

**worm**1. [wɜ:m] *n*

- 1) 1) *зоол.* червь (*Lumbricus*)
- 2) глист, гельминт
- 3) гусеница, личинка
2. жалкое существо, ничтожный человек, презренная личность  
he is a worm (of a man)! - какое ничтожество!

3. *тех.*

- 1) червяк, червячный винт
- 2) шнек
- 3) = worm pipe

4. *арх.* змея; змей; дракон

◇ to be food /meat/ for worms - быть мёртвым

the worm of conscience - угрызания совести

I am a worm today - я сегодня не в своей тарелке; мне сегодня не по себе

to have a worm in one's tongue - быть сварливым

even a worm will turn - самого кроткого человека можно вывести из себя

the worm has turned! - у него наконец лопнуло терпение!

tread on a worm and it will turn - *посл.* ≅ всякому терпению приходит конец

2. [wɜ:m] *v*

1. 1) ползти; пробираться ползком; вползать  
he wormed his way [himself] through the bushes - он прополз между кустами
- 2) (into) проникать, пробираться; втираться, примазываться  
to worm oneself into smb.'s confidence - вкрасться в доверие к кому-л.  
to worm oneself /one's way/ into a movement - примазаться к движению  
to worm oneself into a conversation - влезть в разговор
2. 1) очищать от червей (*клубу и т. п.*)
- 2) гнать глистов
3. копать червей
4. *мор.* тренцевать (*трес*)

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**worm** [**worm worms wormed worming**] **noun, verb** *BrE* [wɜːm] <sup>us</sup> *NAmE* [wɜːrm]

**noun**

1. **countable** a long thin creature with no bones or legs, that lives in soil
  - birds looking for worms
  - see also** ↑earthworm, ↑lugworm
2. **worms plural** long thin creatures that live inside the bodies of humans or animals and can cause illness
  - The dog has worms.
  - see also** ↑hookworm, ↑tapeworm
3. **countable** the young form of an insect when it looks like a short **worm**
  - This apple is full of worms.
  - see also** ↑glow-worm, ↑silkworm, ↑woodworm
4. **countable** (**computing**) a computer program that is a type of virus and that spreads across a network by copying itself
5. **countable, usually singular** (**informal, disapproving**) a person you do not like or respect, especially because they have a weak character and do not behave well towards other people  
**more at** a can of worms **at** ↑can <sup>2</sup> <sub>n.</sub>, the early bird catches the worm **at** ↑early <sub>adj.</sub>

Word Origin:

Old English wyrm (noun), of Germanic origin; related to Latin **vermis** 'worm' and Greek **rhomox** 'woodworm'.

Example Bank:

• Worms burrow down through the soil.

Idiom: ↑worm will turn

Derived ↑worm something out of somebody ▪ ↑worm your way into something

**verb**

1. ~ **your way + adv./prep.** to use a twisting and turning movement, especially to move through a narrow or crowded place
  - She wormed her way through the crowd to the reception desk.
2. ~ **sth** to give an animal medicine that makes ↑worms pass out of its body in the ↑faeces

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	worm
	BrE /wɔːm/
	NAme /wɔːrɪm/
he / she / it	worms
	BrE /wɔːmz/
	NAme /wɔːrɪmz/
past simple, past participle	wormed
	BrE /wɔːmd/
	NAme /wɔːrɪmd/
-ing form	worming
	BrE /wɔːmɪŋ/
	NAme /wɔːrɪmɪŋ/

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I. **worm**<sup>1</sup> /wɔːm/ \$ wɔːrɪm/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wyrm 'snake, worm']

1. a long thin creature with no bones and no legs that lives in soil ⇒ ↑earthworm, ↑lugworm
2. the young form of an insect, which looks like a short worm ⇒ ↑glow-worm, ↑silkworm, ↑woodworm
3. **have worms** if a person or animal has worms, they have legless ↑parasites (=small creatures that eat their food or their blood) in their body ⇒ ↑roundworm, ↑tapeworm
4. someone who you do not like or respect
5. a type of computer ↑virus that can make copies of itself and destroy information on computers that are connected to each other
6. **the worm turns** *literary* used to say that someone who normally obeys someone without complaining suddenly refuses to do this ⇒ **can of worms** at ↑can<sup>2</sup>(4)

II. **worm**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** [transitive]

1. **worm (your way) into/through etc something** to move through a small place or a crowd slowly, carefully, or with difficulty:  
" He wormed his way under the fence.
  2. **worm your way into sb's affections/heart/confidence etc** to gradually make someone love or trust you, especially by being dishonest
  3. **worm your way out of (doing) something** to avoid doing something that you have been asked to do by making an excuse that is dishonest but clever:  
" Steve wormed his way out of going to the meeting.
  4. to give an animal medicine in order to remove ↑parasites that live inside it
- worm something out of somebody** *phrasal verb*  
to get information from someone who does not want to give it

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