#### morass

[mə'ræs] п книжн.

1) болото, трясина, топь

2) тяжёлое, запутанное положение

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mor-ass [morass morasses] BrE [mə'ræs]

singular (formal) 1. an unpleasant and complicated situation that is difficult to escape from Syn: <sup>†</sup>web

· a morass of lies and deceit

• We got bogged down in a morass of detail and bureaucratic red tape.

## 2. a dangerous area of low soft wet land

### Syn: <sup>†</sup>bog, Syn: <sup>†</sup>quagmire

#### Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from Dutch moeras, alteration (by assimilation to moer 'moor') of Middle Dutch marasch, from Old French marais 'marsh', from medieval Latin mariscus.

noun usually

NAmE [mə'ræs]

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#### mo rass /məˈræs/ BrE AmE noun

[Date: 1600-1700, Language: Dutch; Origin: moeras, from Old French maresc]

1. [singular] a complicated and confusing situation that is very difficult to get out of:

We're trying to drag the country out of its economic morass.

### morass of

They were stuck in a morass of paperwork.

2. [countable] literary a dangerous area of soft wet ground SYN marsh

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