

# cringe

1. [krɪndʒ] *n*  
раболепство, низкопоклонство
2. [krɪndʒ] *v*
  1. раболепствовать, низкопоклонствовать; стоять в подобострастной позе
  2. проявлять раболепный страх
  3. съёживаться, сжиматься (*от страха*)  
the dog cringed at the sight of the whip - при виде кнута собака съёжилась
  4. испытывать отвращение  
your foolish talk makes me cringe - меня тошнит от твоих дурацких разговоров

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**cringe** [cringe cringes cringed cringing] *BrE* [krɪndʒ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [krɪndʒ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

1. **intransitive** to move back and/or away from sb because you are afraid

**Syn:** ↑cower

- a child cringing in terror
2. **intransitive** to feel very embarrassed and uncomfortable about sth
    - I cringe when I think of the poems I wrote then.
    - She felt herself cringe with embarrassment at the memory.

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	cringe
	<i>BrE</i> /krɪndʒ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /krɪndʒ/
he / she / it	cringes
	<i>BrE</i> /krɪndʒɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /krɪndʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	cringed
	<i>BrE</i> /krɪndʒd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /krɪndʒd/
-ing form	cringing
	<i>BrE</i> /krɪndʒɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /krɪndʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English crenge, crenche, related to Old English cringan, crincan 'bend, yield, fall in battle', of Germanic origin and related to Dutch **krengen** 'heel over' and German **krank** 'sick', also to the verb ↑crank.

Example Bank:

- The very idea made him cringe inside.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Perhaps from Old English cringan 'to give up']

1. to move away from someone or something because you are afraid:
  - A stray dog was cringing by the door.
  - She cringed away from him.
2. to feel embarrassed by something you have said or done because you think it makes you seem silly ⇒ **wince**
  - cringe at**
  - She cringed at the sound of her own voice.
  - It makes me cringe when I think how stupid I was.

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