. **have eyes bigger than your belly** *spoken* used to say that you have taken more food than you are able to eat
32. **only have eyes for somebody** if someone only has eyes for someone, they love and are interested in that person only
33. **my eye!** *old-fashioned spoken* used to say that you do not believe something
34. **all eyes are on/watching/fixed on etc**
 a) used to say that everyone is looking at someone or something:
 "All eyes were on the speaker, and nobody noticed me slip into the hall."
 b) used to say that a lot of people are paying attention to a particular person or situation:
 "For the time being, all eyes are on the White House."
35. **in a pig's eye!** *American English spoken* used to show that you do not believe what someone is saying
36. **CAMERA** [singular] the eye of the camera is the way that you appear in photographs:
 "Fashion models are completely comfortable with the eye of the camera."
37. **NEEDLE** [countable] the hole in a needle that you put the thread through
38. **FOR FASTENING CLOTHES** [countable] a small circle or U-shaped piece of metal used together with a hook for fastening clothes
39. **STORM** [singular] the calm centre of a storm such as a ↑hurricane
40. **POTATO** [countable] a dark spot on a potato that a new plant can grow from
 ⇒ **BIRD'S-EYE VIEW**, ↑black eye, ↑Catseye, ↑private eye, ↑red eye, ⇒ **the apple of sb's eye** at ↑apple(2), ⇒ **not bat an eye** at ↑bat²(2), ⇒ **turn a blind eye (to something)** at ↑blind¹(3), ⇒ **see something out of the corner of your eye** at ↑corner¹(8), ⇒ **the evil eye** at ↑evil¹(5), ⇒ **give somebody the glad eye** at ↑glad(6), ⇒ **look somebody in the eye/face** at ↑look¹(7), ⇒ **in your mind's eye** at ↑mind¹(40), ⇒ **here's mud in your eye** at ↑mud, ⇒ **open sb's eyes (to)** at ↑open²(17), ⇒ **in the public eye** at ↑public¹(4), ⇒ **make sheep's eyes at** at ↑sheep(4), ⇒ **a sight for sore eyes** at ↑sight¹(14), ⇒ **in the twinkling of an eye** at ↑twinkling, ⇒ **keep a weather eye on** at ↑weather¹(5), ⇒ **pull the wool over sb's eyes** at ↑wool(4)

COLLOCATIONS

■ colour

- **brown/blue/grey/green** Both their children have blue eyes.
- **dark brown/pale brown** His eyes are dark brown.
- **deep blue/pale blue** She looked into his deep blue eyes. | The tiny child's pale blue eyes stared up at her appealingly.
- **hazel** (=pale brown and slightly green or golden) He was a quiet, kindly man, with hazel eyes.
- **sleepy/tired** (also **weary literary**) He rubbed his tired eyes and yawned.
- **moist/watery/tearful** (=full of tears) Bethan's eyes grew moist as she talked about her family.
- **sad** He gazed at her with sad eyes as she slowly walked away.
- **cold/cruel** (=unfriendly or unkind) He smiled, but his blue eyes were cold and cruel.

■ shape/position

- **big** She looked at me with those big brown eyes.
- **small** His small cold eyes seemed full of menace.
- **round/wide** The children gazed at the screen, their eyes wide with excitement.
- **narrow** He has a thin face and narrow eyes.
- **bulging** (=round and sticking far out) His bulging eyes made him rather look like a frog.
- **beady eyes** (=small round and bright, and noticing a lot of things) His beady eyes darted around the room.
- **deep-set** (=far back in someone's face) Mac's eyebrows were thick and dark, above deep-set eyes.
- **close-set** (=close together) He had a small nose and close-set eyes.
- **wide-set** (=wide apart) Claudette studied the wide-set eyes that looked so innocent.
- **sunken** (=having fallen inwards, especially because of age or illness) The man's eyes were sunken, with deep black rings around them.

■ showing your feelings/character

- **sleepy/tired** His eyes looked sleepy. | Her hair was a mess and her eyes were tired.
- **sad** Her beautiful eyes suddenly looked sad.
- **tearful/moist/misty** (=feeling that you want to cry) As she left a village, people waved at her with tearful eyes.
- **bright** (=happy or excited) the bright eyes of the children
- **cold** (=unfriendly and not showing any emotion) Her eyes were cold and uncaring.
- **red/bloodshot** (=red because you are upset, tired, ill etc) My mother's eyes were red from crying.
- **puffy** (=swollen because you are ill or upset) The girl's eyes were puffy and full of tears.
- **soulful eyes** (=showing strong emotions, especially sadness) The dog looked up at her with big soulful eyes.
- **wild/mad eyes** (=very angry, afraid etc) He stared at them with wild eyes.

▪ **hungry/greedy eyes** (=showing that you want something very much) The men looked around the room with their greedy eyes.

■ verbs

- **open your eyes** I slowly opened my eyes.
- **sb's eyes open** Suddenly his eyes opened.
- **close/shut your eyes** Joe closed his eyes and tried to get back to sleep.
- **sb's eyes close** She let her eyes close for just a moment.
- **rub your eyes** Anna rubbed her eyes wearily.
- **shade/shield your eyes** (=protect them from a bright light or the sun) They gazed out to sea, shielding their eyes from the sun.
- **narrow your eyes** (=partly close them, especially to show that you do not trust someone) She narrowed her eyes at him suspiciously.
- **sb's eyes narrow** (=become half closed, especially because someone does not trust another person) Her dark eyes narrowed for a moment.
- **sb's eyes widen** (=become more open because they are surprised) His eyes widened in shock.
- **sb's eyes sparkle/shine** (=show that they are very happy) Jenny's eyes sparkled with excitement.
- **somebody's eyes light up** (=become excited) His eyes lit up when I mentioned the word money.
- **drop/lower your eyes** (=look down at the ground) The servants lowered their eyes as the countess walked past.
- **avert your eyes** *literary* (=look away from something) He averted his eyes from the body.

■ phrases

- **keep your eyes open** (=prevent them from closing) I was so tired I could hardly keep my eyes open.
- **have/keep etc your eyes glued to something** (=be watching something with all your attention) Ted sat with his eyes glued to the television.
- **sb's eyes are full of tears** When she put the phone down, her eyes were full of tears.
- **sb's eyes are full of hatred/fear etc** The prisoners stared at him, their eyes full of hatred.

■ eye + NOUN

- **an eye test** (also **an eye exam** *American English*) (=to find out how well you can see) You should have an eye test every couple of years.
- **eye make-up** (=make-up that you put on your eyelids or eyelashes) She never leaves the house without lipstick and eye make-up.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**black eyes**' when you mean **dark brown eyes**. You normally use 'black eye' when someone has a bruise around their eye, after being hit by someone.

II. eye² BrE⁺ AmE⁺ verb (present participle **eyeing** or **eying**) [transitive]

to look at someone or something carefully, especially because you do not trust them or because you want something:

- The man behind the desk eyed us suspiciously.
- A crowd of local children gathered around, eying us in silence.

eye somebody ↔ **up** *phrasal verb*

informal to look at someone in a way that shows you think they are sexually attractive:

- There was a group of lads at the bar, eyeing up every girl who walked in.

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