

**stab**

I

1. [stæb] *n*

- 1. 1) удар (*ножом, кинжалом и т. п.*)  
stab in the back - а) удар в спину; б) предательский удар
- 2) колотая рана
- 2. 1) внезапная острая боль, укол (*тж. stab of pain*)  
stab of lumbago - приступ ишиаса
- 2) приступ, внезапно накатившее чувство  
stab of anxiety - внезапное чувство тревоги  
stab of joy - (внезапный) прилив радости  
a stab of pity ran through her - её охватила волна сострадания
- 3. резкий короткий удар (*бильярд*)
- 4. *разг.* попытка  
to make a stab at conversation - пытаться завязать беседу

2. [stæb] *v*

- 1. 1) наносить удар (*ножом, кинжалом*)
- 2) вонзать (*нож и т. п.*); колоть (*штыком*)  
to stab a knife into smb.'s heart - вонзить нож кому-л. в сердце  
to stab in the back - а) всадить нож в спину; б) нанести предательский удар; в) злословить за спиной у кого-л.
- 3) ранить (*острым оружием*); заколоть (*тж. to stab to death*)  
to stab oneself with a dagger - заколоться кинжалом  
to stab at smb. - а) замахнуться на кого-л. ножом *и т. п.*; б) нанести кому-л. колотую рану
- 2. тыкать  
he stab bed me in the chest with his finger - он ткнул меня пальцем в грудь  
the speaker was stabbing the air in anger - в гневе оратор потрясал кулаком
- 3. *разг.* наносить ущерб, терзать  
to stab at smb.'s reputation - порочить чью-л. репутацию
- 4. стрелять, колоть (*о болевом ощущении*)
- 5. оббивать стену (*под штукатурку*)
- 6. *полигр.* прокалывать отверстия в корешковой части блока

II

[stæb] *n* (*сокр. om establishment*) *разг.*

штат  
on (the) stab - в штате

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**stab** [stab stabs stabbed stabbing] *verb, noun* BrE [stæb] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [stæb] <sup>u</sup>

*verb* (-bb-)

- 1. **transitive** ~ **sb** to push a sharp, pointed object, especially a knife, into sb, killing or injuring them
  - He was stabbed to death in a racist attack.
  - She stabbed him in the arm with a screwdriver.
- 2. **transitive, intransitive** to make a short, aggressive or violent movement with a finger or pointed object

**Syn:** ↑jab, **Syn:** ↑prod

- ~ **sth (at/into/through sth)** He stabbed his finger angrily at my chest.
- She stabbed her cigarette into the ashtray.
- ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** She stabbed the air with her fork.
- ~ **at/into/through sth (figurative)** The pain stabbed at his chest.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	stab
	BrE /stæb/
	NAmE /stæb/
he / she /it	stabs
	BrE /stæbz/
	NAmE /stæbz/
past simple, past participle	stabbed
	BrE /stæbd/
	NAmE /stæbd/
-ing form	stabbing
	BrE /stæbɪŋ/
	NAmE /stæbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- He is accused of repeatedly stabbing a 16-year-old boy.
- He was fatally stabbed.
- He was found stabbed in his car.
- He was stabbed in the chest.

- I stabbed at my meat with my fork.
- Tina accidentally stabbed herself with her pencil.

**Idioms:** ↑stab in the back ▪ ↑stab somebody in the back

**noun**

1. an act of ↑stabbing or trying to ↑stab sb/sth; a wound caused by ↑stabbing
    - He received several stabs in the chest.
    - She died of a single **stab wound** to the heart.
  2. a sudden sharp pain or unpleasant feeling
    - She felt a sudden **stab of pain** in the chest.
    - a **stab of guilt/fear/pity/jealousy, etc.**
  3. **usually singular (informal)** an attempt to do sth
    - ~ **(at sth)** He found the test difficult but nevertheless **made a good stab at** it.
    - ~ **(at doing sth)** Countless people **have had a stab at** solving the riddle.
    - I've always enjoyed acting, but I'd like to **have a stab at** directing one day.
- more at** a shot/stab in the dark **at** ↑dark <sub>n.</sub>

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Example Bank:

- He felt a sharp stab of disappointment.
- He took his first stab at directing.
- I had a stab at answering the question.
- It was only a stab in the dark, but I hoped I could learn something.
- She made a half-hearted stab at medical school, and quickly withdrew.
- The boy made a stab at the pig.
- a stab of pain
- a stab to the chest
- I've always enjoyed acting, but I'd like to have a stab at directing one day.

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I. **stab**<sup>1</sup> /stæb/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **stabbed**, present participle **stabbing**)

1. **[transitive]** to push a knife into someone or something ⇒ **stabbing**:  
He was stabbed to death in a fight.  
**stab somebody in the heart/arm etc**  
She had been stabbed in the chest repeatedly.
2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to make quick pushing movements with your finger or something pointed **SYN jab**:  
He raised his voice and stabbed the air with his pen.
3. **stab somebody in the back** to do something that harms someone who likes and trusts you **SYN betray**

**THESAURUS**

■ **to attack a person**

- **attack** to use violence against someone and try to hurt them: She was attacked by a man with a baseball bat. | Police dogs are trained to attack.
- **ambush** /'æmbʊʃ/ if a group of people ambush someone, they hide and wait for them and then attack them: The judge was ambushed by gunmen as he drove to work at the courthouse.
- **mug** to attack someone and take money from them in a public place such as a street: He was mugged on his way home from school.
- **stab** to attack someone with a knife: The victim had been stabbed in the neck.
- **assault** to attack and hurt someone – used especially when talking about this as a criminal ↑**offence**: He assaulted a flight attendant who refused to serve him more drinks.
- **be set upon by somebody/something** *written* to be attacked by a group of people: He died outside his home after being set upon by a gang of youths.
- **turn on** to suddenly change your behaviour and attack the person you are with, when they do not expect this: The dog suddenly turned on him, sinking its teeth into his arm.

II. **stab**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable]

1. an act of stabbing or trying to stab someone with a knife:
  - severe stab wounds
  - a stab victim
  - He killed him with a stab to the heart.
2. **stab of pain/disappointment/fear etc** a sudden sharp feeling of pain or a strong emotion:
  - He felt a stab of guilt.
3. **stab at (doing) something** *informal* an attempt to do something, often not successfully  
**have/make/take a stab at (doing) something**  
I'll have one more stab at it.
4. **stab in the back** when someone you thought was a friend tries to harm you

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