

spice

I

1. [spaɪs] *n*

1. специя, пряность; приправа
2. острый запах, пряный аромат
3. острота, пикантность
his story wants spice - его рассказу не хватает остроты
variety is the very spice of life - разнообразие - вот что придаёт вкус жизни

4. примесь, привкус, след (*чего-л.*)

- a spice of humour - искра юмора
- a spice of malice - оттенок злости
- a spice of hypocrisy - чуточка лицемерия
- there was a spice of irony in his speech - в его речи звучала ирония /ироническая нотка/

2. [spaɪs] *v*

1. приправлять специями; сдабривать
2. придавать остроту, пикантность

II

[spaɪs] *n сл.*

1. грабитель
2. грабёж

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spice [spice spices spiced spicing] **noun, verb** *BrE* [spaɪs] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [spaɪs] [ⓘ]



1. **countable, uncountable** one of the various types of powder or seed that come from plants and are used in cooking. **Spices** have a strong taste and smell
 - common spices such as ginger and cinnamon
 - a spice jar
 2. **uncountable** extra interest or excitement
 - We need an exciting trip to add some spice to our lives.
- see** variety is the spice of life **at** ↑variety

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French **espice**, from Latin **species** 'sort, kind', in late Latin 'wares'.

Example Bank:

- The danger added spice to their romance.

verb

1. ~ **sth (up) (with sth)** to add spice to food in order to give it more flavour
 - highly spiced dishes
2. ~ **sth (up) (with sth)** to add interest or excitement to sth
 - He exaggerated the details to spice up the story.
 - Her conversation is always spiced with humour.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spice
	BrE /spaɪs/
	NAmE /spaɪs/
he / she / it	spices
	BrE /ˈspɑɪsɪz/
	NAmE /ˈspɑɪsɪz/
past simple, past participle	spiced
	BrE /ˈspaɪst/
	NAmE /ˈspaɪst/
-ing form	spicing
	BrE /ˈspɑɪsɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈspɑɪsɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- I don't really like highly spiced food.
- Their bread is spiced with cinnamon.
- a dish of lightly spiced rice

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I. **spice**¹ /spais/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: espice, from Late Latin species 'spices', from Latin; ⇨ ↑species]



1. [uncountable and countable] a type of powder or seed, taken from plants, that you put into food you are cooking to give it a special taste ⇨ **spicy**:

^u herbs and spices

2. [singular, uncountable] interest or excitement that is added to something:

^u Travel adds spice to your life.

⇨ **variety is the spice of life** at ↑variety(5)

II. **spice**² *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u (also **spice up**) *verb* [transitive]

1. to add interest or excitement to something:

^u Millions have bought the book to spice up their sex lives.

2. to add spice to food

spice with

^u baked apples spiced with cinnamon

spice

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RANGE: **5k** **SPICE** ⁸¹¹⁸

spice ²⁶⁶⁵

spiced ⁷¹⁷

spices ²⁰²²

spicing ⁷²

spicy ²⁵¹⁰

spicier ⁸⁰

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spiciness ⁵²

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¹⁹⁹ **52244**²⁰⁵ *vvi*

⁸⁷ **80490**⁸⁹ *vv0*

³¹ **124063**³⁹ *np1*