

flutter1. ['flʌtə] *n*

1. 1) трепетание; дрожание

the flutter of wings - трепетание крыльев

2) взмахивание; размахивание

flutter of the feet - *спорт.* порхающая работа ног (*плавание*)

2. трепет, волнение

all in a flutter - в волнении, в возбуждении

to fall into a flutter - прийти в волнение /в нервное состояние/, разволноваться

to put smb. into a flutter - взбудоражить /взволновать/ кого-л.

flutter of pleasure - приятное возбуждение, радостный трепет

she had a sudden flutter of fear - внезапно ей стало страшно

3. *разг.* переполох; сенсация

to cause a flutter - произвести сенсацию

4. *разг.* риск на небольшую ставку

to have a flutter on the horses - попытаться счастья на скачках

5. быстрые, суетливые движения

6. *тех.* вибрация, неустойчивое колебание; дребезжание7. 1) *радио* пульсирующие помехи, «вой»2) *тлв.* дрожание изображения8. *ав.* флаттер9. *мед.* мерцание, трепетание2. ['flʌtə] *v*

1. 1) трепетать; дрожать; колыхаться, развеиваться

flags flutter in the wind - флаги развеиваются на ветру

curtains flutter in a draught - шторы колышутся на сквозняке

petals fluttered to the ground - лепестки (кружась) опускались на землю

2) бить, взмахивать крыльями

3) неровно биться (*о пульсе*)

2. 1) волновать, возбуждать, беспокоить

2) волноваться, беспокоиться

to flutter with joy - трепетать от радости

3. (*обыкн.* flutter about) быстро и суетливо двигаться

she fluttered about the room anxiously - она беспокойно металась по комнате

our hostess fluttered about - наша хозяйка усердно хлопотала

don't flutter about! - не суетись!

4. *разг.* поставить небольшую сумму (*на лошадь и т. п.*)5. *спорт.* производить порхающие движения ногами (*плавание*)

◇ to flutter the dove-cotes - ≅ переполошить всех, устроить переполох (в тихом семействе)

flutter

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flut-ter [flutter flutters fluttered fluttering] *verb, noun* BrE ['flʌtə(r)] ¹ NAmE

['flʌtə]

*verb*1. **intransitive, transitive** to move lightly and quickly; to make sth move in this way

• Flags fluttered in the breeze.

• Her eyelids fluttered but did not open.

• ~ **sth** He fluttered his hands around wildly.• She **fluttered her eyelashes** at him (= tried to attract him in order to persuade him to do sth).2. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** when a bird or an insect flutters its wings, or its wings flutter, the wings move lightly and quickly up and down3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (*of a bird or an insect*) to fly somewhere moving the wings quickly and lightly

• The butterfly fluttered from flower to flower.

4. **intransitive** (*of your heart, etc.*) to beat very quickly and not regularly

• I could feel a fluttering pulse.

• (*figurative*) The sound of his voice in the hall made her heart flutter.• (*figurative*) He felt his stomach flutter (= he felt nervous) when they called his name.Verb forms:

verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	flutter
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	NAmE / 'flʌtə /
he / she / it	flutters
	BrE / 'flʌtəz /
	NAmE / 'flʌtəz /
past simple, past participle	fluttered
	BrE / 'flʌtəd /
	NAmE / 'flʌtəd /
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	BrE / 'flʌtərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'flʌtərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

Old English floterian, flotorian, a frequentative form related to fleet 'move or pass quickly'.

Example Bank:

- A bird fluttered to the ground.
- The butterfly fluttered away.
- The first snowflakes fluttered down between the trees.
- The ribbons on her hat fluttered gently in the breeze.
- A butterfly fluttered from flower to flower.
- A couple of little birds fluttered around in the garden.
- A silk scarf fluttered around her shoulders.
- Her heart fluttered every time she looked at him.
- She fluttered her eyelashes at him.
- The bank note fluttered away in the breeze.
- The birds fluttered nervously in their cage.

noun

- 1. countable, usually singular** a quick, light movement
 - the flutter of wings
 - with a flutter of her long, dark eyelashes
 - (figurative) to feel a flutter of panic in your stomach
- 2. countable, usually singular ~ (on sth)** (BrE, informal) a small bet
 - to have a flutter on the horses
- 3. singular** a state of nervous or confused excitement
 - Her sudden arrival caused quite a flutter.
 - to be in a flutter/to be all of a flutter
- 4. countable** a very fast ↑**heartbeat**, caused when sb is nervous or excited
 - Her heart gave a flutter when she saw him.
- 5. uncountable (medical)** a medical condition in which you have a fast, unsteady ↑**heartbeat**
- 6. uncountable (technical)** rapid changes in the ↑**pitch** or volume of recorded sound

compare ↑**wow**

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- They arrived in a flutter.
- a flutter of her eyelashes

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I. flutter¹ /'flʌtə \$ -ər/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: floterian]

1. [intransitive and transitive] if a bird or insect flutters, or if it flutters its wings, it flies by moving its wings lightly up and down:
A small bird fluttered past the window.

2. [intransitive] to make small gentle movements in the air:

Dead leaves fluttered slowly to the ground.

The flag fluttered in the light breeze.

3. [intransitive] if your heart or your stomach flutters, you feel very excited or nervous

4. [intransitive] if your eyelids flutter, they move slightly when you are asleep:

Her eyelids fluttered but did not open.

5. flutter your eyelashes (at somebody) if a woman flutters her eyelashes at a man, she looks at him and moves her eyes to make herself attractive to him

II. flutter² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [singular]

1. a feeling of being nervous, confused, or excited

in a flutter

She was all in a flutter.

His sudden resignation caused quite a flutter.

2. a flutter of something a sudden feeling that is not very strong:

She felt a flutter of curiosity.

3. a light gentle movement

flutter of

a flutter of wings

4. have a flutter *British English informal* to risk a small amount of money on the result of something such as a horse race **SYN**
have a bet

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