

rub

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1. [rʌb] *n*
1. трение
 - 1) натирание, растирание
to give smth. a good rub - хорошенько потереть что-л.
an alcohol rub - растирание спиртом
 - 2) стирание
the rub of a brush - чистка щёткой
 3. натёртое место
 4. препятствие, помеха, затруднение
the rubs and worries of life - житейские треволения, превратности судьбы
there's the rub, here lies the rub - вот в чём трудность /загвоздка/
 5. неожиданное столкновение с чем-л. неприятным
 6. поддразнивание, язвительная насмешка
 7. *диал.* оселок
2. [rʌb] *v*
- 1) тереть
he had hurt his leg and was rubbing it - он потирал ушибленную ногу
to rub one's hands with soap - намылить руки
to rub the surface dry - вытереть поверхность досуха
to rub one's hands - потирать руки (*от удовольствия*)
the dog rubbed its head against my legs - собака тёрлась головой о мои ноги
to rub two things together - тереть два предмета друг о друга
 - 2) тереться
 2. протирать
rub the glasses with this cloth - протрите стаканы этим полотенцем
 3. 1) натирать, вызывать кожное раздражение
my shoe is rubbing my heel - ботинок натирает мне пятку
to rub sore - натирать до крови
 - 2) (with) натирать (*чем-л.*)
to rub one's chest with ointment - натереть грудь мазью
 - 3) (*обыкн.* into) втирать
rub some of this cream into your skin to protect it from the sun - для защиты от солнца натрите этим кремом
rub this suntan oil on your skin - намажьтесь этим маслом для загара
 - 4) (into) вдалбливать (*кому-л.*)
he never failed to rub it into the family how much they depended on his money - он никогда не забывал напоминать своей семье, насколько она зависит от него в денежном отношении
 4. *амер.* раздражать, досаждать
his attitude tended to rub her - его отношение начинало ей надоедать
 5. 1) стирать
to rub smth. to powder - растереть что-л. в порошок
 - 2) стираться
 6. начищать, полировать (*тж.* rub up)
 7. копировать рисунок (*с камня, металла*), притирая к нему бумагу карандашом *или* цветным мелом
 8. приходить в соприкосновение, соприкасаться; задевать
he has rubbed his coat against some wet paint - он краской запачкал своё пальто
what is the door rubbing on? - обо что задевает дверь?
 9. жгутовать, чистить, обтирать соломенным жгутом (*конный спорт*)
◇ to rub the wrong way - гладить против шерсти; раздражать
to rub the right way - угождать; делать *или* говорить кому-л. приятное
to rub elbows /shoulders/ with smb. - водить компанию /якшаться/ с кем-л.
a person in my position rubs shoulders with all kinds of people - человеку в моём положении приходится встречаться /сталкиваться/ со всякими людьми

II

[rʌb] *сокр. от rubber*³

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rub [rub rubs rubbed rubbing] *verb, noun* *BrE* [rʌb] ⁴ *NAmE* [rʌb] ⁴*verb* (-bb-)

1. **transitive, intransitive** to move your hand, or sth such as a cloth, backwards and forwards over a surface while pressing firmly
 - ~ **sth** She rubbed her chin thoughtfully.
 - He rubbed a hand wearily over his eyes.
 - ~ **sth/yourself with sth** Rub the surface with sandpaper before painting.
 - I rubbed a clear patch on the window with my fingers.
 - ~ **sth/yourself against sth** The cat rubbed itself against my legs.
 - ~ **at sth** I rubbed at the stain on the cloth.
 - ~ **against sth** Animals had been rubbing against the trees.
 - ~ **sth/yourself + adj.** Rub the surface smooth.

• She rubbed her hair dry quickly with a towel.

2. transitive, intransitive to press two surfaces against each other and move them backwards and forwards; to be pressed together and move in this way

- ~ **sth (together)** She rubbed her hands in delight.
- In some cultures, people traditionally greet each other by rubbing noses.
- ~ **(together)** It sounded like two pieces of wood rubbing together.

3. intransitive, transitive (of a surface) to move backwards and forwards many times against sth while pressing it, especially causing pain or damage

- The back of my shoe is rubbing.
- ~ **on/against sth** The wheel is rubbing on the mudguard.
- ~ **sth (+ adj.)** The horse's neck was **rubbed raw** (= until the skin came off) where the rope had been.

4. transitive ~ sth + adv./prep. to spread a liquid or other substance over a surface while pressing firmly

- She rubbed the lotion into her skin.
- Rub salt over the fish before cooking.

more at not have two beans, brain cells, etc. to rub together **at** ↑two

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	rub
	BrE /rʌb/
	NAme /rʌbz/
he / she / it	rubs
	BrE /rʌbz/
	NAme /rʌbz/
past simple, past participle	rubbed
	BrE /rʌbd/
	NAme /rʌbd/
-ing form	rubbing
	BrE /rʌbɪŋ/
	NAme /rʌbɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a verb): perhaps from Low German **rubben**, of unknown ultimate origin. The noun dates from the late 16th cent.

Example Bank:

- Corbett rubbed his eyes wearily.
- He began to rub his hands together in glee.
- He gently rubbed his swollen nose.
- He rubbed his face briskly with the towel.
- I rubbed my glasses with my handkerchief.
- Put a little cream onto each hand and rub it in well.
- Rub the cream well into your skin.
- She rubbed her hands on her apron.
- She stood up, rubbing at her back.
- The cat rubbed against my legs.
- Rub some salt on the fish before cooking.
- She rubbed moisturizer into her skin.
- The horse's neck was rubbed raw where the rope had been.

