

bis·cuit S2

/ˈbɪskɪt/

noun

1 [countable] (*BrE*) a small thin dry cake that is usually sweet and made for one person to eat

SYN **cookie** (*AmE*):

a packet of chocolate biscuits

cheese and biscuits

2 [countable] (*AmE*) a type of soft bread baked in small round pieces

3 [uncountable] a light brown colour

4 **take the biscuit** (*BrE*) (*informal*) SURPRISED

to be the most surprising, annoying etc thing you have ever heard:

I've heard some excuses, but this really takes the biscuit!

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Old French

Origin: *bescuit*, from Latin *bis* 'twice' + *coctus* 'cooked'

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