

pick

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[pɪk] *n*

1. 1) остроконечная кирка; кайла; остроконечный инструмент
- 2) ледоруб, штычок ледоруба (*альпинизм*)
2. *разг.* = plectrum
3. *полигр.*
- 1) марашка
- 2) грязь, остающаяся на литерках (*при печатании*)
4. *диал. карт.*
- 1) бубны
- 2) пики

II

1. [pɪk] *n*

1. отбор, выбор
which of the books is your pick? - какую книгу вы выбираете?
take your pick - выбирайте [*ср. тж.* 4]
to have one's pick and choice - иметь богатый выбор
2. *разг.* лучшая часть (*чего-л.*); что-л. отборное
she is the pick of the bunch - она лучше всех
the pick of the basket - самое лучшее из всего, что есть
the pick of the army - цвет армии
3. собранная одновременно часть урожая (*ягод, фруктов и т. п.*)
the first pick of strawberries is off - первая клубника уже сошла
4. удар (*острым инструментом*)
to take a pick - а) ударить; б) *шотл. уст.* уязвить, уколоть [*ср. тж.* 1]

2. [pɪk] *v*

1. 1) выбирать, отбирать; подбирать
pick the best - выбирайте самое лучшее
they picked the most deserving candidate - они выбрали /отобрали/ самого достойного кандидата
to pick one's men - подобрать себе сотрудников /команду *и т. п.* /
to pick one's words - тщательно подбирать слова; выбирать выражения
to pick a winner - *спорт.* поставить на победителя
- 2) сортировать; отбирать (*руды от пустой породы и т. п.*)
2. собирать, снимать
to pick flowers [fruit, berries] - собирать цветы [фрукты, ягоды]
to pick a rose - сорвать розу
to pick a thread off one's coat - снять нитку с пиджака
to pick rags - собирать старье [*см. тж.* 9, 1])
to pick grain - *с.-х.* подбирать зерно
grape picks easily - виноград легко собирать
3. (out of) вынимать
to pick a thorn out of one's finger - вытащить занозу из пальца
4. искать, выискивать
to pick a quarrel - искать повод для ссоры
to pick an occasion - искать удобный случай
5. 1) клевать
pigeons were picking grain - голуби клевали зерно
- 2) есть маленькими кусочками; отщипывать
a few sheep picked the grass - несколько овец щипали траву
- 3) *разг.* есть
we'll pick a dinner - мы пообедаем
I could pick a little bit of salmon - я бы съел кусочек лосося
6. 1) ковырять
to pick one's teeth [nose] - ковырять в зубах [в носу]
he picked his teeth with a toothpick - он ковырял в зубах зубочисткой
to pick at one's food - есть нехотя
she merely picked at her food with a fork - она только поковыряла еду вилкой
- 2) сковыривать
to pick a pimple - сковырнуть прыщ
7. 1) долбить; откалывать; насекать; продалбливать; протыкать; пробуравливать
to pick a hole - пробить дыру [*ср. тж.* ◇]
to pick the face of a rock - долбить скалу
- 2) разрыхлять землю киркой
8. 1) чистить (*ягоды*)
- 2) ощипывать (*птицу*)
- 3) снимать (*мясо с костей*); обглаживать (*кость*)
to pick a bone - обглодать кость
- 4) тщательно отделявать что-л.

9. 1) щипать, расщипывать

to pick oakum [wool, cotton] - щипать паклю [шерсть, вату]

to pick rags - рвать на тряпки [см. тж. 2]

2) расщипываться

3) распарывать

to pick to pieces /apart/ - а) распарывать; to pick the skirt to pieces - распороть юбку; б) критиковать

they will pick you to pieces among themselves - они вам все косточки перемят

they picked his arguments to pieces - они разбили его доводы в пух и прах

10. **амер.** играть на струнном инструменте

he could pick the banjo in a way no one had ever heard it picked before - он умел играть на банджо так, как никто до него не играл

