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[swift] *n*

1. *тех.* катушка, барабан, шпулька
2. *зоол.* стриж (*Apus gen.*)

II

1. [swift] *a*

1. **быстрый, скорый**
 swift glance - быстрый взгляд
 swift car - быстроходный автомобиль
 swift in his movements - быстрый в движениях
 swift of foot - *книжн.* быстроногий
 as swift as an arrow - а) быстрый как стрела; б) с быстротою молнии, молниеносно

2. *книжн.* незамедлительный, поспешный
 swift to anger - вспыльчивый
 swift of wit - сообразительный
 to be swift to take offence - быть обидчивым
 he is swift in his judgements - он склонен к скоропалительным суждениям
 to be swift to imagine smth. - а) быть фантазёром б) быть мнительным человеком
 ◇ be swift to hear, slow to speak - побольше слушай, поменьше говори

2. [swift] *adv* *поэт. см. swiftly*

the arrows fell as swift as rain - стрелы сыпались дождём /градом/

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

swift [swift swifts swifter swiftest] *adjective, noun* *BrE* [swift] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [swift] [ⓘ]

adjective (**swift-er**, **swift-est**)

1. happening or done quickly and immediately; doing sth quickly
 - swift action
 - a swift decision
 - He rose to his feet in one swift movement
 - ~ **to do sth** The White House was swift to deny the rumours.
2. moving very quickly; able to move very quickly
 - a swift current
 - a swift runner

Word Origin:

Old English (as an adjective), from the Germanic base of Old English swifan 'move in a course, sweep'. The bird name dates from the mid 17th cent.

Synonyms:

fast / quick / rapid

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

fast ~ quick ~ rapid ~		
car	glance	change
train	look	growth
bowler	reply	increase
pace	decision	decline
lane	way	progress

Fast is used especially to describe a person or thing that moves or is able to move at great speed.
 Quick is more often used to describe something that is done in a short time or without delay.
 Rapid, swift and speedy are more formal words.
 Rapid is most commonly used to describe the speed at which something changes. It is not used to describe the speed at which something moves or is done: a rapid train ◇ We had a rapid coffee.
 Swift usually describes something that happens or is done quickly and immediately: ▪ a swift decision ◇▪ The government took swift action.
 Speedy has a similar meaning: ▪ a speedy recovery . It is used less often to talk about the speed at which something moves: a speedy car.
 For the use of fast and quick as adverbs, see the usage note at ↑quick.

Example Bank:

- Swift action was taken to recover the money.

Derived Words ↑swiftly ▪ ↑swiftness

noun

a small bird with long narrow wings, similar to a ↑swallow

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I. **swift**¹ /swɪft/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Language: Old English]

1. happening or done quickly and immediately:

- My letter received a swift reply.
- She shot a swift glance at Paul.

swift to do something

- They were swift to deny the accusations.

2. [only before noun] moving, or able to move, very fast:

- a swift runner
- She wiped her tears away in one swift movement.

3. **somebody is not too swift** *American English spoken* used to say that someone is not very intelligent

—**swiftly** *adverb*:

- Alice dressed swiftly.

—**swiftness** *noun* [uncountable]

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- **fast** moving or able to move quickly: The cheetah is the fastest animal in the world. | a fast car
- **quick** moving fast or doing something in a short time: He was much quicker than I was over the first 100 metres. | Do I have time for a quick shower?
- **high-speed** [only before noun] designed to travel or operate very quickly: a high-speed train | high-speed Internet access
- **rapid** *especially written* happening in a short period of time – used about changes, increases, improvements etc: a rapid increase in the population | the rapid expansion of the firm's business in the Middle East | a rapid decline in profits
- **swift** *written* moving quickly or happening after only a short time: The horses ran along the track at a swift trot. | He received a swift response to his letter.
- **brisk** quick and energetic: a brisk walk in the countryside | His manner was very brisk.
- **speedy** [only before noun] happening after only a short time: Everyone wishes you a speedy recovery. | a speedy resolution to the problem
- **hurried** done more quickly than usual, because you do not have much time: She ate a hurried breakfast in the cafe before catching her train. | We made a hurried departure.
- **hasty** deciding or doing something very quickly, especially when this has bad results: It was a hasty decision, which he later regretted. | Let's not be too hasty.

II. **swift**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

a small brown bird that has pointed wings, flies very fast, and is similar to a [↑]swallow

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