

hamstring

1. ['hæm,striŋ] *n* **анам.**
 - 1) подколенное сухожилие
 - 2) ахиллово сухожилие (у четвероногих)
2. ['hæm,striŋ] *v* (*hamstringed* [-{'hæm,striŋ}d], *hamstrung*)
 1. перерезать подколенное сухожилие
 2. калечить; портить
 3. срывать, сводить на нет (*усилия, планы и т. п.*)
 4. подрезать крылья (*кому-л.*)

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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noun, verb *BrE* ['hæmstriŋ] ^m *NAmE* ['hæmstriŋ] ^m

noun

1. one of the five ↑**tendons** behind the knee that connect the muscles of the upper leg to the bones of the lower leg
 - a hamstring injury
 - She's pulled a hamstring.
2. a ↑**tendon** behind the middle joint (= ↑**hock**) of the back leg of a horse and some other animals

Word Origin:

16th cent.: from ↑**ham** 'back of the thigh' + ↑**string**.

verb (**ham·strung**, **ham·strung** *BrE* ['hæmstrʌŋ] ^m ; *NAmE* ['hæmstrʌŋ] ^m) **often passive ~ sb/sth**

to prevent sb/sth from working or taking action in the way that is needed

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hamstring
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hæmstriŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hæmstriŋ/
he / she / it	hamstrings
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hæmstriŋz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hæmstriŋz/
past simple, past participle	hamstrung
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hæmstrʌŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hæmstrʌŋ/
-ing form	hamstringing
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hæmstriŋɪŋ/
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I. **ham·string**¹ /'hæm,striŋ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun** [countable]

a ↑**tendon** behind your knee, which sometimes gets injured when you do sport:

He pulled a hamstring in training.

hamstring injury/problem/strain etc

II. **hamstring**² *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **verb** (*past tense and past participle* **hamstrung** /-strʌŋ/) [**transitive**]

to make someone unable to take the action they want or need to take, especially by restricting them:

The President feels he is hamstrung by Congress.

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