

**pluck****1. [plʌk] n****1. дёрганье**

to give a pluck at smth. - потянуть /дёрнуть/ за что-л  
she gave my sleeve a pluck - она потянула меня за рукав

**2. ливер; потроха****3. смелость, отвага, мужество**

he has plenty of pluck - у него много смелости  
his pluck failed him - мужество изменило ему

**4. фото жёсткость контура, чёткость изображения****2. [plʌk] v****1. срывать, собирать**

to pluck flowers [fruit] - собирать цветы [фрукты]  
to pluck a rose - сорвать розу

**2. 1) щипать, выдёргивать; ощипывать (птицу)**

to pluck a fowl [a goose] - ощипывать птицу [гуся]  
to pluck the eyebrows - выщипывать брови

**2) (at, by) дёргать; тащить**

to pluck (at) smb.'s sleeve, to pluck smb. by the sleeve - дёрнуть кого-л. за рукав  
to pluck at one's hair - рвать на себе волосы

**3. щипать или перебирать струны**

to pluck a guitar - перебирать струны гитары

**4. разг. обирать; обманывать**

to pluck a bank - взять /грабануть/ банк  
to pluck a pigeon - обобрать простака

**5. разг. провалить на экзамене**

to be plucked - провалиться на экзамене

**6. тянуть, тащить**

◇ to pluck the Proctor's gown - оспаривать присуждение учёной степени  
a drowning man plucks at a straw - *посл.* утопающий хватается за соломинку

**pluck**

**pluck** [plʌk plʌks plucked plucking] verb, noun BrE [plʌk] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [plʌk] <sup>ˈ</sup>

verb

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**HAIR****1. transitive ~ sth (out) to pull out hairs with your fingers or with ↑tweezers**

- She plucked out a grey hair.
- expertly plucked eyebrows

**CHICKEN, ETC.****2. transitive ~ sth to pull the feathers off a dead bird, for example a chicken, in order to prepare it for cooking****MUSICAL INSTRUMENT****3. (NAmE also pick) transitive, intransitive ~ (at) sth to play a musical instrument, especially a ↑guitar, by pulling the strings with your fingers**

- to pluck the strings of a violin
- He took the guitar and plucked at the strings.

**REMOVE SB/STH****4. transitive ~ sb (from sth) (to sth) to remove sb from a place or situation, especially one that is unpleasant or dangerous**

- Police plucked a drowning girl from the river yesterday.
- Survivors of the wreck were **plucked to safety** by a helicopter.
- She was plucked from obscurity to instant stardom.

**5. transitive ~ sth (from sth) to take hold of sth and remove it by pulling it**

- He plucked the wallet from the man's grasp.

**FRUIT/FLOWER****6. transitive ~ sth (from sth) (old-fashioned or literary) to pick a fruit, flower, etc. from where it is growing**

- I plucked an orange from the tree.

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pluck
	BrE /plʌk/
	NAme /plʌk/
he / she / it	plucks
	BrE /plʌks/
	NAme /plʌks/
past simple, past participle	plucked
	BrE /plʌkt/
	NAme /plʌkt/
-ing form	plucking
	BrE /plʌkɪŋ/
	NAme /plʌkɪŋ/

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late Old English ploccian, pluccian, of Germanic origin; related to Flemish **plokken**; probably from the base of Old French (es)peluchier 'to **pluck**'.

## Example Bank:

- He plucked the wallet from the man's grasp.
- Her eyebrows had been plucked and pencilled.
- Rescuers managed to pluck the girl from the water.
- Survivors were plucked to safety by a helicopter.

**Idioms:** ↑**pluck something out of the air** ▪ ↑**pluck up courage**

**Derived** ↑**pluck at something**

**noun uncountable** (informal)

courage and determination

- It takes a lot of pluck to do what she did.

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- It takes some pluck to stand up to bullies like that.

**See also:** ↑**pick**

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I. **pluck**<sup>1</sup> /plʌk/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **verb**

[Language: Old English; Origin: pluccian]

1. **PULL SOMETHING** [transitive] **written** to pull something quickly in order to remove it

**pluck something from/off etc something**

- He plucked a couple of plastic bags from the roll.
- Reaching up, she plucked an apple off the tree.

2. **pluck your eyebrows** to make your ↑**eyebrows** the shape you want, by pulling out some of the hairs

3. **TAKE SOMEBODY/SOMETHING AWAY** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to take someone away from a place or situation that is dangerous or unpleasant in a quick and unexpected way

**pluck somebody/something from/out of something**

- Some refugee children were plucked out of the country in a number of mercy missions.
- She was plucked from obscurity (=made suddenly famous) by a Hollywood film producer.
- Three survivors were plucked to safety after being in the sea for 7 hours.

4. **CHICKEN** [transitive] to pull the feathers off a dead chicken or other bird before cooking it

5. **pluck up (the) courage (to do something)** to force yourself to be brave and do something you are afraid of doing:

- He finally plucked up enough courage to ask her out.

6. **MUSIC** [intransitive and transitive] to pull the strings of a musical instrument

**pluck at**

- Someone was plucking at the strings of an old guitar.

7. **pluck something out of the air** (also **pluck something out of thin air**) to say or suggest a number, name etc that you have just thought of, without thinking about it carefully:

- I'm plucking a figure out of the air here, but let's say it'll cost about \$15,000.

**pluck at something** **phrasal verb**

to pull something quickly several times with your fingers, especially because you are nervous or to attract attention:

- Kitty's hands plucked at her black cotton skirt.
- The little boy plucked at her sleeve.

II. **pluck**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** [uncountable]

**old-fashioned** courage and determination:

- It takes a lot of pluck to stand up to a bully.

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