11. обворовывать

to pick smb.'s pocket - залезть кому-л. в карман

to pick smb.'s purse - очистить чей-л. кошелек

to pick smb.'s brains - получать информацию у кого-л.; выуживать идеи у кого-л.

can I pick your brain for a moment? - можно я вас немного поэксплуатирую?, поясните мне кое-что

12. открывать (замок) отмычкой

13. (at)

1) критиковать, придирааться; ворчать, пилить

I'm always picked at - ко мне всегда придираются

they are always picking at each other - они вечно ссорятся

2) тянуть, теребить (руками); цепляться

◇ to pick and choose - быть разборчивым, привередливым

you can't pick and choose - выбирать не приходится

to pick and steal - заниматься мелкими кражами

to pick a bone with smb. - предъявлять кому-л. претензии, ≅ иметь зуб на кого-л.

to pick up flesh - поправляться

to pick up one's spirit /courage/ - собрать всю свою храбрость

to pick holes /a hole/ in smth. - критиковать, выискивать недостатки [ср. тж. 7, 1]

to pick for smb. - принять за кого-л.

you could pick them for sisters - вы могли бы принять их за сестёр

to pick one's way /steps/ - выбирать дорогу

he picked his way to the seat - он пробрался к своему месту

to pick one's way along a muddy road - осторожно идти по грязной дороге

judg(e)ment slowly picks his sober way - трезвое решение найти не так-то просто

II

1. [pɪk] **n текст.**

1. кидка челнока

2. уточная нить

2. [pɪk] **v диал.**

1. швырять, бросать

2. вонзать, втыкать

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pick [pick picks picked picking] **verb, noun** BrE [pɪk] ^u NAmE [pɪk] ^u

verb

1. transitive (rather informal) to choose sb/sth from a group of people or things

• ~ **sb/sth** Pick a number from one to twenty.

• She picked the best cake for herself.

• He **picked his words** carefully.

• Have I picked a bad time to talk to you?

• ~ **sb/sth to do sth** He has been picked to play in this week's game.

see also ↑hand-picked

2. transitive ~ **sth** to take flowers, fruit, etc. from the plant or the tree where they are growing

• to pick grapes

• flowers freshly picked from the garden

• to go blackberry picking

3. transitive to pull or remove sth or small pieces of sth from sth else, especially with your fingers

• ~ **sth + adv./prep.** She picked bits of fluff from his sweater.

• He picked the nuts off the top of the cake.

• ~ **sth** to **pick your nose** (= put your finger inside your nose to remove dried ↑mucus)

• to **pick your teeth** (= use a small sharp piece of wood to remove pieces of food from your teeth)

• ~ **sth + adj.** The dogs picked the bones clean (= ate all the meat from the bones) .

4. intransitive, transitive ~ **(sth)** (NAmE) = ↑pluck ⁽³⁾

more at have a bone to pick with sb **at** ↑bone _n, pick/pull/tear sb to pieces/shreds **at** ↑piece _n, pick/pull/tear sb to pieces/shreds

at ↑shred _n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pick
	BrE /pɪk/
	NAmE /pɪk/
he / she / it	picks
	BrE /pɪks/
	NAmE /pɪks/
past simple, past participle	picked
	BrE /pɪkt/
	NAmE /pɪkt/
-ing form	picking
	BrE /pɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /pɪkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. and n. **senses 1 to 3** Middle English pike Dutch pikken 'pick, peck' German picken 'peck, puncture' French piquer 'to prick'
n. **sense 4** Middle English ↑pike 'weapon'

Thesaurus:

pick verb

1. T (informal)

- Names were picked at random out of a hat.

choose • **select** • **decide** • **opt** • **single sb/sth out** • **adopt** • |informal go for sth •

pick/choose/select/single out A **from** B

pick/choose/select/decide **between** A and B

pick/choose/select/single out/adopt/go for sb/sth **as** sb/sth

pick/choose/select/single out sb/sth **for** sb/sth

Pick, choose or select? When you **select** sth you usually choose it carefully, unless you actually say that it is **selected randomly/at random**. **Pick** is a more informal word that describes a less careful action. **Choose** is the most general of these words and the only one that can be used without an object:

- You choose— I can't decide

✗ You select/pick— I can't decide.

