

- grab**
1. [græb] *n*
1. быстрое хватательное движение; попытка схватить (*что-л.*)
to make a grab at smth. - попытаться внезапно схватить что-л.
 2. захват; присвоение; хищничество
policy of grab - захватническая политика
to be on the grab - быть корыстолюбивым, стремиться к наживе
to be up for grab - драться за тёпленькое местечко
 3. захваченное, награбленное
 4. *тех.*
- 1) захват; грейфер
 - 2) черпак
◇ to have the grab on smb. - а) иметь преимущество перед кем-л.; б) иметь преимущество в ходе матча (*бокс*)
by grab(s)! - *амер.* чёрт возьми!, вот те на!, вот так так!
2. [græb] *v*
- 1) внезапно схватывать, хватать
to grab smb. by the collar - схватить кого-л. за шиворот
to grab hold of a rope - уцепиться за верёвку
to grab smb. from behind - схватить кого-л. сзади
don't grab! - не хватайте!
he grab bed the purse and bolted - он схватил кошелек и бросился бежать
 - 2) (*at*) пытаться схватить (*что-л.*)
 - 2) 1) захватывать, присваивать
to grab public lands - захватить общественные земли
to grab the credit for smb. else's work - присвоить чужую славу
to grab and keep - хищнически захватывать и присваивать
 - 2) *разг.* захватывать; овладевать (*вниманием и т. п.*)
to grab an audience - держать аудиторию в напряжении
 - 3) *разг.* захватывать, нравиться
how does that grab you? - как вам это нравится?; что вы на это скажете?
 3. *разг.* схватить, арестовать
 4. *амер. разг.* быстро сделать (*что-л.*)
to grab highly paid work - ухватиться за высокооплачиваемую работу
grab a cab and come here - возьмите /схватите, поймайте/ такси и приезжайте сюда
they grabbed some breakfast - они наспех позавтракали

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grab [grab grabs grabbed grabbing] *verb, noun* *BrE* [græb] ^а *NAmE* [græb] ^а*verb* (-bb-)

1. **transitive, intransitive** to take or hold sb/sth with your hand suddenly, firmly or roughly

Syn: ↑seize

- ~ (**sth**) She grabbed the child's hand and ran.
- He **grabbed hold of** me and wouldn't let go.
- He grabbed her around the throat and squeezed.
- Someone grabbed me from behind.
- Don't grab— there's plenty for everyone.
- ~ **sth from sb/sth** Jim grabbed a cake from the plate.

2. **intransitive** to try to take hold of sth

- ~ **at sth** She grabbed at the branch, missed and fell.
- ~ **for sth** Kate grabbed for the robber's gun.

3. **transitive, intransitive** to take advantage of an opportunity to do or have sth

Syn: ↑seize

- ~ **sth** This was my big chance and I grabbed it with both hands.
- ~ **at sth** He'll grab at any excuse to avoid doing the dishes.

4. **transitive** ~ **sth** to have or take sth quickly, especially because you are in a hurry

- Let's grab a sandwich before we go.
- I'll grab a bite to eat in town.
- Grab a cab and get over here.
- I managed to grab a couple of hours' sleep on the plane.
- **Grab a seat**, I won't keep you a moment.

5. **transitive** ~ **sth** to take sth for yourself, especially in a selfish or ↑greedy way

- By the time we arrived, someone had grabbed all the good seats.
- She's always trying to grab the limelight.

6. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** to get sb's attention

- I'll see if I can grab the waitress and get the bill.
- Glasgow's drugs problem has **grabbed the headlines tonight** (= been published as an important story in the newspapers).
- The play grabs the audience's attention from the very start.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	grab
	BrE /græb/
	NAme /græb/
he / she / it	grabs
	BrE /græbz/
	NAme /græbz/
past simple, past participle	grabbed
	BrE /græbd/
	NAme /græbd/
-ing form	grabbing
	BrE /græbɪŋ/
	NAme /græbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from Middle Low German and Middle Dutch **grabben**; perhaps related to **↑grip**, **↑gripe**, and **↑grope**.

Thesaurus:

grab verb T, I

• She grabbed his hand and ran.

snatch • • **catch** • • **take** • | especially written **seize** •

grab/snatch/take/seize sth **from** sb

grab/snatch **at** sth

grab/catch/take/seize **hold of** sb/sth

Grab or snatch? **Snatch** is most often used when sb takes sth directly from a person's hands; **grab** has a wider range of uses.

