

**itch**

- [ɪtʃ] *n*
  - 1) зуд
  - 2) (the itch) чесотка  
to have/to suffer from/ the itch - испытывать зуд; болеть чесоткой
- непреодолимое желание, жажда (*чего-л.*); стремление (*к чему-л.*); страсть, вождление  
an itch for money [gold, gain] - жажда денег [золота, наживы]  
an itch of originality - стремление быть оригинальным  
an itch to explore - исследовательский зуд

**2. [ɪtʃ] *v***

- чесаться, зудеть; свербеть
- испытывать зуд, непреодолимое желание  
he itched to know our secret - *разг.* ему не терпелось узнать наш секрет  
my fingers itch to give him a thrashing - у меня руки чешутся поколотить его
- вызывать зуд
- досаждать, раздражать  
◇ to scratch one where one itches - ≅ потакать, гладить по шёрстке

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**itch** [ɪtʃ *itches* *itched* *itching*] *verb, noun* *BrE* [ɪtʃ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAme* [ɪtʃ] <sup>ˈ</sup>**verb**

- intransitive** to have an uncomfortable feeling on your skin that makes you want to scratch; to make your skin feel like this
  - I itch all over.
  - Does the rash itch?
  - This sweater really itches.
- intransitive (informal)** (often used in the progressive tenses) to want to do sth very much
  - ~ **for sth** The crowd was itching for a fight.
  - ~ **to do sth** He's itching to get back to work.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	itch
	BrE /ɪtʃ/
	NAme /ɪtʃ/
he / she / it	itches
	BrE /ɪtʃɪz/
	NAme /ɪtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	itched
	BrE /ɪtʃt/
	NAme /ɪtʃt/
-ing form	itching
	BrE /ɪtʃɪŋ/
	NAme /ɪtʃɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Old English gycce (noun), gycan (verb), of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **jeuk** (noun) and Dutch **jeuken**, German **jucken** (verb).

**Synonyms:****hurt**

**ache** • **burn** • **sting** • **tingle** • **itch** • **throb**

These are all words that can be used when part of your body feels painful.

**hurt** • (of part of your body) to feel painful; (of an action) to cause pain: ▫ My feet hurt. ◇ ▫ Ouch! That hurt!

**ache** • to feel a continuous dull pain: ▫ I'm aching all over.

**burn** • (of part of your body) to feel very hot and painful: ▫ Our eyes were burning from the chemicals in the air.

**sting** • to make sb feel a sharp burning pain or uncomfortable feeling in part of their body; (of part of your body) to feel this pain: ▫ My eyes were stinging from the smoke.

**tingle** • (of part of your body) to feel as if a lot of small sharp points are pushing into the skin there: ▫ The cold air made her face tingle.

**itch** • to have an uncomfortable feeling on your skin that makes you want to scratch; to make your skin feel like this: ▫ I itch all over. ◇ ▫ Does the rash itch?

**throb** • (of part of your body) to feel pain as a series of regular beats: ▫ His head throbbed painfully.

your **eyes** hurt/ache/burn/sting/itch

your **skin** hurts/burns/stings/tingles/itches

your **flesh** hurts/burns/stings/tingles

your **head** hurts/aches/throbs

your **stomach** hurts/aches

to **really** hurt/ache/burn/sting/tingle/itch/throb

to hurt/ache/sting/itch **badly/a lot**

**It** hurts/stings/tingles/itches.

**Example Bank:**

- He was itching for a chance to show how good he was.
- Her fingers positively itched with the desire to slap his face.
- My arms were covered with a rash that itched terribly.
- The heat made me itch all over.

noun

1. **countable, usually singular** an uncomfortable feeling on your skin that makes you want to scratch yourself
    - to **get/have an itch**
  2. **singular ~ (to do sth)** (informal) a strong desire to do sth
    - She has an itch to travel.
    - the creative itch
- see** the seven year itch **at** ↑seven

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Example Bank:

- The fungi that cause jock itch thrive in warm, moist places.
- to get/have an itch

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I. **itch**<sup>1</sup> /ɪtʃ/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *verb*

[*Language:* Old English; *Origin:* *giccan*]

1. [*intransitive and transitive*] if part of your body or your clothes *itch*, you have an unpleasant feeling on your skin that makes you want to rub it with your nails ⇒ **scratch**:
  - My feet were itching terribly.
  - The label on this shirt itches me.
2. **be itching to do something/be itching for something** *informal* to want to do something very much and as soon as possible:
  - He was itching for a fight.

II. **itch**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *noun* [singular]

1. an uncomfortable feeling on your skin that makes you want to rub it with your nails:
  - Scratch my back – I have an itch.
2. *informal* a strong desire to do or have something
  - **itch for**
  - an itch for adventure

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