

A **cookie** ([American English](#)) or **biscuit** ([British English](#)) is a [baked](#) snack or [dessert](#) that is typically small, flat, and sweet. It usually contains [flour](#), [sugar](#), [egg](#), and some type of [oil](#), [fat](#), or [butter](#). It may include other ingredients such as [raisins](#), [oats](#), [chocolate chips](#), or nuts.

Most [English-speaking countries](#) call crunchy cookies "[biscuits](#)", except for the United States and Canada, where "[biscuit](#)" refers to a type of [quick bread](#). Chewier biscuits are sometimes called "cookies" even in the United Kingdom.^[3] Some cookies may also be named by their shape, such as [date squares](#) or bars.

Biscuit or cookie variants include [sandwich biscuits](#), such as [custard creams](#), [Jammie Dodgers](#), [Bourbons](#), and [Oreos](#), with marshmallows or jam filling and sometimes dipped in [chocolate](#) or another sweet coating. Cookies are often served with [beverages](#) such as [milk](#), [coffee](#), or [tea](#) and sometimes [dunked](#), an approach which releases more [flavour](#) from [confections](#) by dissolving the sugars,^[4] while also softening their texture. Factory-made cookies are sold in [grocery stores](#), [convenience stores](#), and [vending machines](#). Fresh-baked cookies are sold at [bakeries](#) and [coffeehouses](#).