

burrow

I

1. ['bʌrəʊ] *n*
 - 1) нора; норка; ямка
 - 2) убежище
2. ['bʌrəʊ] *v*
 1. рыть нору, ход (*мж.* burrow one's way)
the larvae burrow in the wood - личинки делают ходы в дереве
 2. 1) прятаться в норе, жить в норе
 - 2) прятаться, скрываться
 3. 1) рыться (*в книгах, в архивах*)
 - 2) проникать (*в тайну и т. п.*)

II

['bʌrəʊ] *n горн.*
отбросы, пустая порода; отвал

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bur-row [burrow burrows burrowed burrowing] *verb, noun* BrE ['bʌrəʊ] ¹

NAmE ['bɜːroʊ] ²

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to make a hole or a tunnel in the ground by digging
Syn: ↑dig
 - (+ **adv./prep.**) Earthworms burrow deep into the soil.
 - moles burrowing away underground
 - ~ **sth + adv./prep.** The rodent **burrowed its way** into the sand.
2. **intransitive, transitive** to press yourself close to sb or under sth
 - + **adv./prep.** He burrowed down beneath the blankets.
 - ~ **sth + adv./prep.** She burrowed her face into his chest.
3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to search for sth under or among things
 - She burrowed in the drawer for a pair of socks.
 - He was afraid that they would burrow into his past.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	burrow
	BrE / 'bʌrəʊ/
	NAmE / 'bɜːroʊ/
he / she / it	burrows
	BrE / 'bʌrəʊz/
	NAmE / 'bɜːroʊz/
past simple, past participle	burrowed
	BrE / 'bʌrəʊd/
	NAmE / 'bɜːroʊd/
-ing form	burrowing
	BrE / 'bʌrəʊɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'bɜːroʊɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: variant of ↑borough.

Example Bank:

- Earthworms burrow deep into the subsoil.
- He switched off the bedside lamp and burrowed down beneath the bedclothes.
- Ivy had burrowed its way through the walls.
- Rabbits had burrowed under the fence.
- worms that burrow through dead wood

noun

a hole or tunnel in the ground made by animals such as ↑rabbits for them to live in

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I. **bur-row** ¹ /'bʌrəʊ \$ 'bɜːroʊ/ BrE ¹ AmE ² *verb*

1. [**intransitive always + adverb/preposition, transitive**] to make a hole or passage in the ground **SYN dig down**
burrow into/under/through etc
" Mother turtles burrow into the sand to lay their eggs.
2. [**intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition**] to press your body close to someone or under something because you want to get warm or feel safe **SYN nestle**

burrow into/under/down etc

" The child stirred and burrowed deeper into the bed.

burrow something into/against etc something

" She burrowed her head into his shoulder.

3. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to search for something that is hidden in a container or under other things **SYN rummage**

burrow in/into/through etc

" Helen burrowed in her bag for a handkerchief.

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THESAURUS

- **dig** to make a hole in the ground using your hands, a tool, or a machine: Some workmen were digging a trench at the side of the road. | In Africa, the people know where to dig for water.
- **make a hole** to dig a hole in the ground, using your hands or a tool: Make a hole just big enough for the plant's roots.
- **burrow** /'bʌrəʊ \$ 'bɜːrɔː/ if an animal burrows, it makes a hole or a passage in the ground by digging the earth with its feet, nose etc: The rabbits had burrowed a hole under the fence.
- **plough** *British English*, **plow** *American English* /plʌʊ/ to turn over the soil using a machine or a tool pulled by animals, to prepare the soil for planting seeds: The farmers here still plough their fields using buffaloes.
- **excavate** /'ɛkskəveɪt/ *formal* to dig a large hole in the ground, especially as a preparation for building something: The men began excavating the hole for the pool.
- **bore** to make a deep round hole in the ground using a special machine, especially in order to look for oil or water: Companies need a special licence to bore for oil.

II. **burrow**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: borough]

a passage in the ground made by an animal such as a rabbit or ↑fox as a place to live

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Frequency Pack

12500 **11402**^{MCW}

15000 **6204**^{COCA}

RANGE: **7k BURROW** ²³³⁷

burrow ⁷⁶⁹

burrowed ³²⁵

burrowing ⁴²⁶

burrows ⁸¹⁷

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

¹⁷⁷ **34794**⁴³⁰ *nn1*

¹⁵⁹ **57690**¹⁷⁰ *vvi*

¹³² **63783**¹⁴⁰ *vv0*

²⁰ **145540**²⁹ *np1*