

swim**1. [swim] n****1. 1) плавание**

to go for a swim - пойти поплавать

to have/to take/ a swim - поплавать

I had a swim - я поплавал

2) купание (в море, озере)

to have a swim - искупаться

2. (the swim) основное течение (событий, общественной жизни и т. п.)

to be in the swim - быть в курсе дела /в центре событий/

to be out of the swim - быть не в курсе дела, стоять в стороне от происходящих событий

3. *разг.* головокружение

her head was in a swim - у неё кружилась голова

4. омут (в котором водится рыба)

◇ to be in the swim with smb. - быть в одной компании с кем-л.

2. [swim] v (swam; swum)**1. 1) плавать, плыть; переплывать**

to swim on one's chest [on one's back, on one's side] - плавать на животе [на спине, на боку]

to swim under water - плавать под водой

to swim a race - участвовать в соревнованиях по плаванию

to swim the English Channel - переплыть Ла-Манш

he cannot swim a stroke - он совсем не умеет плавать

to swim to the bottom - пойти ко дну

to swim like a stone /like a tailor's goose/ - *шутл.* ≅ плавать как топор, идти ко дну

the moon swims in the sky - луна плывёт по небу

to swim off the line - *спорт.* наплыть на ограждение

when their boat sank they had to swim for it - когда их лодка затонула, им пришлось пуститься вплавь

2) купаться (в море, озере)

let's go swimming - пойдём искупаемся

2. заставлять плыть

to swim a horse across a river - пустить лошадь вплавь через реку

3. плавно двигаться, скользить

to swim across the floor - скользить по полу

to swim into the room - проскользнуть в комнату

4. (in) быть погружённым (во что-л.); плавать (в чём-л.)

the meat swims in gravy - мясо плавает в подливке

to swim in luxury - утопать /купаться/ в роскоши

5. плыть (перед глазами)

everything swam before his eyes - всё поплыло у него перед глазами

6. чувствовать головокружение; кружиться (о голове)

my head swims - у меня кружится голова

my brain swims with the thought - у меня голова идёт кругом от этой мысли

7. переливаться через край; заливать

eyes swimming in tears - глаза, полные слёз

the floor swam in blood - пол был залит кровью

◇ to swim with the stream /the tide/ - примкнуть к большинству; плыть по течению

to swim against the stream - идти против большинства; плыть против течения

to swim between two waters - лавировать между двумя крайностями

to sink or swim *см.* sink II ◇**swim**

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swim [swim swims swam swimming swum] verb, noun BrE [swɪm] ^m NAmE[swɪm] ^mverb (swim-ming, swam BrE [swæm] ^m; NAmE [swæm] ^m swum BrE [swʌm] ^m; NAmE [swʌm] ^m)**1. intransitive, transitive (of a person)** to move through water in a horizontal position using the arms and legs

- I can't swim.
- The boys swam across the lake.
- We swam out (= away from land) to the yacht.
- They spent the day swimming and sunbathing.
- ~ **sth** Can you swim backstroke yet?
- How long will it take her to swim the Channel?

2. intransitive go swimming to spend time **swimming** for pleasure

- I go swimming twice a week.

3. intransitive (+ adv./prep.) (of a fish, etc.) to move through or across water

- A shoal of fish swam past.
- Ducks were swimming around on the river.

4. intransitive (usually be swimming) to be covered with a lot of liquid

- ~ (in sth) The main course was swimming in oil.
- ~ (with sth) Her eyes were swimming with tears.

5. **intransitive** (of objects, etc.) to seem to be moving around, especially when you are ill/sick or drunk

- The pages swam before her eyes.

6. **intransitive** to feel confused and/or as if everything is spinning around

- His head swam and he swayed dizzily.

see sink or swim at **↑sink** v.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	swim
	BrE /swɪm/
	NAmE /swɪm/
he / she / it	swims
	BrE /swɪmz/
	NAmE /swɪmz/
past simple	swam
	BrE /swæm/
	NAmE /swæm/
past participle	swum
	BrE /swʌm/
	NAmE /swʌm/
-ing form	swimming
	BrE /'swɪmɪŋ/
	NAmE /'swɪmɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English swimman (verb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zwemmen** and German **schwimmen**.

Which Word?:

bath / bathe / swim / sunbathe

When you wash yourself you can say that you bath (**BrE**) or bathe (**NAmE**), but it is much more common to say have a bath (**BrE**) or take a bath (**NAmE**).

You can also bath (**BrE**) or bathe (**NAmE**) another person, for example a baby.

You bathe a part of your body, especially to clean a wound.

When you go swimming it is old-fashioned to say that you bathe, and you cannot say that you bath or take a bath. It is more common to swim, go for a swim, have a swim or go swimming: ▫ Let's go for a quick swim in the pool. ▫ She goes swimming every morning before breakfast. What you wear for this activity is usually called a swimming costume in **BrE** and a bathing suit in **NAmE**.

When you lie in the sun in order to go brown you sunbathe.

Example Bank:

- A beaver swam vigorously upstream.
- A water vole swam vigorously upstream.
- Exhausted, they swam ashore.
- He can't swim well.
- She swam back towards the shore.
- We swam out to the boat.
- swimming across the river
- swimming in the sea
- to swim across the river
- to swim in the sea

Idiom: **↑in the swim**

noun

1. **singular** a period of time during which you swim

- Let's **go for a swim**.

2. (especially **NAmE**) (in compounds) related to or used for swimming

- a swim meet (= a swimming competition between teams)
- swim trunks

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Example Bank:

- How about a quick swim before breakfast?
- She got up early and went for a swim.

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I. **swim**¹ **S3** /swɪm/ **BrE** " **AmE** " verb (past tense **swam** /swæm/, past participle **swum** /swʌm/, present participle **swimming**)

[Word Family: noun: **↑swim**, **↑swimmer**, **↑swimming**; verb: **↑swim**; adverb: **↑swimmingly**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: swimman]

1. **MOVE THROUGH WATER** [**intransitive and transitive**] to move yourself through water using your arms and legs

swim in

- We swam in the chilly water.

swim around/across etc

- " She could swim across the lake.
- " Let's go swimming this afternoon.
- " kids learning to swim the backstroke
- " She was the first woman to swim the Channel.

2. **WATER ANIMALS** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] when fish, ducks etc swim, they move around the water using their tails and ↑fins, their feet etc:

- " Tropical fish swam slowly around in the tank.

3. **NOT THINKING/SEEING PROPERLY** [intransitive]

a) if your head swims, you start to feel confused or that everything is spinning around:

- " My head was swimming after looking at that screen all day.

b) if something you are looking at swims, it seems to be moving around, usually because you are ill, tired, or drunk:

- " The numbers swam before my eyes.

4. **be swimming in something** to be covered by a lot of liquid:

- " potatoes swimming in thick gravy

5. **swim against the tide/current etc** to do or say things which are different from what most people do or say, because you do not mind being different **OPP swim with the tide**

⇒ **sink or swim** at ↑sink¹(15)

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

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑swim, ↑swimmer, ↑swimming; *verb*: ↑swim; *adverb*: ↑swimmingly]

1. a period of time that you spend swimming:

- " Let's go for a swim.

2. **in the swim (of things)** *informal* knowing about and involved in what is happening in a particular situation

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