

swamp

1. [swɒmp] *n*
болото, топь, трясина
2. [swɒmp] *v*
 1. 1) заливать, затоплять
a big wave swamped the boat - большая волна залила лодку
 - 2) погружаться, тонуть
 2. засыпать, заваливать (*письмами, заявлениями и т. п.*)
they swamped him with questions - они засыпали его вопросами
he was swamped with work - он был завален работой
 3. наводнить
they swamped the village - они наводнили всю деревню
 4. губить
he had debts enough to swamp any man - у него было столько долгов, что это бы разорило любого
 5. *обыкн. pass* засасывать
 6. *амер.* очищать волок (*от подлеска, хвороста и т. п.*)

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swamp [swamp swamps swamped swamping] *noun, verb* BrE [swɒmp] ¹

NAme [swɑːmp] ¹

noun countable, uncountable

an area of ground that is very wet or covered with water and in which plants, trees, etc. are growing

Syn: ↑marsh

- tropical swamps

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: probably ultimately from a Germanic base meaning 'sponge' or 'fungus'.

Example Bank:

- The country contains around 700 square km of swamp.

Derived Word ↑swampy

verb often passive

1. to make sb have more of sth than they can deal with

Syn: ↑inundate

- ~ **sb/sth with sth** The department was swamped with job applications.
- ~ **sb/sth** In summer visitors swamp the island.

2. ~ **sth** to fill or cover sth with a lot of water

Syn: ↑engulf

- The little boat was swamped by the waves.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	swamp
	BrE /swɒmp/
	NAme /swɑːmp/
he / she / it	swamps
	BrE /swɒmps/
	NAme /swɑːmps/
past simple, past participle	swamped
	BrE /swɒmpt/
	NAme /swɑːmpt/
-ing form	swamping
	BrE /swɒmpɪŋ/
	NAme /swɑːmpɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Huge tidal waves swamped the town.
- Radio stations have been swamped with requests to play the song.
- The little boat was swamped by a huge wave.
- This is a big task and I am finding myself swamped.

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1. **swamp** ¹ /swɒmp \$ swɑːmp *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: sump 'swamp' (15-20 centuries); ⇔ ↑sump]

land that is always very wet or covered with a layer of water

—swampy *adjective*:

the soft, swampy ground

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THESAURUS

- **marsh** an area of low flat ground that is always wet and soft, that often has grasses or ↑**reeds** growing in it but no trees: The low hills you can see are like islands surrounded by the marsh. | Miles of salt marsh (=which has salt water under it because it is near the sea) stretched before us, reaching to the shores of the River Severn. | Hackney Marshes | the rustling of the marsh grass
- **swamp** land that is always very wet or covered with a layer of water, that often has trees growing in it - used especially about areas in hot countries: the swamps of Florida | Less than 200 years ago, the city was a swamp, infested by mosquitoes.
- **bog** an area of low wet muddy ground, sometimes with bushes or grasses growing in it: His foot started slowly sinking into the bog. | The destruction of peat bogs is contributing to global warming, according to a report commissioned by Friends of the Earth.
- **wetland** an area of land that is partly covered with water, and that has grasses and other plants growing in it – often used about areas that are important to birds or wildlife: The ecosystem of the world's largest wetland, the Pantanal in southwest Brazil, is being threatened by tourists. | wetland birds
- **fen** a large area of low flat wet land - used especially about the area of this type of land in eastern England in Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire, which is known as **the Fens**: He grew up in the Fens | Intensive cultivation and continued drainage of the Fens further accelerates the degradation of the land.
- **mire** *literary* an area of wet muddy ground, which people and vehicles etc get stuck in: The wagon was stuck fast in the mire. | The rain was turning the highway into a mire.

II. **swamp**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive]

1. [usually in passive] to suddenly give someone a lot of work, problems etc to deal with **SYN inundate**

be swamped by/with something

" We've been swamped with phone calls since the advert appeared.

2. [usually in passive] to go somewhere or surround something in large numbers, especially in a short period of time

be swamped by/with something

" In the summer the village is swamped by visitors.

3. to suddenly cover an area with a lot of water **SYN flood**:

" Huge waves swamped the vessel.

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