verb (flung, flung BrE [flʌŋ] *; NAmE [flʌŋ] *)

- sb/sth + adv./prep. to throw sb/sth somewhere with force, especially because you are angry

Syn: †hurl

- Someone had flung a brick through the window.
- He flung her to the ground.
- · The door was suddenly flung open.
- I was flung forward by the impact.
- · He had his enemies flung into prison .
- 2. ~ yourself/sth + adv./prep. to move yourself or part of your body suddenly and with a lot of force
 - She flung herself onto the bed.
 - · He flung out an arm to stop her from falling.
- 3. ~ sth (at sb) | + speech to say sth to sb in an aggressive way

Syn: †hurl

• They were flinging insults at each other.

see also far-flung

Syn: throw out

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	fling
	BrE /fluy/
	NAmE /flin/
he / she /it	flings
	BrE /fluyz/
	NAmE /flinz/
past simple, past participle	flung
	BrE /flvg/
	NAmE /flvŋ/
-ing form	flinging
	BrE / 'flagag/
	NAmE / flagag/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'go violently'): perhaps related to Old Norse flengja 'flog'. The main verb sense is based on an earlier sense 'reckless movement of the body' and dates from the early 19th cent.

Synonyms:

throw

toss • hurl • fling • chuck • lob • bowl • pitch

These words all mean to send sth from your hand through the air.

throw • to send sth from your hand or hands through the air: ■ Some kids were throwing stones at the window. ♦ She threw the ball and he caught it.

toss• to throw sth lightly or carelessly: • She tossed her jacket onto the bed.

hurl • to throw sth violently in a particular direction: • Rioters hurled a brick through the car's windscreen.

fling • to throw sb/sth somewhere with a lot of force, especially because you are angry or in a hurry: • She flung the letter down onto the table.

chuck • (especially BrE, informal) to throw sth carelessly: • I chucked him the keys.

lob • (informal) to throw sth so that it goes high through the air: • They were lobbing stones over the wall.

bowl • (in cricket) to throw the ball to the batsman

pitch • (in baseball) to throw the ball to the batter

to throw/toss/hurl/fling/chuck/lob/bowl/pitch sth at/to sb/sth

to throw/toss/fling/chuck sth aside/away

to throw/toss/hurl/fling/chuck/lob/bowl/pitch a ball

to throw/toss/hurl/fling/chuck stones/rocks/a brick

to throw/toss/hurl/fling sth angrily

to throw/toss sth casually/carelessly

Example Bank:

- 'Hey, catch!' she said, flinging him a towel.
- · I flung a few clothes into a bag.
- She flung the letter down onto the table.

<u>Derived</u> †fling somebody out = †fling something on = †fling something out = †fling yourself at somebody = †fling yourself into something

noun usually singular (informal)

- 1. a short period of enjoyment when you do not allow yourself to worry or think seriously about anything
 - He was determined to have one last fling before retiring.
- 2. ~ (with sb) a short sexual relationship with sb
 - We had a brieffling, but it's overnow.

see also †Highland fling

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Example Bank:

- She's had her fling and now she's got to settle down.
- The athlete will have one final fling before retirement.
- It was just a fling.
- · We had a brief fling, but it's overnow.

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I. fling 1 /flin/ BrE AmE verb (past tense and past participle flung /flnn/) [transitive always + adverb/preposition]

Date: 1200-1300, Origin: From a Scandinavian language

1. THROW SOMETHING to throw something somewhere using a lot of force

fling something into something

- He flung the box into the river.
- People cheered and flung their hats into the air.
- 2. MOVE SOMETHING to throw or move something roughly and carelessly:
 - He flung his coat overthe back of a chair.
 - She flung back the covers and got up.
 - He flung the books aside angrily.
- 3. PUSH SOMEBODY to push someone roughly, especially so that they fall to the ground SYN throw:
 - He grabbed her arm and flung her to the ground.
- 4. MOVE YOUR BODY to move yourself or part of your body quickly, using a lot of force SYN throw:
 - He flung himself down on the bed.
 - She flung her arms round Louise.
- 5. SAY SOMETHING to say something to someone in an angry way SYN throw

fling something at somebody

- People were flinging all sorts of accusations at her.
- His own words were flung back at him.
- **6. fling something open** to open a door or window roughly, using a lot of force:
 - The door was flung open and Selkirk entered.
- 7. fling somebody in/into prison/jail to put someone in prison, often without having a good reason:
 - Opposition leaders were flung into jail.
- **8. fling yourself into something** to start doing something with a lot of energy:
 - After the divorce he flung himself into his work to forget her.
- 9. fling yourself at somebody
 - a) to move suddenly towards someone in order to attack them or hold them:
 - He flung himself at her and snatched the bag.
 - The children flung themselves at him, squealing with joy.
- **b)** *informal* to show in a very clear open way that you want to have a sexual relationship with someone used to show disapproval fling something ↔off phrasal verb

to quickly remove a piece of clothing SYN tear off:

He flung off his coat.

fling somebody/something ↔out phrasal verb British English informal

1. to make someone leave a place when they do not want to SYN throw somebody/something out

fling somebody/something ↔out of

- He was flung out of school for swearing at a teacher.
- 2. to get rid of something you no longer want or need SYN throw something out:

If it doesn't work, just fling it out.

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- throw to make something such as a ball or stone move quickly through the air using your hand: I threw the ball back to him. | Protestors began throwing stones at the police. | I just threw the letter in the bin.
- toss (also chuck) informal to throw something, especially in a careless way without using much effort: She tossed her coat onto the bed. | Can you chuck me the remote control?
- hurl to throw something with a lot of force: Someone hurled a brick through his window.
- fling to angrily throw something somewhere with a lot of force, or to carelessly throw something somewhere because you have very little time: He flung her keys into the river. | I flung a few things into a suitcase.
- heave /hi□//to throw something heavy using a lot of effort: They heaved the log into the river.
- **lob** to throw something high into the air oversomeone or something: The police lobbed tear gas canisters over the heads of the demonstrators.
- **II.** fling ² BrE * AmE * noun [countable usually singular]
 - 1. a short and not very serious sexual relationship:
 - They had a brief fling a few years ago.
 - 2. a short period of time during which you enjoy yourself without worrying about anything:
 - He sees this as his final fling before he retires.

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- relationship when two people spend time together or live together because they are romantically or sexually attracted to each other: After her marriage broke up, she had a series of disastrous relationships. | relationship with: I don't want to start a relationship with her, because I'm going back to South Africa. | relationship between: Relationships between people of different cultures are often extremely difficult. | be in a relationship: Why are all the interesting men I meet already in relationships? | sexual relationship: Several of the psychiatrists admitted to having sexual relationships with patients. | romantic relationship: Even at 35, Bobby seemed unable to commit to a romantic relationship.
- affair a secret sexual relationship between two people, when one or both of them is married to someone else: The affair had been going on for years before her husband found out. | affair with: I had no idea that Mike had an affair with Carolyn! | love affair. Burton had been involved in a love affair with a woman who ended up taking most of his money.
- fling a short and not very serious relationship: Yes, I did go out with him, but it was just a fling. | She wasn't interested in anything more than a casual fling. | fling with: She left her husband after she learned about his fling with an exotic dancer. | have a fling: They had a fling years ago.
- romance an exciting and often short relationship between two people who feel very much in love with each other: It was a beautiful summer romance, but they knew it couldn't last. | Richard and Penny had made no great secret of their romance, even though they were both married. | romance with: My romance with Lois did not surviveour high school graduation.

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