

**crawl**

1. [krɔ:l] *n*
  1. ползание
  2. 1) медленное движение  
to go at a crawl - ходить, ездить *или* двигаться медленно
  - 2) *мор.* малый ход
  3. пресмыкательство, низкопоклонство
  4. *сл.* обход баров, ночных клубов *и т. п.*
  5. *спорт.* вольный стиль, кроль (*плавание*)  
back [front] crawl - кроль на спине [на груди]  
crawl swimmer - кролист, пловец вольным стилем

2. [krɔ:l] *v*
  1. 1) ползать; ползти
  - 2) подползать, подкрадываться  
the leopard crawled towards its prey - леопард подкрадывался к жертве  
the dog crawled to its master's feet - собака подползла на брюхе к ногам хозяина
  - 3) *воен.* переползать по-пластунски
  2. тащиться, еле передвигать ноги (*часто crawl about*)  
our train crawled over the bridge - наш поезд еле тащился по мосту  
days and months crawled along - дни и месяцы тянулись бесконечно  
the work crawled - работа еле двигалась
  3. пресмыкаться, низкопоклонствовать  
to crawl to smb. - ползать на брюхе перед кем-л.  
to crawl back into (smb.'s) favour - подхалимством вернуть / снова завоевать / чье-л. расположение
  4. (with) кишеть  
the whole ground was crawling with ants - всё вокруг кишело муравьями  
the town was crawling with soldiers - город был наводнен солдатами
  5. *редк.* ползти, виться, стелиться (*о растениях*)
  6. ощущать мурашки по телу; ≅ мурашки по телу побежали

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**crawl** [crawl crawls crawled crawling] *verb, noun* BrE [krɔ:ɫ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [krɔ:ɫ] <sup>m</sup>

**verb**

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to move forward on your hands and knees, with your body close to the ground
  - Our baby is just starting to crawl.
  - A man was crawling away from the burning wreckage.
  - She crawled under the fence.
2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** when an insect crawls, it moves forward on its legs
  - There's a spider crawling up your leg.
3. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to move forward very slowly
  - The traffic was crawling along.
  - The weeks crawled by.
4. **intransitive ~ (to sb)** (*informal, disapproving*) to be too friendly or helpful to sb in authority, in a way that is not sincere, especially in order to get an advantage from them
  - She's always crawling to the boss.

**see** make your skin crawl **at** ↑skin <sub>n.</sub>, come/crawl out of the woodwork **at** ↑woodwork

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	crawl
	BrE /krɔ:l/
	NAmE /krɔ:l/
he / she / it	crawls
	BrE /krɔ:lz/
	NAmE /krɔ:lz/
past simple, past participle	crawled
	BrE /krɔ:ld/
	NAmE /krɔ:ld/
-ing form	crawling
	BrE /krɔ:lɪŋ/
	NAmE /krɔ:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: of unknown origin; possibly related to Swedish **kravla** and Danish **kravle**.

Example Bank:

- As night fell, we managed to crawl back to our lines.
- Has the baby started to crawl yet?
- There's an insect crawling up your leg!
- We spent an hour crawling around on our hands and knees looking for the key.
- She was forced to crawl along through the thickening mist.
- The taxi crawled to a halt.

- The traffic was crawling as I left the city.

Derived ↑crawling with something

noun



1. **singular** a very slow speed

- The traffic slowed to a crawl.

see also ↑pub crawl

2. (often **the crawl**) **singular, uncountable** a fast swimming stroke that you do lying on your front moving one arm over your head, and then the other, while kicking with your feet

- a swimmer doing the crawl
- He struck out across the pool in a powerful crawl.

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Example Bank:

- The traffic was moving at a slow crawl.
- Westbound traffic was down to a crawl.

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I. **crawl**<sup>1</sup> /krɔʊ/\$krɒ/\$ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old Norse; Origin: krafla]



1. to move along on your hands and knees with your body close to the ground

**crawl along/across etc**

" The baby crawled across the floor.

2. if an insect crawls, it moves using its legs

**crawl over/up etc**

" There's a bug crawling up your leg.

3. **crawl into/out of bed** to get into or out of bed slowly because you are very tired:

" We crawled into bed at 2 am.

4. if a vehicle crawls, it moves forward very slowly

**crawl by/along etc**

" The traffic was crawling along.

5. **British English informal** to be too pleasant or helpful to someone in authority, especially because you want them to help you – used in order to show disapproval

**crawl to**

" She's always crawling to the boss.

6. **be crawling with something** to be completely covered with insects, people etc:

" The floor was crawling with ants.

" The whole place was crawling with cops.

7. **crawl the Net/web** if a computer program crawls the Net, it quickly searches the Internet to find the particular information you need ⇒ **spider**:

" robots that crawl the net searching out e-mail addresses for junk mailing

II. **crawl**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **noun** [singular]

1. a very slow speed:

The traffic had slowed to a crawl.

2. **the crawl** a way of swimming in which you lie on your stomach and move one arm, and then the other, over your head ⇒ **backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly**

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