Example Bank:

- He grabbed hold of a handrail to save himself from falling.
- He managed to grab a couple of hours' sleep.
- I grabbed at his arm as he ran past.
- Somebody tried to grab her handbag from her.
- Don't grab— there's plenty for everyone.
- He grabbed hold of me and wouldn't let go.
- He'll grab at any excuse to avoid hard work.
- She grabbed the child's hand and ran.

Idioms: **↑how does ... grab you?** ▪ **↑up for grabs**

noun

1. usually singular ~ (at/for sb/sth) a sudden attempt to take or hold sb/sth

• He **made a grab for** her bag.

• As the car swung round the corner, she held on to the grab handle to steady herself.

see also **↑smash-and-grab**

2. (computing) a picture taken from a television or video film, stored as an image on a computer

• a screen grab from Wednesday's programme

3. a piece of equipment which lifts and holds goods, for example the equipment that hangs from a **↑crane**

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1. grab¹ **S2 W3** /græb/ BrE ^m AmE ^m verb (past tense and past participle **grabbed**,

present participle **grabbing**) [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Middle Dutch; Origin: Middle Low German grabben]

1. WITH YOUR HAND to take hold of someone or something with a sudden or violent movement **SYN snatch**:

" I grabbed my bag and ran off.

" Two men grabbed her and pushed her to the ground.

" Kay grabbed hold of my arm to stop herself falling.

grab something from somebody/something

" I managed to grab the gun from Bowen.

2. FOOD/SLEEP informal to get some food or sleep quickly because you are busy **SYN snatch**:

" Why don't you go and grab some sleep?

" Hang on while I grab a cup of coffee.

" Let's grab a bite to eat before we go.

3. GET SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF to get something for yourself, sometimes in an unfair way:

" Try to get there early and grab good seats.

" Bob tried to grab all the profit.

4. CHANCE/OPPORTUNITY (also grab at something) informal to take an opportunity, accept an invitation etc immediately:

" I think you should grab your chance to travel while you're young.

- " She grabbed the opportunity to go to America.
- " Melanie grabbed at the invitation to go.
- " This is our chance to grab a slice of this new market.

5. **GET ATTENTION** to get someone's attention:

- " The book is full of good ideas to grab your students' attention.
- " The plight of the refugees immediately grabbed the headlines (=was the most important story in the newspapers).

6. **how does something grab you?** *spoken* used to ask someone if they would be interested in doing a particular thing:

- " How does the idea of a trip to Spain grab you?

grab at/for something *phrasal verb*

to quickly and suddenly put out your hand to try and catch or get something:

- " I grabbed at the glass just before it fell.
- " Lucy grabbed for the money.

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- **hold** to have something in your hand, hands, or arms: Maria came in holding a letter. | Can I hold the baby?
- **grip** to hold something very tightly and not let it go: He gripped her arm so she couldn't walk away. | Jenny gripped the side of the boat to steady herself.
- **clutch** to hold something tightly, especially because you do not want to drop or lose it: A businessman hurried past, clutching his briefcase. | The little girl clutched onto his hand.
- **clasp** *written* to hold someone or something tightly, closing your fingers or arms around them: She was clasping a bunch of small summer flowers. | He clasped her in his arms and kissed her.
- **get/take hold of something** to take something in your hand or hands and hold it: I took hold of the handle and pulled as hard as I could. | Quickly – try and get hold of that frog!
- **grasp** *written* to take hold of something firmly, especially in a determined way: She grasped the lowest branch and pulled herself up into the tree.
- **grab** to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: He grabbed my bag and ran off with it. | The other man grabbed hold of (=suddenly took hold of) my arms and threatened me with a knife.
- **seize** /siːz/ *written* to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: A police officer ran after him and seized the gun.
- **hang on (to something)** to hold on to something or someone tightly to support yourself: He hung on to the rail at the back of the motorbike. | Hang on tight!
- **keep hold of something** to continue to hold something: Greg was struggling to keep hold of the dog. | She tried to take her hand away but he kept hold of it.

II. **grab**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **make a grab for/at something** to suddenly try to take hold of something:

- " As soon as he turned his back, I made a grab for the revolver.

2. **be up for grabs** *informal* if a job, prize, opportunity etc is up for grabs, it is available for anyone who wants to try to have it

3. **[countable]** the act of getting something quickly, especially in a dishonest way:

- " a shameless power grab to eliminate opposition
- " Officials denounced the settlers' land grab.

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grabbing 2992

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