

**spasm**['spæz(ə)m] *n*

1. судорога; спазм
2. приступ (*боли, страха и т. п.*)  
a spasm of jealousy - приступ ревности  
in spasms of grief - в порыве горя  
in a spasm of temper - в припадке раздражения
3. порыв, взрыв (*эмоциональный и т. п.*)  
a spasm of creativity - порыв творческого вдохновения  
to work in spasms - работать по настроению

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**spasm** [spasm spasms spasmed spasming] *BrE* ['spæzəm] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE*['spæzəm] <sup>u</sup> *noun*

1. **countable, uncountable** a sudden and often painful contracting of a muscle, which you cannot control
  - a muscle spasm
  - The injection sent his leg **into spasm**.
2. **countable ~ (of sth)** a sudden strong feeling or reaction that lasts for a short time
  - a **spasm of anxiety/anger/coughing/pain, etc.**

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **spasme**, or via Latin from Greek **spasmos**, **spasma**, from **span** 'pull'.Example Bank:

- He kicked the chair in a spasm of impatience.
- He suffered a back spasm while playing football.
- She could not speak; her throat was in spasm.
- The muscle goes into spasm, producing the symptom of cramp.
- involuntary spasms of the nervous system
- Cholera reduces heartbeat and causes muscle spasms.
- His face went into a spasm of nervous twitches.
- His voice broke and a spasm of pain contorted his face.
- The injection sent his leg into spasm.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: spasme, from Latin, from Greek spasmos, from span 'to pull']

1. [**uncountable and countable**] an occasion when your muscles suddenly become tight, causing you pain:
  - Maggie felt a muscle spasm in her back.
  - Tom's jaw muscles had gone into spasm.**back/shoulder/throat etc spasm**
2. **spasm of grief/laughter/coughing etc** a sudden strong feeling or reaction that you have for a short period of time:
  - I felt a spasm of fear.

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