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- They picked some blackberries from the hedgerow.

harvest • |literary **gather** •

pick/harvest/gather **fruit**

harvest/gather a **crop**

Synonyms:

choose

select • pick • decide • opt • go for

These words all mean to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available.

choose • to decide which thing or person you want out of the ones that are available: ▫ You choose— I can't decide.

select • [often passive] to choose sb/sth, usually carefully, from a group of people or things: ▫ He was selected for the team. ◇ ▫ a randomly selected sample of 23 schools

pick • (rather informal) to choose sb/sth from a group of people or things: ▫ She picked the best cake for herself.

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decide • to choose between two or more possibilities: ▫ We're still trying to ▫ decide on ▫ a venue

opt • to choose to take or not to take a particular course of action: ▫ After graduating she opted for a career in music. ◇ ▫ After a lot of thought, I ▫ opted against ▫ buying a motorbike.

go for sth • (rather informal) to choose sth: ▫ I think I'll go for the fruit salad.

to choose/select/pick/decide **between** A and/or B

to choose/select/pick A **from** B

to opt/go **for** sb/sth

to choose/decide/opt **to do sth**

to choose/select/pick sb/sth **carefully/at random**

randomly chosen/selected/picked

Example Bank:

- Have you been picked for the team?
- He picked the pan up carefully by the handle.
- He was picked out as the best player.
- I hurriedly picked up the receiver.
- I idly picked up a magazine and flicked through it.
- Names were picked at random out of a hat.
- Rather gingerly, George picked up the tiny bundle.
- She gently picked up a plate and examined it.

- She stooped down to pick up a stone.
- She stooped to pick the book up off the floor.
- They picked Jane as the captain.
- freshly picked strawberries
- He has been picked to play in this week's game.
- The common was a great place to go blackberry picking.
- They picked some flowers and arranged them into a beautiful bouquet.
- to pick grapes/strawberries/cotton

Idioms: ↑pick a fight ▪ ↑pick a lock ▪ ↑pick a winner ▪ ↑pick and choose ▪ ↑pick holes in something ▪ ↑pick somebody's brains ▪ ↑pick somebody's pocket ▪ ↑pick up speed ▪ pick up the bill/tab ▪ ↑pick up the pieces ▪ ↑pick up the threads ▪ ↑pick your way

Derived ↑pick at something ▪ ↑pick on somebody ▪ ↑pick somebody off ▪ ↑pick somebody out ▪ ↑pick somebody up ▪ ↑pick somebody up on something ▪ ↑pick something off ▪ ↑pick something out ▪ ↑pick something over ▪ ↑pick something up ▪ ↑pick through something ▪ ↑pick up ▪ ↑pick up on something ▪ ↑pick yourself up

noun

- singular** (rather informal) an act of choosing sth
 - **Take your pick** (= choose) .
 - The winner gets first pick of the prizes.
 - countable** (informal) a person or thing that is chosen
 - She was his pick for best actress.
 - singular the ~ of sth** (rather informal) the best thing or things in a group
 - We're reviewing the pick of this month's new books.
 - I think we got **the pick of the bunch** (= the best in the group) .
 - countable** = ↑pickaxe
 - picks and shovels
 - countable** (informal) = ↑ppectrum
- see also** ↑ice pick, ↑toothpick, **see** the best/pick of the bunch **at** ↑bunch _{n.}

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Synonyms:

choice

favourite • preference • selection • pick

These are all words for a person or thing that is chosen, or that is liked more than others.

choice • a person or thing that is chosen: ▪ She's the obvious choice for the job.

favourite/favorite • a person or thing that you like more than the others of the same type: ▪ Which one's your favourite?

preference • a thing that is liked better or best: ▪ Tastes and preferences vary from individual to individual

favourite or preference?

