

gasp

1. [gɑːsp] *n*

затруднённое дыхание; удушье

to speak with gasps - говорить задыхаясь

his breath came in gasps - он прерывисто дышал

to give a gasp of surprise [fear] - охнуть /задохнуться/ от изумления [страха]

he gave a gasp - ≅ он слова не мог вымолвить от изумления

◇ (one's) last gasp - последний вздох

to the last gasp - до последнего вдоха

at one's /the/ last gasp - а) при последнем издыхании; б) в последний момент

to breathe one's last gasp - испустить дух, умереть

2. [gɑːsp] *v*

1. дышать с трудом, задыхаться; ловить воздух (*мж.* gasp for breath, gasp for air)

to gasp with exertion [rage] - задыхаться от напряжения [ярости]

the fish was gasping on the bank - рыба, выкинутая на берег, ловила ртом воздух

••no!••, she gasped - «нет», - с трудом выдавила она из себя

2. (for, after)

1) стремиться (*к чему-л.*); страстно желать (*чего-л.*)

to gasp for life - бороться со смертью

2) вздыхать (*о чём-л.*)

3. открывать рот (*от изумления*)

it made him gasp - он аж задохнулся от изумления

◇ to gasp one's last (breath) - испустить дух /последний вздох/, умереть

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gasp [gæsp *gasps gasped gasping*] **verb, noun** *BrE* [gɑːsp] *NAmE* [gæsp]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to take a quick deep breath with your mouth open, especially because you are surprised or in pain

• ~ **(at sth)** She gasped at the wonderful view.

• They gasped in astonishment at the news.

• **+ speech** 'What was that noise?' he gasped.

2. **intransitive, transitive** to have difficulty breathing or speaking

• ~ **(for sth)** He came to the surface of the water gasping for air.

• ~ **(sth) (out)** She managed to gasp out her name.

• **+ speech** 'Can't breathe,' he gasped.

3. **be gasping (for sth) intransitive** (*BrE, informal*) to want or need sth very badly, especially a drink or a cigarette

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	gasp
	BrE /gɑːsp/
	NAmE /gæsp/
he / she / it	gasps
	BrE /gɑːspz/
	NAmE /gæspz/
past simple, past participle	gasped
	BrE /gɑːspɪd/
	NAmE /gæspɪd/
-ing form	gasping
	BrE /gɑːspɪŋ/
	NAmE /gæspɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old Norse *geispa* 'to yawn'.

Example Bank:

- 'No!' she managed to gasp.
- Denis almost gasped aloud in astonishment.
- Her breath went and left her gasping for air.
- She gasped at his boldness.
- She was gasping with pain.
- The cold made her gasp.
- 'Let go of me,' he gasped.

noun

a quick deep breath, usually caused by a strong emotion

• to give a **gasp of horror/surprise/relief**

• His breath came in short gasps.

see your/the last gasp **at** **last** det.

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Example Bank:

- He leaned against the railing, his breath coming in short gasps.
- He was taking in great gasps of air.
- She gave a little gasp of delight.
- She spun round with a little gasp of delight.
- The stunt brought shocked gasps from the audience.
- You could hear a collective gasp from the audience.
- She opened the newspaper and gave a gasp of shock.

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I. **gasp**¹ /gɑːsp/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old Norse; Origin: *geispa* 'to yawn']

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to breathe in suddenly in a way that can be heard, especially because you are surprised or in pain

gasp in/with

Ollie gasped with pain and slumped forward.

gasp at

The audience gasped at the splendour of the costumes.

'My leg!' he gasped. 'I think it's broken!'

2. **[intransitive]** to breathe quickly in a way that can be heard because you are having difficulty breathing ⇒ **pant**

gasp for air/breath

Brendan climbed slowly, gasping for breath.

3. **be gasping (for something)** *British English spoken* to feel that you urgently need something such as a drink or cigarette:

I'm gasping for a pint!

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THESAURUS

- **breathe** **[intransitive and transitive]** to take air into your lungs and send it out again: Mary knew he was asleep because he was breathing deeply. | He breathed the clear spring air.
- **sigh** to breathe out slowly and make a noise that shows you are disappointed, tired, ↑**relieved** etc: She just sighed and shook her head. | 'Nevermind,' he sighed. 'I'm sure there'll be other opportunities.'
- **pant** to breathe quickly and noisily through your mouth, because you have been using a lot of effort: They were panting by the time they got to the finish line.
- **gasp** to breathe very quickly and deeply and with difficulty: Her eyes were wide, and she was gasping for breath. | 'Do you think you can walk?' 'I'll try to,' he gasped.
- **snore** to breathe noisily while you are sleeping: I couldn't sleep because my husband was snoring.
- **wheeze** to breathe with difficulty, making a noise in your throat and chest, because you are ill: His asthma was making him wheeze.
- **be out of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you have been running or doing other exercise: I was out of breath by the time we reached the top of the hill.
- **be short of breath** to be unable to breathe easily, especially because you are unhealthy: Because she was so overweight, she was often short of breath.

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

1. when you take in a breath suddenly in a way that can be heard, especially because you are surprised or in pain

gasp of

With a gasp of pure horror, Lewis jumped up and ran.

She gave a little gasp and clutched George's hand.

2. when you breathe in air quickly because you are having difficulty breathing:

Her breath came in shallow gasps.

3. **sb's/sth's last gasp** the time when someone is about to die, or when something is about to stop happening or existing:

the last gasp of an industry in decline

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