

**torch****1. [tɔ:tʃ] n**

1. 1) факел

2) осветительный прибор

electric torch - карманный фонарь

3) фонарь

4) сигнальный огонь

2. светоч; светильник

the torch of learning [of progress, of liberty] - светоч знаний [прогресса, свободы]

3. *тех.*

1) паяльная лампа

2) сварочная горелка

3) газовый резак

4. *амер.* поджигатель(-маньяк)

◇ to hand on the torch - передавать знания /традиции/

to carry a /the/ torch for smb., smth. - *сл.* а) быть влюблённым в кого-л. (*особ.* без взаимности); втрескаться, втюриться; to carry the torch for his sister - вздыхать по его сестре; б) пропагандировать, рекламировать; агитировать; вести кампанию в пользу кого-л., чего-л.

to carry the torch for new Mexican art - пропагандировать новое мексиканское искусство

**2. [tɔ:tʃ] v**

1. 1) освещать факелами

sunlight torched the wood - лес был залит лучами солнца

2) подыматься подобно дыму

2. *амер.* лучить, ловить рыбу с подсветом3. *амер.* поджигать; зажигать4. *амер.* петь любовную песенку (*особ.* о неразделённой любви)**torch**

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**torch** [torch torches torched torching] noun, verb *BrE* [tɔ:tʃ]<sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [tɔ:rtʃ]<sup>Ⓜ</sup>**noun****1.** (*BrE*) (*also flash-light NAmE, BrE*) a small electric lamp that uses batteries and that you can hold in your hand

• Shine the torch on the lock while I try to get the key in.

**2.** (*NAmE*) = ↑blowtorch**3.** a long piece of wood that has material at one end that is set on fire and that people carry to give light

• a flaming torch

• the Olympic torch

• (*figurative*) They struggled to keep the torch of idealism and hope alive.**more at** carry a torch for sb **at** ↑carryWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French *torche*, from Latin *torqua*, variant of *torques* 'necklace, wreath', from *torquere* 'to twist'. The current verb sense was originally US slang and dates from the 1930s.Example Bank:

- I shone my torch through the crack.
- I'm ready to pass the torch on to the next generation.
- Servants were carrying lighted torches.
- The path to the castle was lit by blazing torches.
- The path was lit by blazing torches.
- The policeman flashed his torch over the men's faces.
- The torch flickered and went out.
- The torches were burning fiercely.
- They lit their torches from the fire.
- We struggled to read the map by the light of the torch.
- Supporters carried flaming torches to welcome him.
- The Olympic torch will arrive next month.

Idiom: ↑put something to the torch**verb ~ sth**

to set fire to a building or vehicle deliberately in order to destroy it

• The houses had been looted and then torched.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	torch
	BrE /b:tʃ/
	NAmE /b:rtʃ/
he / she / it	torches
	BrE /b:tʃɪz/
	NAmE /b:rtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	torched
	BrE /b:tʃt/
	NAmE /b:rtʃt/
-ing form	torching
	BrE /b:tʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /b:rtʃɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- All the shops on the street had been looted and torched.
- Rioters threw bottles at police and torched a number of cars.

See also: ↑flashlight

torch

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I. **torch**<sup>1</sup> /bɔ:tʃ \$ bɔ:rtʃ/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: torche 'bunch of twisted straws, torch', from Vulgar Latin torca]



1. **British English** a small electric lamp that you carry in your hand **SYN flashlight American English:**

" We shone our torches around the cavern.

2. a long stick with burning material at one end that produces light:

" the Olympic torch

3. **carry a torch for somebody** *old-fashioned* to secretly love and admire someone

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▪ **light** something that produces light, especially electric light, to help you to see: She switched the kitchen light on. | The lights in the house were all off.

▪ **lamp** an object that produces light by using electricity, oil, or gas - often used in names of lights: a bedside lamp | a street lamp | a desk lamp | a table lamp | an old oil lamp | a paraffin lamp

▪ **lantern** a lamp that you can carry, consisting of a metal container with glass sides that surrounds a flame or light: The miners used lanterns which were lit by candles.

▪ **torch** *British English*, **flashlight** *American English* a small electric lamp that you carry in your hand: We shone our torches around the cavern.

▪ **candle** a stick of wax with a string through the middle, which you burn to give light: The restaurant was lit by candles.

▪ **bulb** the glass part of an electric light, that the light shines from: a 100 watt bulb | an energy-saving light bulb

II. **torch**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

*informal* to deliberately make a building, vehicle etc start to burn:

" Rioters torched several abandoned cars.

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