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risk, *n.*

Pronunciation: Brit. /rɪsk/, U.S. /rɪsk/

Forms:

α. 16 **resque**, 16–18 **risque**.

β. 16 **risc**, 16– **risk**, 18– **resk** (*U.S. regional*).

Frequency (in current use):

Origin: A borrowing from French. **Etymon:** French *risque*.

Etymology: < French *risque*...

1. (Exposure to) the possibility of loss, injury, or other adverse or unwelcome circumstance; a chance or situation involving such a possibility. Freq. with *of*.

a. As a count noun. Freq. in **to run (also take) a (also the) risk (also risks)**, †**to run one's risk**.

cancer, occupational risk, etc.: see the first element.