

sprawl

1. [sprɔ:l] *n*
 1. небрежная, неуклюжая поза
he sat in a sprawl - он сидел развалившись
 2. неуклюжая, нетвёрдая походка; ≅ ноги разъезжаются
2. [sprɔ:l] *v*
 1. развалиться, сидеть развалившись
 2. растянуться, валяться (*тж.* sprawl out)
to sprawl on the beach - лежать на пляже
to send smb. sprawling - сбить кого-л. с ног
he sprawled across the bed - он разлёгся поперёк кровати
I just feel like sprawling out in the sun for a couple of weeks - мне хочется поваляться на солнышке недельку-другую
 3. разъезжаться (*о ногах*)
a colt with sprawling legs - жеребёнок, ещё не твёрдо стоящий на ногах
the puppy's legs sprawled in all directions - ноги у щенка разъезжались во все стороны
 4. расплзаться во все стороны, простираться, раскидываться; беспорядочно расти (*о застройке и т. п.*)

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sprawl [sprawl sprawls sprawled sprawling] *verb, noun* BrE [sprɔ:l] ^u NAmE

[sprɔ:l] ^u

verb

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to sit or lie with your arms and legs spread out in a relaxed or awkward way
 - He was sprawling in an armchair in front of the TV.
 - Something hit her and **sent her sprawling** to the ground.
 - I tripped and **went sprawling**.
2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to spread in an untidy way; to cover a large area
 - The town sprawled along the side of the lake.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sprawl
	BrE /sprɔ:l/
	NAmE /sprɔ:l/
he / she /it	sprawls
	BrE /sprɔ:lz/
	NAmE /sprɔ:lz/
past simple, past participle	sprawled
	BrE /sprɔ:lɪd/
	NAmE /sprɔ:lɪd/
-ing form	sprawling
	BrE /sprɔ:lɪŋ/
	NAmE /sprɔ:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English spreawlian 'move the limbs convulsively'; related to Danish sprælle 'kick or splash about'. The noun dates from the early 18th cent.

Example Bank:

- She found him sprawled across the doorstep.
- She lay sprawled across the bed.
- She sprawled lazily in an armchair.
- She went sprawling across the boat.
- The blow sent him sprawling.
- I tripped and went sprawling.

noun

1. **countable, usually singular, uncountable** a large area covered with buildings that spreads from the city into the countryside in an ugly way
 - attempts to control the fast-growing **urban sprawl**
2. **countable, usually singular** an act of spreading to cover a large area in an untidy way; sth that spreads like this

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I. **sprawl**¹ /sprɔ:l/ \$ sprɔ:l/ BrE ^u AmE ^u (also **sprawl out**) *verb* [intransitive always + *adverb/preposition*]

[Language: Old English; Origin: spreawlian]

1. to lie or sit with your arms or legs stretched out in a lazy or careless way:
He sprawled out on the sofa.

I tripped on a stone and went sprawling on the pavement.

a blow which sent him sprawling

2. if buildings sprawl, they spread out over a wide area in an untidy and unattractive way:

The town seemed to sprawl for miles.

II. **sprawl**² *BrE* * *AmE* * *noun* [singular, uncountable]

a large area of buildings that are spread out in an untidy and unattractive way:

We drove through miles of urban sprawl before we finally got out into the countryside.

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