

## cue

I

1. [kju:] *n*
    1. *театр.*
    - 1) реплика  
to miss one's cue - а) пропустить реплику; б) не откликнуться вовремя; упустить возможность
    - 2) сигнал  
light [sound] cue - световой [звуковой] сигнал  
an offstage door slam was his cue to enter - стук захлопнутой за сценой двери был для него сигналом к выходу (*на сцену*)
  2. 1) пример (*поведения и т. п.*)  
to follow smb.'s cue, to take one's cue from smb. - равняться на кого-л.  
his comrades kept behind him, taking their cue from his conduct - его товарищи стояли за ним и по его поведению решали, что надо делать
  - 2) намёк  
to give smb. a cue - намекнуть /подсказать/ кому-л. (*что делать или говорить*)
  3. *тел., радио* сигнал
  4. *арх.* настроение  
nobody was in the cue to dance - ни у кого не было настроения /никому не хотелось/ танцевать
  5. ключевая, опорная информация
2. [kju:] *v театр.*  
подавать реплики *или* сигналы

II

1. [kju:] *n*
  1. кий  
cue ball - бильярдный шар
  2. косичка
  3. 1) *шутл.* хвост (*животного*)
  - 2) очередь  
◇ to drop a cue - сыграть в ящик, умереть
2. [kju:] *v*  
заплетать в косичку

II

[kjv] *n*  
кью, название буквы Q

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cue [cue cues cued cueing cuing] **noun, verb** BrE [kju:]<sup>4</sup> NAmE [kju:]<sup>4</sup>

## noun

1. an action or event that is a signal for sb to do sth
  - ~ **(for sth)** Jon's arrival was a cue for more champagne.
  - ~ **(to do sth)** I think that's my cue to explain why I'm here.
2. a few words or an action in a play that is a signal for another actor to do sth
  - She stood in the wings and waited for her cue to go on.
3. a long wooden stick with a leather tip, used for hitting the ball in the games of ↑billiards, ↑pool and ↑snooker

Word Origin:

- n.** senses 1 to 2 and **v.** mid 16th cent.  
**n.** sense 3 mid 18th cent. ↑queue

Example Bank:

- Her husband took his cue, and said that it was time for them to leave.
- I can't just cry on cue!
- She had not yet been given the cue to go on to the stage.
- They all took their cue from their leader.
- This remark provided the cue for the crowd to start jeering.
- This was the cue for him to come into the room.
- I think that's my cue to explain why I'm here.
- Jon's arrival was a cue for more champagne.

Idioms: ↑on cue ▪ ↑take your cue from somebody

## verb (cue·ing, cued, cued) ~ sb

- to give sb a signal so they know when to start doing sth
- Can you cue me when you want me to begin speaking?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cue
	BrE /kjuː/
	NAme /kjuː/
he / she / it	cues
	BrE /kjuːz/
	NAme /kjuːz/
past simple, past participle	cued
	BrE /kjuːd/
	NAme /kjuːd/
-ing form	cuing
	BrE /kjuːɪŋ/
	NAme /kjuːɪŋ/

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[Sense 1-4: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from qu, short form of Latin quando 'when', used as a direction in actors' copies of plays. ]

[Sense 5: Date: 1700-1800; Language: French; Origin: queue 'tail, cue', from Latin cauda]

1. an action or event that is a signal for something else to happen

**cue for**

Our success was the cue for other companies to press ahead with new investment.

**sb's cue to do something**

I think that's my cue to explain why I'm here.

2. a word, phrase, or action in a play that is a signal for the next person to speak or act:

She stood nervously in the wings waiting for her cue.

**miss your cue** (=not speak or act when you are supposed to)

3. (right/as if) on cue happening or done at exactly the right moment:

And then, on cue, the weather changed.

As if on cue, Sam arrived.

4. **take your cue from somebody** to use someone else's actions or behaviour to show you what you should do or how you should behave:

With interest rates, the smaller banks will take their cue from the Federal Bank.

5.



a long straight wooden stick used for hitting the ball in games such as ↑billiards and ↑pool

II. **cue**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> *verb* [transitive]

to give someone a sign that it is the right moment for them to speak or do something, especially during a performance:

The studio manager will cue you when it's your turn to come on.

**cue something** ↔ up *phrasal verb*

to make a ↑cassette, ↑video, or ↑CD be exactly in the position you want it to be in, so that you can play something immediately when you are ready:

The videotape's cued up and ready to go!

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31 **137265**<sup>32</sup> *vvi*

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