Idioms: ↑rub salt into somebody's wounds ▪ ↑rub salt into the wound ▪ ↑rub shoulders with somebody ▪ ↑rub somebody up the wrong way ▪ ↑rub somebody's nose in it

Derived ↑rub along ▪ ↑rub it in ▪ ↑rub off ▪ ↑rub oneself down ▪ ↑rub somebody out ▪ ↑rub something down ▪ ↑rub something in ▪ ↑rub something off ▪ ↑rub something out

noun

1. countable, usually singular an act of rubbing a surface

- She gave her knee a quick rub.

2. the rub singular (formal or humorous) a problem or difficulty

- The hotel is in the middle of nowhere and **there lies the rub**. We don't have a car.

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See also: ↑erase ▪ ↑rub elbows with somebody ▪ ↑rub somebody the wrong way

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1. rub ¹ **S2** /rʌb/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ³ **verb** (past tense and past participle **rubbed**, present participle **rubbing**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from Low German **rubben**]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to move your hand, or something such as a cloth, backwards and forwards over a surface while pressing firmly ⇒ **stroke**

rub your nose/chin/eyes/forehead etc

She yawned and rubbed her eyes.

rub something with something

- " She began rubbing her hair with a towel.
- " You'll have to rub harder if you want to get it clean.
- " I hurriedly rubbed myself dry.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to make something press against something else and move it around

rub something against/on something

- " She stood by the oven, rubbing one bare foot against the other.

rub against

- " The cat purred loudly, rubbing against her legs.

rub something together

- " We tried to make a fire by rubbing two pieces of wood together.
- " He rubbed his hands together with embarrassment.

3. [intransitive and transitive] if shoes, clothes, or parts of a machine rub, they move around while pressing against another surface, often causing pain or damage:

- " Badly fitting shoes are bound to rub.

rub against/on

- " The front left fender was smashed and rubbing against the wheel.
- " The skin under my sock was rubbed raw (=the skin had come off).

4. [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to put a substance into or onto a surface by pressing it and moving it about with your fingers or something such as a cloth:

- " Can you rub some sun cream on my back for me?

5. **rub shoulders with somebody** *informal* (also **rub elbows with somebody** *American English*) to meet and spend time with people, especially rich and famous people:

- " As a reporter he gets to rub shoulders with all the big names in politics.

6. **rub salt into the wound** *informal* to make a bad situation even worse for someone

7. **rub somebody up the wrong way** *British English informal*, **rub somebody the wrong way** *American English informal* to annoy someone by the things you say or do, usually without intending to

8. **be rubbing your hands** *informal* to be pleased because something has happened which gives you an advantage, especially because something bad has happened to someone else

9. **rub sb's nose in it/in the dirt** *informal* to keep reminding someone about something they did wrong or failed to do, especially in order to punish them

10. **not have two pennies/halfpennies/beans to rub together** *British English old-fashioned* to not have any money

rub along *phrasal verb British English informal*

to have a friendly relationship with someone **SYN get along**:

- " We rub along well most of the time.

rub along with/together

- " By and large the Poles and Germans of the city had shown that they could rub along together.

rub something/somebody ↔ down *phrasal verb*

1. to make a surface smooth by rubbing it with ↑sandpaper:

- " That door needs rubbing down before you paint it.

2. to dry a person or animal by rubbing them with a cloth, ↑towel etc:

- " The groom rubbed down the horses.

3. to ↑massage someone, especially after exercise

rub something ↔ in *phrasal verb informal*

to remind someone about something they want to forget, especially because they are embarrassed about it:

- " Was he trying to rub in the fact that he didn't think much of me?
- " I know I should have been more careful, but there's no need to keep rubbing it in.

rub off *phrasal verb*

1. to remove something from a surface by rubbing it, or to come off a surface because of being rubbed

rub something off something

- " Jack rubbed the mud off his face.

rub something ↔ off

- " She rubbed off her lipstick and eye shadow.
- " Some of the gold paint had begun to rub off.

2. if a feeling, quality, or habit rubs off on you, you start to have it because you are with another person who has it

rub off on

- " She refused to give up, and her confidence rubbed off on the others.

rub something/somebody ↔ out *phrasal verb*

1. *British English* to remove writing, a picture etc from a surface by rubbing it with a piece of rubber, a cloth etc **SYN erase**:

- " Draw the outline lightly with a soft pencil. This can be rubbed out later.

2. *American English old-fashioned informal* to murder someone

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THESAURUS

- **touch** to put your fingers or hand onto someone or something for a very short time: Don't touch the iron – it's hot!
- **feel** to touch something with your fingers in order to find out about it: Feel how soft this material is. | I felt his forehead. It was cold.
- **handle** to touch something and pick it up and hold it in your hands: Children should always wash their hands before handling food. | The glass was very fragile, and she handled it with great care. | Please do not handle the merchandise.

- **finger** to touch or handle something with your fingers, especially while you are thinking of other things: She fingered the heavy necklace around her neck.
- **rub** to move your hand over a surface while pressing it: Bob rubbed his eyes and yawned.
- **scratch** to rub part of your body with your nails, often because it **ITCHES**: The dog kept scratching its ear. | Bob scratched his head thoughtfully.
- **tickle** to move your fingers lightly over someone's body in order to make them laugh: The baby giggled as I tickled him.
- **grope** to touch someone's body in a sexual way when they do not want to be touched: The officer was accused of groping several women in his platoon.

II. **rub**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

1. **give somebody/something a rub** to rub something or ↑**massage** someone for a short time:
" Give the table a good rub with a damp cloth.
2. **there's/here's the rub** *literary* used when saying that a particular problem is the reason why a situation is so difficult – often used humorously

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