Your **favourites** are the things you like best, and that you have, do, listen to, etc. often; your **preferences** are the things that you would rather have or do if you can choose.

selection • a number of people or things that have been chosen from a larger group: ▪ A selection of reader's comments are published below.

pick • (rather informal, especially NAmE) a person or thing that is chosen: ▪ She was his pick for best actress.

sb's choice/favourite/pick **for** sth

sb's choice/selection/pick **as** sth

an **obvious** choice/favourite/selection

a(n) **excellent/good/popular/fine** choice/selection

Example Bank:

- She had her pick of the single men.
- Which do you want? Take your pick.
- Red or green? Take your pick.
- She had her pick of the young single men at the party.

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I. pick¹ **S1 W1** /pɪk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Partly from unrecorded Old English pician; partly from Old French piquer 'to prick']

1. CHOOSE SOMETHING to choose a person or thing, for example because they are the best or most suitable:

- Students have to pick three courses from a list of 15.
- I don't know which colour to pick.
- Who's going to pick the team for the match on Saturday?

pick somebody/something for something

- I wasn't picked for the hockey team.

pick somebody/something as something

- The hotel was picked as the best small hotel in the area.

pick somebody to do something

He was picked to run in the 100 metres.

Russell spoke slowly, picking his words (=choosing what to say) very carefully. ⇒ ↑picked

2. FLOWERS/FRUIT ETC to remove a flower, fruit, nut etc from a plant or tree:

We picked some blackberries to eat on the way.

Amy picked a small bunch of wild flowers.

a dish of freshly picked peas

3. REMOVE SOMETHING [always + adverb/preposition] to remove something carefully from a place, especially something small

pick something from something

Ahmed picked the melon pips from his teeth.

pick something off (something)

She was nervously picking bits of fluff off her sweater.

pick something out of something

The goalkeeper spent a lot of his time picking the ball out of the back of the net.

4. pick your way through/across/among etc something to walk in a slow careful way, choosing exactly where to put your feet down:

She picked her way between the puddles.

He picked his way down the narrow staircase.

5. pick your nose to remove ↑mucus from your nose with your finger:

Don't pick your nose!

6. pick your teeth to remove bits of food from between your teeth with your finger or a small pointed object

7. pick sb's brains to ask someone who knows a lot about something for information and advice about it:

Have you got a minute? I need to pick your brains.

8. pick a quarrel/fight (with somebody) to deliberately start a quarrel or fight with someone:

I could see he was trying to pick a fight with me.

9. pick and choose to choose only the best people or things, or only the ones that you really like:

Come on, you haven't got time to pick and choose.

10. pick a lock to use something that is not a key to unlock a door, drawer etc:

It's quite easy to pick the lock on a car door.

11. pick a hole in something to make a hole in something by pulling it with your fingers:

He had picked a hole in his jumper.

12. pick holes in something *informal* to criticize an idea or a plan by saying what its weak points are:

It's easy to pick holes in her argument.

13. pick something clean to remove all the meat from a bone when you are eating

14. pick sb's pocket to quietly steal something from someone's pocket ⇒ **pickpocket**

15. pick a winner *informal* to choose someone or something very good

16. pick something to pieces *informal* to criticize something very severely and in a very detailed way:

I'm fed up with having my work picked to pieces.

17. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT *American English* to play a musical instrument by pulling at its strings with your fingers **SYN pluck**

⇒ have a bone to pick with somebody at ↑bone¹(10)

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▪ **choose** to decide which one of several things you want: I chose a black dress. | Which dessert should I choose?

▪ **pick** to choose something, especially without thinking carefully. **Pick** is more informal than **choose**: Pick any number from one to ten.

▪ **select** *formal* to choose something, especially after thinking carefully: The committee will meet to select a new chairman. | All our instructors are carefully selected.

▪ **opt for/go for** to choose one thing instead of another: Many car buyers opt for used vehicles. | I think I'll go for the chocolate cake.

▪ **decide on** to choose something from many possible things, especially when the decision has been difficult or taken a long time: Thomas had decided on a career as a writer.

