

# fragment

## 1. [ˈfrægmənt] *n*

1. 1) обломок, осколок; кусок

fragments of a vase - осколки вазы

fragments of a statue - обломки статуи

to break into fragments - разбиться вдребезги

to eat up the fragments - доесть остатки

2) *обыкн. pl* обрывки

fragments of a conversation - обрывки разговора

2. фрагмент, отрывок

## 2. [frægˈment] *v*

1. разваливаться, разламываться на куски

the chair fragmented under his weight - стул под ним рассыпался

2. разбивать, разламывать; раздроблять

3. *спец.* дезинтегрировать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**frag·ment** [**fragment fragments fragmented fragmenting**] **noun, verb**

**noun** *BrE* [ˈfrægmənt] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ; *NAmE* [ˈfrægmənt] <sup>ⓘ</sup>

a small part of sth that has broken off or comes from sth larger

- Police found fragments of glass near the scene.
- The shattered vase lay in fragments on the floor.
- I overheard a fragment of their conversation.
- She could recall only fragments of his poetry.

### Word Origin:

late Middle English: from French, or from Latin **fragmentum**, from **frangere** 'to break' .

### Thesaurus:

**fragment** **noun** **C**

• Fragments of glass lay on the floor.

**sliver** • • **splinter** • • **flake** • • **chip** • • **shred** • • **piece** • |especially **BrE bit** • |written **shard** •

**in** fragments/slivers/flakes/shreds/pieces/bits/shards

**small** fragments/slivers/splinters/flakes/chips/pieces/bits/shards

**glass/metal** fragments/splinters/shards

a fragment/sliver/splinter/shard of **glass**

**Fragment or sliver?** A **fragment** is usually a part of sth that has broken into pieces; a **sliver** may have been cut off sth that is still whole except for this one piece.

### Example Bank:

- a few tiny fragments of glass

**Derived Words** ↑**fragmentation** ▪ ↑**fragmented**

**verb** *BrE* [frægˈment] <sup>ⓘ</sup> ; *NAmE* [frægˈment] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)**

to break or make sth break into small pieces or parts

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	fragment
	BrE /frægˈment/
	NAmE /frægˈment/
he / she /it	fragments
	BrE /frægˈments/
	NAmE /frægˈments/
past simple, past participle	fragmented
-ing form	fragmenting
	BrE /frægˈmentɪŋ/
	NAmE /frægˈmentɪŋ/

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### Example Bank:

- Frequent explosions caused the chalk to fragment.
- The dangers of fragmenting the health service.

### Example Bank:

- How can our fragmented society make itself whole again?
- The disputes led to a weak and fragmented parliament.
- The fragmented structure of the country's education system makes it difficult to assess how much progress has been made.

- The small shareholders are too fragmented to defeat the powerful minority.
- a highly fragmented society

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

### I. **fragment**<sup>1</sup> /'frægmənt/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: fragmentum, from frangere 'to break']

a small piece of something that has broken off or that comes from something larger:

▪ glass fragments

**fragment of**

▪ fragments of broken pottery

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### THESAURUS

#### ■ a small piece

- **fragment** a small piece that has broken off something, especially something hard: The window shattered, covering them with fragments of glass. | They found fragments of bone.
- **crumb** a very small piece of bread, cake etc: There were just a few crumbs left on the plate.
- **speck** a piece of something such as dirt or dust which is so small you almost cannot see it: She brushed the specks of dust from the table.
- **drop** a very small amount of a liquid: There were drops of blood on the floor. | I felt a drop of rain.

### II. **fragment**<sup>2</sup> /fræg'ment \$ 'frægment, fræg'ment/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

to break something, or be broken into a lot of small separate parts – used to show disapproval:

▪ the dangers of fragmenting the Health Service

—**fragmented** *adjective*:

▪ a fragmented society

—**fragmentation** /,frægmən'teɪʃən, -men-/ *noun* [uncountable]

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **3299**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2813**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **5k** **FRAGMENT** <sup>9478</sup>

fragment <sup>1674</sup>

fragmenting <sup>155</sup>

fragments <sup>4012</sup>

fragmented <sup>1783</sup>

fragmentary <sup>445</sup>

fragmentation <sup>1409</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

996 **16322**<sup>1496</sup> *nn1*

121 **67242**<sup>126</sup> *vvi*

49 **106574**<sup>52</sup> *vv0*