

skirmish

1. ['skɜ:mɪʃ] *n*

- 1. **стычка, схватка, столкновение**
border skirmishes - пограничные стычки
domestic skirmishes - семейные перепалки
he fell in a skirmish - он погиб в схватке
a skirmish of wits - борьба умов

2. **перестрелка**

skirmish chain /formation, line/ - **воен.** стрелковая цепь

2. ['skɜ:mɪʃ] *v*

- 1. **сражаться (мелкими снарядами); схватиться**
- 2. **завязать перестрелку**
- 3. **рыскать в поисках чего-л.**

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skir·mish [skirmish skirmishes skirmished skirmishing] **noun, verb** BrE ['skɜ:mɪʃ]

¹ **NA**ME ['skɜ:rmɪʃ]

noun

- 1. a short fight between small groups of soldiers, etc, especially one that is not planned
 - Several people were killed in skirmishes during the night.
- 2. a short argument, especially between political opponents
 - a skirmish between the two party leaders

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a verb): from Old French **eskirmis-**, lengthened stem of **eskirmir**, from a Germanic verb meaning **'defend'**.

Example Bank:

- Minor skirmishes broke out all along the border.
- They were involved in a skirmish with rival fans.
- a skirmish over boundaries
- an opening skirmish in the protracted media battle ahead
- skirmishes between the police and guerillas
- There was a short skirmish between party leaders when the government announced the new tax increases.

Derived Words ↑skirmisher ▪ ↑skirmishing

verb intransitive

to take part in a short fight or argument

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	skirmish
	BrE / 'skɜ:mɪʃ/
	NA ME / 'skɜ:rmɪʃ/
he / she / it	skirmishes
	BrE / 'skɜ:mɪʃɪz/
	NA ME / 'skɜ:rmɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	skirmished
	BrE / 'skɜ:mɪʃt/
	NA ME / 'skɜ:rmɪʃt/
-ing form	skirmishing
	BrE / 'skɜ:mɪʃɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- The patrol skirmished with the enemy for several hours.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: escaramouche, from Old Italian scaramuccia]

- 1. a fight between small groups of soldiers, ships etc, especially one that happens away from the main part of a battle – used in news reports

skirmish with/between/over

¹ The young soldier was killed in a skirmish with government troops.

- 2. a short argument, especially between political or sports opponents

skirmish with/between/over

¹ Bates was sent off after a skirmish with the referee.

a budget skirmish between the President and Congress

—skirmish *verb* [intransitive]:

They skirmished briefly with soldiers from Fort Benton.

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