▪ **single out** to choose one person or thing from a group because they are better, worse, more important etc than the others: Why should he be singled out for special treatment? | One student was singled out for special attention.

▪ **take your pick** *especially spoken* to choose anything you want, especially when there are many different things available: You can take your pick from Bodrum's many bars and restaurants.

pick at something *phrasal verb*

1. to eat only small amounts of food because you do not feel hungry or do not like the food:

Paige could only pick at her meal, forcing down a mouthful or two.

2. to touch something many times with your fingers, pulling it slightly:

She was picking at her skirt.

pick somebody/something ↔ off *phrasal verb*

to point a weapon carefully at one person or animal in a group, and then shoot them:

There were gunmen in some of the buildings who picked off our men as they went past.

pick on somebody/something *phrasal verb spoken*

1. to behave in an unfair way to someone, for example by blaming them or criticizing them unfairly:

Why don't you pick on someone else for a change?

2. *British English* to choose a particular person or thing:

Just pick on one job and try to get that finished.

pick somebody/something ↔ out *phrasal verb*

1. **CHOOSE** to choose someone or something from a group:

- She picked out a navy blue dress.
- His story was picked out as the best by the judges.

2. **RECOGNIZE** to recognize someone or something in a group of people or things:

- She was able to pick out her father at the other side of the room.
- I picked out Valerie's voice from among the general conversation.

3. **SEE** if you can pick something out, you can see it but not very clearly:

- I could just pick out some letters carved into the stone.

4. **SHOWN CLEARLY** [usually passive] if something is picked out, it is in a different colour or material from the background, so that it can be clearly seen:

- His name was picked out in gold lettering.

5. **PLAY A TUNE** to play a tune on a musical instrument slowly or with difficulty:

- He sat at the piano and picked out a simple tune.

pick over something *phrasal verb*

to examine a group of things very carefully in order to choose the ones you want:

- She was sitting at the kitchen table picking over a pile of mushrooms.

pick through something *phrasal verb*

to search through a pile of things to find things that you want:

- Police are still picking through the rubble looking for clues to the cause of the explosion.

pick up *phrasal verb*

1. **LIFT SOMETHING/SOMEBODY UP** **pick something/somebody** ↔ **up** to lift something or someone up:

- He picked up the letter and read it.
- The phone rang and I picked it up.
- Mummy, can you pick me up?

2. **pick yourself up** to get up from the ground after you have fallen:

- Carol picked herself up and brushed the dirt off her coat.

3. **TIDY SOMETHING** **pick something** ↔ **up** *American English* to make a room or building tidy:

- Pick up your room before you go to bed.

4. **GET SOMETHING** **pick something** ↔ **up** *informal*

a) to get or win something:

- He's already picked up three major prizes this year.

b) to buy something or get it from a shop etc:

- I picked up an evening paper on the way home.
- For more details, pick up a leaflet in your local post office.

c) to get an illness:

- I picked up a virus while I was in America.

5. **COLLECT** **pick something** ↔ **up** to collect something from a place:

- I'll pick my things up later.
- She just dropped by to pick up her mail.

6. **LET SOMEBODY INTO A VEHICLE** **pick somebody** ↔ **up** to let someone get into your car, boat etc and take them somewhere:

- I'll pick you up at the station.
- The survivors were picked up by fishing boats from nearby villages.

7. **LEARN** **pick something** ↔ **up** to learn something by watching or listening to other people:

- I picked up a few words of Greek when I was there last year.
- Mary watched the other dancers to see if she could pick up any tips.

8. **NOTICE** **pick something** ↔ **up** to notice something that is not easy to notice, such as a slight smell or a sign of something:

- I picked up a faint smell of coffee.
- The dogs picked up the scent and raced off.
- We picked up their tracks again on the other side of the river.

9. **RADIO/SIGNALS** **pick something** ↔ **up** if a machine picks up a sound, movement, or signal, it is able to notice it or receive it:

- The sensors pick up faint vibrations in the Earth.
- I managed to pick up an American news broadcast.

