

tremble

1. [ˈtremb(ə)] *n*

дрожь; дрожание

all in /of/ a tremble, on the tremble - *разг.* дрожа, в сильном волнении
there was a tremble in her voice - у неё дрожал голос

2. [ˈtremb(ə)] *v*

1) 1) дрожать, трястись

to tremble with anger [with fear] - дрожать от гнева [от страха]
to tremble from head to foot - дрожать с головы до ног
to tremble like a leaf /like an aspen/, to tremble in every limb - дрожать, как осиновый лист
he trembled at the sound of bursting bombs - он дрожал от звука разрывающихся бомб
her whole body trembled - всё её тело была дрожь
his hands trembled with overdrinking - у него с перепоя тряслись руки

2) вибрировать

his voice trembled with excitement - его голос дрожал от волнения

3) *уст.* говорить дрожащим голосом (*мж.* tremble out)

to tremble (out) prayers - дрожащим голосом произносить молитвы

2. 1) трепетать, страшиться, опасаться

to tremble at the thought - трепетать при мысли
to tremble at the country's military might - трепетать перед военной мощью (этой) страны
to tremble for smb. [for smb.'s safety, for one's life] - опасаться за кого-л. [за чью-л. безопасность, за свою жизнь]
I tremble to think what might have happened - меня бросает в дрожь при мысли о том, что могло бы случиться
hear and tremble! - слушай и трепещи!

2) *уст.* вызывать трепет (у кого-л.)

3. колыхаться, трепетать, развеиваться

the leaves of the poplar tremble in the breeze - листья тополя колышутся на лёгком ветру
flags trembled in the gale - флаги развеивались по ветру

4. колебаться, дрожать (о земле, строении и т. п.)

the cottage [the earth] trembled - (весь) домик сотрясался [земля тряслась]
the ship trembled to this blow - корабль отозвался дрожью на этот удар
the bridge trembled - мост колебался /подрагивал/
◇ to tremble in the balance - находиться в критическом положении, висеть на волоске

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trem·ble [tremble trembles trembled trembling] *verb, noun* BrE [ˈtrembl̩] ^m

NAme [ˈtrembl̩] ^m

verb

1. **intransitive** ~ (with sth) to shake in a way that you cannot control, especially because you are very nervous, excited, frightened, etc

- My legs were trembling with fear.
- Her voice trembled with excitement.
- He opened the letter with trembling hands.

2. **intransitive** to shake slightly

Syn: †quiver

- leaves trembling in the breeze

3. **intransitive** to be very worried or frightened

- I trembled at the thought of having to make a speech.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	tremble
	BrE / ˈtrembl̩/
	NAme / ˈtrembl̩/
he / she / it	trembles
	BrE / ˈtremblz/
	NAme / ˈtremblz/
past simple, past participle	trembled
	BrE / ˈtrembl̩d/
	NAme / ˈtrembl̩d/
-ing form	trembling
	BrE / ˈtrembl̩ɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈtrembl̩ɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a verb): from Old French **trembler**, from medieval Latin **tremulare**, from Latin **tremulus**, from **tremere** 'tremble'.

Example Bank:

- He was still trembling in fear.
- His voice was still trembling.
- I began to tremble uncontrollably.
- She trembled at the thought of going back through those prison doors.
- She was trembling with anger.
- The thought made him tremble inside.

- I trembled at the thought of making a speech.

noun countable, usually singular (also **trem·bling** countable, uncountable)

a feeling, movement or sound of ↑trembling

- a tremble of fear
- She tried to control the trembling in her legs.

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Example Bank:

- I heard a tremble in her voice.
- The only sign of fear was a slight tremble in his legs.

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trem [ble] /'trembəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: trembler, from Latin tremulus 'shaking', from tremere 'to tremble']

1. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, especially because you are upset or frightened:

“ His lip started to tremble and then he started to cry.

tremble with anger/fear etc

“ Greene was on his feet now, his body trembling with rage.

2. to shake slightly:

“ The whole house trembled as the train went by.

3. if your voice trembles, it sounds nervous and unsteady

4. to be worried or frightened about something:

“ I tremble to think what will happen when she finds out.

—tremble *noun* [countable]

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■ **person**

- **shake** if a person or part of their body shakes, they make small sudden continuous movements from side to side or up and down, especially because they are very frightened, cold, ill etc: Suddenly he started to shake. ‘Don’t ever scare me like that again!’ he whispered. | The poor girl was shaking.
- **shudder** to shake for a short time, especially because you think of something very unpleasant, or because you feel frightened or cold: Corbett shuddered when he thought of what might have happened to them. | I shuddered when I read the article. | He was still shuddering with the cold. | She clung to him, shuddering with emotion.
- **tremble** to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, especially because you are frightened, worried, or angry: Ernest opened the letter in silence, his hands trembling. | Her whole body trembled with fear. | He hadn’t dared to move. He was trembling with shock. | ‘I won’t be coming back,’ she said, her body trembling with anger.
- **shiver** to shake slightly, especially only a few times, because you are cold or frightened: She shivered, pulling her coat closer around herself. | You make me shiver when you talk like that.
- **quiver** *especially literary* to shake slightly and continuously because you are very worried or excited – used especially about someone’s lips, mouth, or body: Her bottom lip began to quiver, and she turned away to hide her tears. | Alice’s eyes began to fill with tears and her mouth quivered. ‘I’m going away,’ she said.
- **wobble** to move unsteadily from side to side: Mrs Hamilton wobbled precariously on her high heels.
- **rock** to move gently backwards and forwards or from side to side: He rocked to and fro in his chair.

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