

collapse**1. [kə'ləps] n**

1. обвал, падение, обрушение

collapse of a roof - *горн.* обрушение кровли

2. 1) крах, крушение, провал, развал

collapse of plans [of hopes] - крушение планов [надежд]

collapse of negotiations - провал переговоров

2) крах, банкротство

collapse of a ministry - крах /падение/ правительства

collapse of a bank - банкротство банка

3. 1) резкий упадок сил, изнеможение; коллапс

2) *разг.* упадок духа4. *тех.*

1) выход из строя

2) сплющивание

3) продольный изгиб

5. *авт.* смятие (*шины*)6. *астр.* коллапс, схлопывание (*звезды*)**2. [kə'ləps] v**

1. 1) рушиться, обваливаться

the tent collapsed - палатка завалилась

the weight of the snow on the roof caused the house to collapse - под тяжестью снега на крыше дом рухнул

2) обрушивать; ломать своей тяжестью

the weight of snow collapsed the roof - снег (своей тяжестью) продавил крышу

2. 1) свалиться (*в результате удара, напряжения*); сильно ослабеть; свалиться от болезни *или* слабости, слечь

he collapsed into his chair - он повалился на стул

2) упасть духом

3. потерпеть крах, неудачу; рушиться (*о планах, надеждах и т. п.*)

negotiations collapsed - переговоры сорвались /потерпели неудачу/

4. *тех.*

1) выходить из строя

2) сжиматься, сокращаться, сплющиваться

5. 1) складываться, быть складным

the card table collapses - этот карточный стол складывается

this telescope collapses to half its size - эта подзорная труба свинчивается наполовину

2) складывать, свёртывать

to collapse a canvas stool - сложить парусиновую табуретку

to collapse an umbrella - свернуть /сложить/ зонтик

to collapse a telescope - свинтить подзорную трубу

6. *астр.* коллапсировать, схлопываться

◇ to collapse with laughter - давиться /корчиться/ от смеха; ≅ умирать со смеху

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col·lapse **AW** [**collapse collapses collapsed collapsing**] **verb, noun** **BrE**[kə'ləps] ¹ **NAmE** [kə'ləps] ²**verb****OF BUILDING****1. intransitive** to fall down or fall in suddenly, often after breaking apart**Syn:** ↑give way

• The roof collapsed under the weight of snow.

OF SICK PERSON**2. intransitive** to fall down (and usually become unconscious), especially because you are very ill/sick

• He collapsed in the street and died two hours later.

RELAX**3. intransitive** (informal) to sit or lie down and relax, especially after working hard

• When I get home I like to collapse on the sofa and listen to music.

FAIL**4. intransitive** to fail suddenly or completely**Syn:** ↑break down

• Talks between management and unions have collapsed.

• All opposition to the plan has collapsed.

OF PRICES/CURRENCIES**5. intransitive** to decrease suddenly in amount or value

• Share prices collapsed after news of poor trading figures.

FOLD

6. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to fold sth into a shape that uses less space; to be able to be folded in this way

Syn: fold up

- The table collapses for easy storage.

MEDICAL

7. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** if a lung or **↑blood vessel** collapses or is collapsed, it falls in and becomes flat and empty

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	collapse
	BrE /kə'leɪps/
	NAme /kə'leɪps/
he / she /it	collapses
	BrE /kə'leɪpsɪz/
	NAme /kə'leɪpsɪz/
past simple, past participle	collapsed
-ing form	collapsing
	BrE /kə'leɪpsɪŋ/
	NAme /kə'leɪpsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (as collapsed): from medical Latin **collapsus**, past participle of **collabi**, from **col-** 'together' + **labi** 'to slip'.

Thesaurus:

collapse verb

1. |

- The roof collapsed under the weight of the snow.

cave in • • give way • • disintegrate • • crumble •

the **ceiling/roof/tunnel/wall** collapses/caves in

the **pillars/supports** collapse/give way

collapse/cave in/give way **under the weight of sth**

Collapse, cave in or give way? Whole buildings **collapse**; roofs and walls **collapse** or **cave in**; supports **collapse** or **give way**; a door or the ground may **give way** or **cave in**.

2. |

- He collapsed and was taken to hospital.

faint • • pass out • |informal drop •

collapse/faint/pass out/drop **from** exhaustion/hunger/loss of blood/the heat, etc.

3. |

- Talks between the two parties have collapsed.

break down • • fail • • fall through • • get/go nowhere • • come to nothing • |formal founder •

a **relationship/marriage** collapses/breaks down/fails

talks collapse/break down/fail/fall through/founder

a **project** collapses/fails/falls through/founders

4. |

- His firm collapsed and he went bankrupt.

fail • • go bankrupt • • crash • • fold • • close down • • close • |informal go bust • |formal, business cease trading •

a **firm/company** collapses/fails/goes bankrupt/crashes/folds/closes down/closes/goes bust/ceases trading

a **business** collapses/fails/folds/closes down/closes/crashes/goes bust/ceases trading

shares/prices/markets collapse/crash

Collapse or crash? **Crash** is more informal and can suggest an even more sudden event. An **economy** can **collapse** but not **crash**.

Example Bank:

- He collapsed in a heap on the floor.
- He collapsed with shock.
- In November the strike finally collapsed.
- Several buildings have collapsed into the ocean.
- She collapsed suddenly from a heart attack.
- The man collapsed against the wall and slid down it.
- The scheme collapsed in the face of determined opposition.
- His building firm collapsed and he went bankrupt.
- She lost a lot of money when the property market collapsed.
- The coalition collapsed under the pressure of differences between the two parties.
- The home side collapsed spectacularly in the second half.
- The region's economy has virtually collapsed.
- They finally arrived collapsing from fatigue.
- Timber buildings may simply rot and collapse.

