

Definitions starting with P: peas(e)

n. 1. [Atlantic; OED, singular form was peas(e) until c. 1600, when new sing. pea arose (cf. Fr. pois, pease porridge, etc.); cf. Haitian pwa beans HCEFD] sing. or pl. pea or small bean: 1835 Green pease require a very light soil (Journal 42). 1966 one grain of peas (Crowley 121). One peas (Nassau). (Gen.)

2. [from resemblance to little balls when hair is not brushed out] (Black person's) tight little curls of hair: Tha's what you call bad hairj~~ust~~ look at all them peas! (Nassau). = SEED cf. PEASY, SEEDY (Black)

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