

knack

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[næk] *n*

1. 1) умение, ловкость, сноровка; мастерство

to have a knack of /for/ doing smth. - уметь что-л. делать; иметь особые способности к чему-л.

to have a knack for business [for management] - иметь коммерческие [организационные/административные] способности

to have a knack at handling tools - уметь обращаться с инструментами

to possess a knack at languages - быть очень способным к языкам

to acquire /to develop/ the knack of doing smth. - научиться хорошо /ловко/ что-л. делать

2) особый способ, особая манера

to have one's own knack in doing smth. - иметь свой способ что-л. делать, делать что-л. на свой манер

2. *арх.* остроумный приём, трюк, хитрость; уловка

by a peculiar knack - посредством особого трюка /приёма/

3. *арх.* игрушка, безделица, безделушка

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[næk] *n*

1) треск, стук

2) скрежет

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knack [knæk knacks] *BrE* [næk] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [næk] [ⓘ] **noun singular** (informal)

1. a special skill or ability that you have naturally or can learn

• It's easy, once you've got the knack.

• ~ **of/for (doing) sth** He's got a real knack for making money.

2. ~ **of doing sth** (*BrE*) a habit of doing sth

• She has the unfortunate knack of always saying the wrong thing.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (originally denoting a clever or deceitful trick): probably related to obsolete knack 'sharp blow or sound', of imitative origin (compare with Dutch **knak** 'crack, snap').

Example Bank:

- He had the unhappy knack of making enemies in the party.
- He has the knack of scoring goals just when they are most needed.
- I don't cook much these days and I think I may have lost the knack.
- Making omelettes isn't difficult, but there's a knack to it.
- Once you get the knack, it's easy.
- a woman with a knack for handling horses
- He had a knack for picking winners.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

knack /næk/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **noun informal**

[*Date:* 1300-1400; *Origin:* Perhaps from Dutch or Low German **knak** '(sound of) a sudden blow', from the sound]

1. [**singular**] a natural skill or ability ⇔ **talent**

knack for doing something

Some people seem to have a knack for making money.

knack of doing something

Thomson's knack of scoring vital goals makes him important to the team.

2. **have a knack of doing something** *British English* to have a tendency to do something:

He has a knack of saying the wrong thing.

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **have a knack** He seems to have a knack for getting people to agree with him.
- **get the knack** Once you've got the knack, you'll never forget how to do it.
- **lose the knack** He proved that he hadn't lost the knack for scoring goals.

adjectives

- **an uncanny knack** (=an ability that seems surprising or strange) She has an uncanny knack for knowing what you're really thinking.
- **an unhappy knack** (=a knack that you would not want) He had the unhappy knack of making enemies.

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