

hunch

1. [hʌntʃ] *n*
 1. горб
 2. 1) толстый кусок, ломоть
hunch of cheese - большой кусок сыра
hunch of bread - ломоть хлеба
 - 2) голова (сахару)
 3. *амер. разг.* предчувствие; подозрение; интуиция; наитие
on a hunch - интуитивно
to have a hunch - предчувствовать; интуитивно догадываться
he had a hunch - его (вдруг) озарило /осенило/
to play one's hunch(es) - действовать по наитию /по вдохновению/
 4. *диал.* толчок
2. [hʌntʃ] *v*
 1. 1) горбить, сутулить; сгибать, выгибать
to hunch one's shoulders - втягивать голову в плечи
 - 2) горбиться, сутулиться (*тж.* to hunch up)
he sat hunched up - он сидел сгорбившись /ссутулившись/
 - 3) идти согнувшись, сгорбившись
he hunched along in the rain - он шёл под дождём, втянув голову в плечи
 - 4) прогибаться, наклоняться
he hunched over the table - он склонился над столом
 2. иметь предчувствие; предчувствовать; подозревать
 3. *диал.*
 - 1) толкать; дёргать
 - 2) толкаться; дёргаться; ринуться

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hunch [hunch hunches hunched hunching] *verb, noun* BrE [hʌntʃ] ^{us} NAmE

[hʌntʃ]

verb intransitive, transitive

to bend the top part of your body forward and raise your shoulders and back

- (+ *adv./prep.*) She leaned forward, hunching over the desk.
- ~ **sth** He **hunched his shoulders** and thrust his hands deep into his pockets.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hunch
	BrE /hʌntʃ/
	NAmE /ˈwʌntʃ/
he / she / it	hunches
	BrE /hʌntʃɪz/
	NAmE /ˈwʌntʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	hunched
-ing form	hunching
	BrE /hʌntʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈwʌntʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: of unknown origin. The original meaning was 'push, shove' (noun and verb), a sense retained now in Scots as a noun, and in US dialect as a verb. This sense of the noun probably derives from a US sense of the verb 'nudge someone in order to draw attention to something'.

Example Bank:

- He hunched over the map.
- He hunched up his shoulders.
- She hunched forward to see the picture.
- She sat hunched on the bed all day.

Derived Word ↑hunched

noun

a feeling that sth is true even though you do not have any evidence to prove it

- It seemed that the doctor's hunch had been right.
- My hunch is that the burglars are still in the area.
- I had a hunch (that) you'd be back.
- to follow/back your hunches

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draw attention to something'.

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- He decided to back his hunches with serious money.
- Her hunches were confirmed the next day.
- I called on a hunch to ask if he had any work for me.
- I decided to follow my hunch and come and see you.
- I had a hunch that she was not telling the truth.
- They now have a database of information to back their hunches about customers' preferences.
- I didn't know for certain— I was just going on a hunch.
- I had a hunch that you might be here.
- The detective's hunch had been right.

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I. **hunch**¹ /hʌntʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

if you have a hunch that something is true or will happen, you feel that it is true or will happen ⇒ **suspicion**

have a hunch (that)

ˈ I had a hunch that something like this would happen.

sb's hunch

ˈ My hunch is that she's his mother.

II. **hunch**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to bend down and forwards so that your back forms a curve

hunch over

ˈ He had to hunch over the steering wheel to see anything.

2. **hunch your shoulders** to raise your shoulders into a rounded shape because you are cold, anxious etc

—hunched *adjective*:

ˈ a hunched figure sitting by the fire

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