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pine ¹ (pīn)

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n.

1. Any of various evergreen trees of the genus *Pinus*, having fascicles of needle-shaped leaves and producing woody seed-bearing cones. These trees are widely cultivated for ornament and shade and for their timber and resinous sap, which yields turpentine and pine tar.
2. Any of various other coniferous trees, such as the Norfolk Island pine.
3. The wood of any of these trees.

[Middle English, from Old English *pīn*, from Latin *pīnus*; see **peia-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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pine ² (pīn)

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v. **pined, pin-ing, pines**

v.intr.

1. To feel a lingering, often nostalgic desire.
2. To wither or waste away from longing or grief: *pined away and died*.

v.tr.

Archaic

To grieve or mourn for.

n.

Archaic

Intense longing or grief.

[Middle English *pinen*, from *pine*, suffering, from Old English *pīne*, punishment, torment, from Vulgar Latin **pēna*, variant of Latin *poena*, penalty, from Greek *poinē*; see **k^wei-** ¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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