

**toil**

I

1. [tɔɪl] *n*  
 тяжёлый труд  
 intellectual toil - напряжённая умственная работа  
 toil and trouble - труды и заботы  
 the toils of war - тяготы войны  
 for years he led a life of unremitting toil - в течение многих лет он ничего не знал в жизни, кроме непрерывного изнурительного труда  
 some books are a toil to read - некоторые книги очень трудно читать

2. [tɔɪl] *v*
  1. усиленно работать, трудиться  
 to toil at a task - трудиться над задачей  
 to toil with one's hands for a living - тяжёлым физическим трудом добывать себе хлеб насущный  
 he had to toil hard to maintain his family - он вынужден был много работать, чтобы прокормить семью
  2. достигать (чего-л.) тяжёлым трудом (*мж.* toil out)  
 to toil one's way - с трудом пробиться (куда-л.)
  3. с трудом идти, тащиться  
 to toil up a hill - с трудом взбираться на холм  
 to toil along the road - тащиться по дороге  
 ◇ to toil and moil - исполнять тяжёлую, утомительную работу

II

1. [tɔɪl] *n* *обыкн. pl*  
 сеть, силок, тенёта  
 the toils of a spider - паутина  
 ◇ in the toils - а) в сетях, в западне; б) под властью  
 in the toils of smth. - а) очарованный /околдованный/ чем-л.; б) во власти чего-л.  
 to be taken /to get caught/ in the toils - попасть в сети /в тенёта/  
 to catch smb. in one's toils - поймать кого-л. в сети  
 caught in his own toils - запутавшийся в собственных сетях

2. [tɔɪl] *v*
  - 1) загонять в западню (*дичь*)
  - 2) опутывать

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**toil** [toil toils toiled toiling] *verb, noun* *BrE* [tɔɪl] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [tɔɪl] <sup>u</sup>  
*verb* (formal)

1. **intransitive** to work very hard and/or for a long time, usually doing hard physical work  
**Syn:** slave away  
 • Hundreds of men toiled for years at building the pyramid.  
 • She toils tirelessly for various charities.
2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move slowly and with difficulty  
**Syn:** †slog  
 • They toiled up the hill in the blazing sun.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	toil
	BrE /tɔɪl/
	NAmE /tɔɪl/
he / she / it	toils
	BrE /tɔɪz/
	NAmE /tɔɪz/
past simple, past participle	toiled
	BrE /tɔɪd/
	NAmE /tɔɪd/
-ing form	toiling
	BrE /tɔɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /tɔɪlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the senses 'contend verbally' and 'strife'): from Anglo-Norman French **toiler** 'strive, dispute', **toil** 'confusion', from Latin **tudiculare** 'stir about', from **tudicula** 'machine for crushing olives', related to **tundere** 'crush'.

Derived Word †toiler

**noun uncountable** (formal or literary)

- hard unpleasant work that makes you very tired
- a life of hardship and toil

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### Example Bank:

- a lifetime of physical toil
- His hands bore the scars of a life of hardship and toil.

see also †toils

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### I. **toil**<sup>1</sup> /tɔɪl/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: *toiller*, from Old French *toeillier* 'to disturb, argue'; from Latin *tudiculare* 'to crush'; from *tudicula* 'machine for crushing olives'; from *tudes* 'hammer']

1. (also **toil away**) to work very hard for a long period of time

**toil at**

" I've been toiling away at this essay all weekend.

2. *literary* to move slowly and with great effort

**toil up/through/along etc**

" They toiled slowly up the hill.

### II. **toil**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [uncountable] *formal*

[Sense 1: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: *toyl*, from Old French *toeil* 'battle, confusion', from *toeillier*; ⇒ †toil<sup>1</sup>]

[Sense 2: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: *toil* 'net' (16-19 centuries), from French *toile*; ⇒ †toilet]

1. hard unpleasant work done over a long period:

" a life of toil

2. **the toils of something** *literary* if you are caught in the toils of an unpleasant feeling or situation, you are trapped by it

## toil

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