scrap

scrap [scrap scraps scrapped scrapping] noun, verb BrE [skræp] * NAmE [skræp]

noun

- 1. countable a small piece of sth, especially paper, cloth, etc
 - She scribbled his phone number on a scrap of paper.
 - · (figurative) scraps of information
 - (figurative) She was just a scrap of a thing (= small and thin) .
- 2. singular (usually with a negative) a small amount of sth

Syn: ↑bit

- It won't make a scrap of difference .
- There's not a scrap of evidence to support his claim.
- · a barren landscape without a scrap of vegetation
- 3. scraps plural food left after a meal
 - · Give the scraps to the dog.
- 4. uncountable things that are not wanted or cannot be used for their original purpose, but which have some value for the material they are made of
 - We sold the car for scrap (= so that any good parts can be used again) .
 - scrap metal

- a scrap dealer (= a person who buys and sells \frac{1}{2} scrap)
- **5.** countable (informal) a short fight or disagreement

Syn: \phisquabble, Syn: \phiscuffle

· He was always getting into scraps at school.

see also ↑scrappy

Word Origin:

- n. senses 1 to 4 and v. sense 1 late Middle English Old Norse skrap 'scraps' skrapa 'to scrape'
- n. sense 5 and v. sense 2 late 17th cent. 'sinister plot, scheme' \(\gamma \) scrape

Example Bank:

- · He ate every last scrap of the food.
- · He had a bit of a scrap with the boy next door.
- · He looks like he's been in a scrap.
- · He removed the last scraps of food from his plate.
- · My first computer has been consigned to the scrap heap.
- Police estimate the scrap value of the lead at around £8 000.
- · She scribbled the address on a little scrap of paper.
- · The engine has been sold for scrap.
- · The pigs are fed on food scraps.
- The scrap value of the car is around \$200.
- I got the doors from a scrap merchant.
- · She was just a scrap of a thing.
- Some of the women were wearing scraps of cloth in their hair.
- · We need to check every scrap of information that might give us a clue as to what happened.
- We sold the car for scrap.
- scrap metal/iron

verb (-pp-)

- 1. transitive, often passive ~ sth to cancel or get rid of sth that is no longer practical or useful
 - They had been forced to scrap plans for a new school building.
 - The oldest of the aircraft were scrapped.
- 2. intransitive (informal) to fight with sb
 - The bigger boys started scrapping.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	scrap
	BrE /skræp/
	NAmE /skræp/
he / she /it	scraps
	BrE /skraeps/
	NAmE /skræps/
past simple, past participle	scrapped
	BrE /skræpt/
	NAmE /skræpt/
-ing form	scrapping
	BrE /skræpæj/
	NAmE /skræpin/

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Example Bank:

- Around 40 managerial positions are to be scrapped in a major shake-up of the company.
- The government has been forced to scrap plans for a proposed tax reform.
- · The oldest of the aircraft should be scrapped.
- · The worst cars in the fleet were scrapped first.

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I. scrap¹ /skræp/ BrE * AmE * noun

[Sense 1-4: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old Norse; Origin: skrap 'scraps']

[Sense 5: Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Perhaps from scrape]

1. PAPER/CLOTH [countable] a small piece of paper, cloth etc

scrap of

- He wrote his address on a scrap of paper.
- a rug made out of old scraps of material
- 2. OLD OBJECTS [uncountable] materials or objects that are no longer used for the purpose they were made for, but can be used again in another way:
 - The equipment was sold for scrap.

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- Scrap metal (=metal from old cars, machines etc) fetched high prices after the war.
- 3. FOOD scraps [plural] pieces of food that are left after you have finished eating:
 - My mother fed the dog on scraps to save money.

table/kitchen scraps American English

4. INFORMATION [countable] a small amount of information, truth etc

scrap of

- He obtained every scrap of information available.
- There isn't a single scrap of evidence.
- **5**. **FIGHT** [countable] *informal* a short fight or argument:
 - He's always getting into scraps with other dogs.

THESAURUS

- piece an amount of something that has been cut or separated from the main part: Could I have another piece of cake? | a piece of broken glass | Emma cut the pie into eight pieces.
- bit a piece. Bit is more informal than piece and is often used about smaller pieces: The notes were written on bits of paper. | He threw a bit of wood onto the fire.
- lump a small piece of something solid or firm that does not have a regular shape: two lumps of sugar | a lump of coal | a lump of clay
- scrap a small piece of paper, cloth etc that is no longer needed: I wrote the phone number on a scrap of paper. | The dog was eating scraps of food off the floor.
- strip a long narrow piece of cloth, paper etc: a strip of cloth | The leather had been cut into strips.
- sheet a thin flat piece of something such as paper, glass, or metal: a blank sheet of paper | a sheet of aluminium
- slice a thin flat piece of bread, cake, meat etc cut from a larger piece: a slice of pizza | Cut the tomatoes into thin slices.
- **chunk** a piece of something solid that does not have a regular shape used especially about food, rock, or metal: The fruit was cut into large chunks. | a chunk of bread
- hunk a large piece with rough edges, which has been cut or has broken off a bigger piece of food, rock etc: a big hunk of cheese hunks of concrete
- block a piece of something solid, which has straight sides: concrete blocks | a block of cheese | a block of ice
- slab a thick flat piece of stone, or of cake, meat etc: The floor had been made from stone slabs. | a slab of beef
- cube a piece that has six square sides used especially about food: a cube of sugar | ice cubes
- wedge a piece that has a thick end and a pointed end, and is shaped like a ↑triangle used especially about food and metal: a wedge of cheese
- bar a block of soap, chocolate, candy, or metal, which has straight sides: a chocolate bar | a bar of soap | gold bars worth more than £26 million
- rasher British English a slice of bacon: I usually have two rashers of bacon for breakfast.
- II. scrap² BrE * AmE * verb (past tense and past participle scrapped, present participle scrapping)
 - 1. [transitive] to decide not to use a plan or system because it is not practical:
 - We believe that car tax should be scrapped.
 - 2. [transitive] to get rid of an old machine, vehicle etc, and use its parts in some other way:

Two aircraft carriers are being scrapped this year.

3. [intransitive] informal to have a short fight

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