10. **SEX** **pick somebody** ↔ **up** to become friendly with someone you have just met because you want to have sex with them:

- young women sitting around in bars waiting to be picked up

11. **START AGAIN**

a) if you pick up where you stopped or were interrupted, you start again from that point:

- We'll meet again in the morning and we can pick up where we left off.

b) **pick something** ↔ **up** if you pick up an idea that has been mentioned, you return to it and develop it further:

- I'd like to pick up what you said earlier.
- This same theme is picked up in his later works.

12. **IMPROVE**

a) if a situation picks up, it improves:

- Her social life was picking up at last.
- The economy is finally beginning to pick up again.
- We've been through a bit of a bad patch, but things are picking up again now.

b) **pick somebody up** if a medicine or drink picks you up, it makes you feel better ⇒ **pick-me-up**

13. **ROAD** **pick something** ↔ **up** if you pick up a road, you go onto it and start driving along it:

- We take the A14 to Birmingham and then pick up the M5.

14. **TRAIN/BUS pick something ↔ up** if you pick up a train, bus etc, you get onto it and travel on it

15. **pick up speed/steam** to go faster:

▪ The train was gradually picking up speed.

16. **pick up the bill/tab (for something) informal** to pay for something:

▪ Why should the taxpayer pick up the tab for mistakes made by a private company?

17. **WIND** if the wind picks up, it increases or grows stronger

18. **COLOUR pick something ↔ up** if one thing picks up a colour in something else, it has an amount of the same colour in it so that the two things look nice together:

▪ I like the way the curtains pick up the red in the rug.

19. **CRIMINAL pick somebody ↔ up** if the police pick someone up, they take them somewhere to answer questions or to be locked up:

▪ He was picked up by police as he was trying to leave the country.

20. **pick up the pieces (of something)** to try to make your life normal again after something very bad has happened to you:

▪ Thousands of victims of the earthquake are now faced with the task of picking up the pieces of their lives.

21. **pick up the threads (of something)** if you pick up the threads of something that you were doing, you try to return to it and start doing it again after it stopped or was changed:

▪ Now that the war was over they could pick up the threads of their lives again.

22. **pick your feet up spoken** used to tell someone to walk properly or more quickly

pick up after somebody phrasal verb informal

to tidy things that someone else has left untidy:

▪ I'm tired of picking up after you!

pick up on something phrasal verb

1. to notice something about the way someone is behaving or feeling, even though they are trying not to show it:

▪ Children pick up on our worries and anxieties.

2. to return to a point or an idea that has been mentioned and discuss it more:

▪ I'd like to pick up on a point that Steven made earlier.

3. **pick somebody up on something** to criticize someone slightly for something they have said:

▪ I knew he was lying and I should have picked him up on it.

II. **pick**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Sense 1-3: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ ↑pick¹]

[Sense 4-5: Date: 1300-1400; Origin: pike]

1. **[uncountable]** if you can have your pick or take your pick of different things, you can choose which one you want:

▪ Have a look at the menu and take your pick.

▪ He knew he could take his pick of any of the girls in the office.

▪ Sarah could have her pick of any university in the country.

have/get first pick (of something)

▪ She always gets first pick of the videos.

2. **the pick of something informal** the best things in a group:

▪ In tonight's programme we'll be discussing the pick of this month's new movies.

▪ There were fifteen candidates for the job, and he was the pick of the bunch (=the best one).

3. **[countable] informal** your pick is the person or thing that you have chosen from a group **SYN choice**:

▪ There are a lot of good horses in the race, but Archimedes would be my pick.

4. **[countable]** a ↑pickaxe

5. **[countable] informal** a small flat object that you use for pulling at the strings of a musical instrument such as a ↑guitar **SYN**

plectrum

⇒ ↑ice pick

pick

Freakuency Pack

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RANGE: **1k** **PICK** 87605

pick 38393

picks 9693

picking 10957

pickers 402

picker 333

picked 27800

unpicked 27

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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