

grope1. [grəʊp] *n редк.*

ощупывание

2. [grəʊp] *v*1. **ощупывать, идти ощупью**

to grope in the dark - двигаться ощупью в темноте

to grope one's way through a dark street - ощупью идти по тёмной улице

to grope one's way out of a room - ощупью выбраться из комнаты

2. (for, after)

1) **искать, нащупывать**

to grope for smb.'s hand - искать (ощупью) чью-л. руку

to grope for the door-handle - нащупывать дверную ручку

to grope in one's drawer for a key - нащаривать ключ в ящике

2) **искать, подыскивать**

to grope for words - подыскивать слова

3) **искать, добиваться, доискиваться**

to grope for knowledge - искать знаний, по крупице добывать знания

to grope for an answer [for a clue] - искать ответ [ключ]

to grope after the truth - доискиваться правды

to grope about for information - рыскать в поисках сведений

grope

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grope [groʊp groʊps groʊped groʊpɪŋ] *verb, noun BrE* [grəʊp] ^o *NAmE* [grəʊp]**verb**1. **intransitive ~ (around)(for sth)** to try and find sth that you cannot see, by feeling with your hands

• He groped around in the dark for his other sock.

• She groped for the railing to steady her as she fell.

• (figurative) 'It's so..., so...' I was groping for the right word to describe it.

2. **transitive, intransitive** to try and reach a place by feeling with your hands because you cannot see clearly ~ **your way + adv./prep.**

• He groped his way up the staircase in the dark.

• **+ adv./prep.** She groped through the darkness towards the doors.3. **transitive ~ sb (informal)** to touch sb sexually, especially when they do not want you toVerb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | grope |
| | BrE /grəʊp/ |
| | NAmE /grəʊp/ |
| he / she / it | grope |
| | BrE /grəʊps/ |
| | NAmE /grəʊps/ |
| past simple, past participle | groped |
| | BrE /grəʊpt/ |
| | NAmE /grəʊpt/ |
| -ing form | groping |
| | BrE /grəʊpɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /grəʊpɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

Old English grāpian, of West Germanic origin; related to †gripe.

Example Bank:

• She groped blindly for the door handle.

• 'It's so... so...' I was groping for the right word to describe it.

• I groped for the light switch.

• She described how he had groped her whenever they were alone.

• She groped for the railing to steady herself as she fell.

noun (informal)an act of **groping** sb (= touching them sexually)Word Origin:

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1. **grope** ¹ /grəʊp \$ grəʊp/ *BrE* ^o *AmE* ^o *verb*

[Language: Old English; Origin: grāpian]

1. [**intransitive**] to try to find something that you cannot see by feeling with your hands**grope for**

Ginny groped for her glasses on the bedside table.

grope around

" We groped around in the darkness.

2. **[intransitive and transitive]** to go somewhere by feeling the way with your hands because you cannot see

grope your way along/across etc

" I was groping my way blindly through the trees.

" Ally groped steadily towards the door.

3. **grope for something** to try hard to find the right words to say or the right solution to a problem but without any real idea of how to do this:

" She hesitated, seeming to grope for words.

4. **[transitive] informal** to move your hands over someone's body to get sexual pleasure, especially when they do not want you to do this

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THESAURUS

- **touch** to put your fingers or hand onto someone or something for a very short time: Don't touch the iron – it's hot!
- **feel** to touch something with your fingers in order to find out about it: Feel how soft this material is. | I felt his forehead. It was cold.
- **handle** to touch something and pick it up and hold it in your hands: Children should always wash their hands before handling food. | The glass was very fragile, and she handled it with great care. | Please do not handle the merchandise.
- **finger** to touch or handle something with your fingers, especially while you are thinking of other things: She fingered the heavy necklace around her neck.
- **rub** to move your hand over a surface while pressing it: Bob rubbed his eyes and yawned.
- **scratch** to rub part of your body with your nails, often because it **ITCHES**: The dog kept scratching its ear. | Bob scratched his head thoughtfully.
- **tickle** to move your fingers lightly over someone's body in order to make them laugh: The baby giggled as I tickled him.
- **grope** to touch someone's body in a sexual way when they do not want to be touched: The officer was accused of groping several women in his platoon.

II. **grope**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable usually singular]

informal touching someone's body to get sexual pleasure, especially when they do not want you to do this

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