

whistle**1. ['wɪs(ə)] n****1. свист**

to give a whistle - свистнуть, дать свисток

2. свисток

penny /tin/ whistle - свистулька

boatswain's whistle - боцманская дудка

a factory whistle - фабричный/заводской/ гудок

3. *разг.* горло, глотка

to wet one's whistle - промочить горло, выпить

◇ whistle bait - *амер. сл.* красotka

as clean /as clear, as dry/ as a whistle - отличный, первоклассный; ≅ без сучка без задоринки

at smb.'s whistle - по первому зову /приказанию/; ≅ стоит только свистнуть

not worth a whistle - ничего не стоит, не стоит усилий

to pay (too dear) for one's whistle - расплачиваться /дорого поплатиться/ за свою прихоть

2. ['wɪs(ə)] v**1. свистеть**

to whistle a tune - насвистывать мотив

the steam-engine whistled - паровоз дал свисток

the wind whistled up the chimney - ветер завывал в трубе

he whistled the switch through the air - он со свистом рассекал веткой воздух

2. свистнуть, подозвать свистком (*мж.* whistle up)

to whistle to a dog, to whistle one's dog back - свистнуть собаке

to whistle for a taxi - свистком подзвать такси

3. проноситься со свистом

the bullets [the arrows] whistled past our ears - пули [стрель] свистели вокруг нас

4. свистеть в знак одобрения

to whistle appreciation - присвистнуть от восторга

to whistle at a girl - *разг.* присвистнуть (от восторга), увидев девушку

the audience whistled - зрители свистом выражали своё одобрение

5. (for) *амер. разг.* тщётно добиваться (*чего-л.*)

he did a sloppy job so he can whistle for his money - работа сделана халтурно, и пусть он не рассчитывает получить за неё деньги

◇ to whistle for a wind - ≅ ждать у моря погоды

to whistle in the dark - а) подбадривать себя свистом в темноте, храбриться; б) бодриться, маскировать страх /уныние/; проявлять показной оптимизм

to go whistle - получить отказ

to bid /to tell, to let/ smb. go whistle - грубо отказать кому-л.; ≅ дать кому-л. от ворот поворот

to whistle up the law - обращаться в суд

let the law go whistle (*Shakespeare*) - закон тут бессилён

to blow the whistle on smb. - *сл.* донести на кого-л.; ≅ накапать, настучать на кого-л.

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whis·tle [whistle whistles whistled whistling] noun, verb BrE ['wɪsɪ] " NAmE

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noun

1. a small metal or plastic tube that you blow to make a loud high sound, used to attract attention or as a signal

• The referee finally **blew the whistle** to stop the game.

see also ↑tin whistle

2. the sound made by blowing a **whistle**

• He scored the winning goal just seconds before the final whistle.

3. the sound that you make by forcing your breath out when your lips are closed

• a shrill whistle

• He gave a low long whistle of surprise.

see also ↑wolf whistle

4. the high loud sound produced by air or steam being forced through a small opening, or by sth moving quickly through the air

• the whistle of a boiling kettle

• the whistle of a bullet

5. a piece of equipment that makes a high loud sound when air or steam is forced through it

• The train whistle blew as we left the station.

• a factory whistle

see blow the whistle on sb/sth **at** ↑blow v., as clean as a whistle **at** ↑clean adj.

Word Origin:

Old English (h)wistlian (verb), (h)wistle (noun), of Germanic origin; imitative and related to Swedish *vissla* 'to whistle'.

Example Bank:

• From the opening to the final whistle, Gray is relentless.

• He gave a short blast on his whistle.

- He pursed his lips in a silent whistle.
- She gave a low whistle of admiration.
- The referee's whistle went just before he shot the goal.
- The train entered the tunnel with a shrill whistle.
- They scored their only goal just before the final whistle.
- From the audience came applause and whistles of appreciation.
- He attracted whistles and jeers and rotten tomatoes from the crowd.

Idiom: **↑somebody can whistle for something**

verb

- 1. transitive, intransitive** to make a high sound or a musical tune by forcing your breath out when your lips are closed
 - ~ **(sth)** to whistle a tune
 - He whistled in amazement.
 - The crowd booed and whistled as the player came onto the field.
 - ~ **to sb/sth** She whistled to the dog to come back.
 - ~ **at sb/sth** Workmen whistled at her as she walked past.
 - He whistled at the sheer audacity of the plan.
- 2. intransitive** to make a high sound by blowing into a whistle
 - The referee whistled for a foul.
- 3. intransitive** (of a **↑kettle** or other machine) to make a high sound
 - The kettle began to whistle.
 - The microphone was making a strange whistling sound.
 - The train whistled and shot into the tunnel.
- 4. intransitive + adv./prep.** to move quickly, making a high sound
 - The wind whistled down the chimney.
 - A bullet whistled past his ear.
- 5. intransitive** (of a bird) to make a high sound

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	whistle
	BrE / ˈwɪsl/
	NAmE / ˈwɪsl/
he / she / it	whistles
	BrE / ˈwɪslz/
	NAmE / ˈwɪslz/
past simple, past participle	whistled
	BrE / ˈwɪslɪd/
	NAmE / ˈwɪslɪd/
-ing form	whistling
	BrE / ˈwɪslɪŋ/
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- James whistled in amazement.
- Men whistled at her in the street.
- Norma looked at the letter and whistled softly through her teeth.
- William whistled to me from a distance.
- He started to whistle a tune.

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I. whistle ¹ / ˈwɪsəl/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb**

- 1. HIGH SOUND** [intransitive and transitive] to make a high or musical sound by blowing air out through your lips:
 - Adam whistled happily on his way to work.
 - I heard this song on the radio and I've been whistling it all day.
 - He whistled a tune as he strolled down the corridor.

whistle to somebody (=whistle to get someone's attention)

Dad whistled to us to come home for dinner.

whistle at somebody (=whistle to let someone know that you think they are attractive)

Men are always whistling at Heidi on the street.

- 2. USE A WHISTLE** [intransitive] to make a high sound by blowing into a whistle:

The referee whistled and the game began.

- 3. GO/MOVE FAST** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move quickly, making a whistling sound:

Bullets and shells were whistling overhead.

They listened to the wind whistling through the trees.

- 4. STEAM TRAIN/KETTLE** [intransitive] if a steam train or **↑kettle** whistles, it makes a high sound when air or steam is forced through a small hole

- 5. BIRD** [intransitive] if a bird whistles, it makes a high musical sound

6. **be whistling in the dark** *informal* to be trying to show that you are brave when you are afraid, or that you know about something when you do not:

Does he know what he's talking about or is he just whistling in the dark?

7. **somebody can whistle for something** *British English spoken* used to tell someone that there is no chance of them getting what they have asked for

II. **whistle**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: hwistle]



1. a small object that produces a high whistling sound when you blow into it:

The lifeguard blew his whistle.

2. a high sound made by blowing a whistle, by blowing air out through your lips, or when air or steam is forced through a small opening:

Larsson scored just minutes before the final whistle.

low/shrill/high-pitched etc whistle

Sanders gave a low whistle when he saw the contents of the box.

3. a piece of equipment on a train or boat that makes a high noise when air is forced through it

4. the sound of something moving quickly through the air

whistle of

We could hear the whistle of the jets as they passed overhead.

⇒ **blow the whistle on something** at [↑]**blow**¹(17), ⇒ **clean as a whistle** at [↑]**clean**¹(1), ⇒ [↑]**penny whistle**, [↑]**wolf whistle**

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