

slither [ˈslɪðə] *n разг.*

1. скатываться, соскальзывать
to slither down an ice-covered slope - скатиться с обледеневшего склона
2. идти скользящей походкой
3. ползти (о пресмыкающемся)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

slither [slither slithers slithered slithering] *BrE* [ˈslɪðə(r)] *AmE* [ˈslɪðər]

verb

1. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move somewhere in a smooth, controlled way, often close to the ground

Syn: ↑glide

- The snake slithered away as we approached.

2. **+ adv./prep.** to move somewhere without much control, for example because the ground is steep or wet

Syn: ↑slide

- We slithered down the slope to the road.
- They were slithering around on the ice.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	slither
	BrE / ˈslɪðə(r)/
	NAme / ˈslɪðər/
he / she /it	slithers
	BrE / ˈslɪðəz/
	NAme / ˈslɪðəz/
past simple, past participle	slithered
	BrE / ˈslɪðəd/
	NAme / ˈslɪðəd/
-ing form	slithering
	BrE / ˈslɪðərɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈslɪðərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: alteration of the dialect verb slider, frequentative from the base of ↑slide.

Example Bank:

- A snake was slithering silently towards us.
- He slithered helplessly down the slope.
- Her knees gave way and she slithered to the floor.
- It slithered back down the drain.
- The snake slithered away.
- Zack slithered along on his belly.
- She slithered into the water like a crocodile.
- The horses slipped and slithered in the mud.
- They slithered down the side of the embankment.

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slither /ˈslɪðə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* verb [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[Language: Old English; Origin: slidrian, from slidan; ⇨ ↑slide¹]

to slide somewhere over a surface, twisting or moving from side to side:

- A snake slithered across the grass.
- He slithered down the muddy bank.

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- **slide** to move smoothly over a surface while continuing to touch it: The glass slid off the tray and crashed to the floor. | The kids were having fun sliding around on the polished floor.
- **slip** to slide a short distance accidentally, and fall or lose your balance slightly: Be careful you don't slip on the ice. | She slipped and broke her ankle.
- **skid** to slide sideways or forwards in a way that is difficult to control - used especially about a moving vehicle: He slammed on the brakes and the car skidded to a halt. | Go slowly in wet or icy weather, because it's easy to skid.
- **glide** to move smoothly and quietly across water or a smooth surface, especially in a graceful way: A swan was gliding across the lake. | The ship glided into port.
- **slither** to slide in an awkward way, for example on a rough or muddy surface. Also used to describe the movement of a snake as it goes from side to side along the ground: Tom slithered down the bank into the water. | The snake slithered away and disappeared under a rock.

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