Derived Word **↑collapsed**

noun

FAILURE

- 1. countable, usually singular, uncountable** a sudden failure of sth, such as an institution, a business or a course of action
 - the collapse of law and order in the area
 - The peace talks were **on the verge of collapse** .

OF BUILDING

- 2. uncountable** the action of a building suddenly falling
 - The walls were strengthened to protect them from collapse.

ILLNESS

- 3. uncountable, countable, usually singular** a medical condition when a person suddenly becomes very ill/sick, or when sb falls because they are ill/sick or weak
 - a state of **mental/nervous collapse**
 - She was taken to hospital after her collapse at work.

OF PRICES/CURRENCIES

- 4. countable, usually singular** a sudden fall in value
 - the collapse of share prices/the dollar/the market

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collapse noun C, usually sing., U

- the collapse of the national airline

breakdown • • **failure** •

a/an **complete /total/general /apparent** collapse/breakdown/failure

(an) **economic** collapse/breakdown/failure

contribute to/lead to/result in/cause/avoid the collapse/breakdown/failure (of sth)

Example Bank:

- He was in a state of mental and physical collapse.
- She was on the verge of nervous collapse.
- The war has led to the collapse of agriculture in the area.
- a collapse into anarchy
- his collapse from exhaustion
- the sudden collapse of the bridge
- the sudden economic collapse of 2001
- He charted the villagers' collapse into poverty.
- The administration moved to prevent the collapse of the privatized national airline.
- The peace talks were on the verge of collapse.
- Their downfall came with the financial collapse of the Canary Wharf project.
- They were successful in bringing about the collapse of the Communist regime.
- a state of mental/nervous collapse
- the collapse of share prices/the dollar/the market

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I. **collapse**¹ **S3 AC** /kə'ləps/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb

[Word Family: verb: ↑collapse; noun: ↑collapse; adjective: ↑collapsible]

[Date: 1700-1800; Language: Latin; Origin: collapsus, past participle of collabi, from com- (⇒ COM-) + labi 'to fall, slide']

1. STRUCTURE [intransitive] if a building, wall etc collapses, it falls down suddenly, usually because it is weak or damaged:

- Uncle Ted's chair collapsed under his weight.
- The roof had collapsed long ago.

2. ILLNESS/INJURY [intransitive] to suddenly fall down or become unconscious because you are ill or weak:

- He collapsed with a heart attack while he was dancing.
- Marion's legs collapsed under her.

3. FAIL [intransitive] if a system, idea, or organization collapses, it suddenly fails or becomes too weak to continue:

- The luxury car market has collapsed.
- I thought that without me the whole project would collapse.

4. PRICES [intransitive] if prices, levels etc collapse, they suddenly become much lower:

- There were fears that property prices would collapse.

5. SIT/LIE [intransitive] to suddenly sit down, especially because you are very tired or want to relax:

- I was so exhausted when I got home, I just collapsed on the sofa.

6. FOLD SOMETHING SMALLER [intransitive and transitive] if a piece of furniture or equipment collapses, or if you collapse it, you can fold it so that it becomes smaller ⇒ **collapsible** :

The legs on our card table collapse so we can store it in the closet.

7. **MEDICAL** [intransitive] if a lung or a ↑blood vessel collapses, it suddenly becomes flat, so that it no longer has any air or blood in it

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THESAURUS

- **fall** (also **fall over, fall down**) to suddenly go down onto the floor when standing, walking, or running: She fell on the stairs and broke her ankle. | Children are always falling over.
- **trip on/over something** to fall or almost fall when you hit your foot against something: Someone might trip over those toys. | I tripped on a piece of wood.
- **slip** to fall or almost fall when you are walking on a wet or very smooth surface: She slipped and hurt her ankle. | I was scared I would slip on the highly polished floor.
- **stumble** to almost fall when you put your foot down in an awkward way: He stumbled and almost fell. | One of our porters stumbled on the rough ground.
- **collapse** to fall suddenly and heavily to the ground, especially when you become unconscious: One of the runners collapsed halfway through the race.
- **lose your balance** to become unsteady so that you start to fall over: She lost her balance on the first step and fell down the stairs. | Have something to hold onto, in case you lose your balance.
- **fall flat on your face** to fall forwards so you are lying on your front on the ground: She fell flat on her face getting out of the car.

II. **collapse**² **AC** *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *noun*

[Word Family: verb: ↑collapse; noun: ↑collapse; adjective: ↑collapsible]

1. **BUSINESS/SYSTEM/IDEA ETC** [singular, uncountable] a sudden failure in the way something works, so that it cannot continue

collapse of

- the collapse of the Soviet Union
- the threat of economic collapse
- His business was in danger of collapse.

2. **BUILDING/STRUCTURE/FURNITURE ETC** [uncountable] when something suddenly falls down:

- the collapse of an apartment building during the earthquake
- The ancient abbey was in imminent danger of collapse.

3. **ILLNESS/INJURY** [singular, uncountable] when someone suddenly falls down or becomes unconscious because of an illness or injury:

- The President said he was fine after his collapse yesterday.
- She suffered a collapse under anaesthetic.

4. **MONEY/PRICES ETC** [singular] a sudden decrease in the value of something:

- the collapse of the stock market

collapse in

- a collapse in the value of pensions

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collapse 9977

collapsed 6454

collapses 1408

collapsible 257

collapsing 1690

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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