noun

1. countable a large piece of farming equipment with one or several curved blades, pulled by a 1tractor or by animals. It is used for digging and turning over soil, especially before seeds are planted.

see also †snowplough

2. the Plough (BrE) (NAmE the Big 'Dipper') singular a group of seven bright stars that can only be seen from the northern half of the world

Word Origin:

late Old English ploh, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch ploeg and German Pflug. The spelling plough became common in England in the 18th cent.; earlier (16th-17th cents) the noun was normally spelled plough, the verb plow.

Example Bank:

• the demise of the horse-drawn plough

Idioms: \frac{1}{2}plough a lonely, your own, etc, furrow \textstyle \frac{1}{2}under the plough

<u>Derived</u> †plough into somebody = †plough on = †plough something back = †plough something back in = †plough something up = †plough something up = †plough something

verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)

to dig and turn over a field or other area of land with a †plough

ploughed fields

Verb forms: _werb forms

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	plough
	BrE /plas/
	NAmE /plas/
he / she /it	ploughs
	BrE /placz/
	NAmE /plass/
past simple, past participle	ploughed
	BrE /plaod/
	NAmE /plasd/
-ing form	ploughing
	BrE /plaธษา/
	NAmE /plassn/

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Collocations:

Farming

Growing food and raising animals

plant trees/seeds/crops/vines/barley

grow/produce corn/wheat/rice/fruit

plough/ (NAmE) plow land/a field

sow/harvest seeds/crops/fields

spread manure/fertilizer on sth

cultivate/irrigate/water/contaminate crops/plants/fields/land

damage /destroy/lose your crop

ripen/pick fruit/berries/grapes

press/dry/ferment grapes

grind/thresh grain/corn/wheat

raise/rear/keep chickens/poultry/cattle/pigs

raise/breed/feed/graze livestock/cattle/sheep

kill/slaughter livestock

preserve/smoke/cure/salt meat

Modern farming

run a fish farm/an organic dairy

engage in/be involved in intensive (pig/fish) farming

use/apply (chemical/organic) fertilizer/insecticides/pesticides

begin/do/conduct field trials of GM (= genetically modified) crops

grow/develop GM crops/seeds/plants/foods

fund/invest in genetic engineering/research

improve/increase crop yields

face/suffer from/alleviate food shortages

label food that contains GMOs (= genetically modified organisms)

eliminate /reduce farm subsidies

oppose/be against factory farming/GM food

promote/encourage/support organic/sustainable farming

Example Bank:

The land was divided into large ploughed fields.

See also: ↑plow

plough

I. plough 1 BrE *

AmE (also plow American English) /plau/ noun [countable]

- 1. a piece of farm equipment used to turn over the earth so that seeds can be planted
- 2. under the plough British English formal land that is under the plough is used for growing crops
- ⇒ †snow plough(1)
- II. plough 2 BrE AmE (also plow American English) verb
 - 1. [intransitive and transitive] to turn over the earth using a plough so that seeds can be planted:
 - In those days the land was plowed by oxen.
 - a ploughed field
 - 2. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move with a lot of effort or force

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plough through/up/across etc

We ploughed through the thick mud.

3. plough a lonely/lone furrow British English literary to do a job or activity that is different from those done by other people, or to

plough ahead phrasal verb

to continue to do something in spite of opposition or difficulties

plough ahead with

The government will plough ahead with tests this year, despite a boycott from teachers.

plough something ⇔back phrasal verb

to use money that you have earned from a business to make the business bigger and more successful

plough something ↔back into

Companies can plough back their profits into new equipment.

plough into somebody/something phrasal verb

to crash into something or someone, especially while driving, because you are unable to stop quickly enough:

I plowed into the car in front.

plough on phrasal verb

to continue doing something that is difficult or boring

plough on with

- Julia ploughed on with the endless exam papers.
- He looked displeased but she ploughed on regardless.

plough through something phrasal verb

to read all of something, even though it is boring and takes a long time:

Most staff will never want to plough through the manuals that come with the software.

plough something ↔up phrasal verb

to break up the surface of the ground by travelling over it many times:

Horses plough up the paths and make them muddy for walkers.

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- dig to make a hole in the ground using your hands, a tool, or a machine: Some workmen were digging a trench at the side of the road. In Africa, the people know where to dig for water.
- make a hole to dig a hole in the ground, using your hands or a tool: Make a hole just big enough for the plant's roots.
- burrow /'bʌɾəʊ \$ 'b₃□ro∄if an animal burrows, it makes a hole or a passage in the ground by digging the earth with its feet, nose etc: The rabbits had burrowed a hole under the fence.
- plough British English, plow American English /plau/ to turn over the soil using a machine or a tool pulled by animals, to prepare the soil for planting seeds: The farmers here still plough their fields using buffaloes.
- excavate /'ekskeveɪt/ formal to dig a large hole in the ground, especially as a preparation for building something: The men began excavating the hole for the pool.
- bore to make a deep round hole in the ground using a special machine, especially in order to look for oil or water: Companies need a special licence to bore for oil.

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