

dabble [ˈdæbl] *v*

1. плескаться, барахтаться
to dabble in the mud - барахтаться в грязи
2. 1) увлажнять, смачивать
to dabble one's hands in the river - ополоснуть руки в реке
2) кропить, опрыскивать, обрызгивать
to be dabbled in blood - запачкаться кровью
to be dabbled with mud - испачкаться
3. (in, at, with) заниматься (чем-л.) поверхностно, по-любительски или без интереса
he dabbles in poetry - он пописывает стихи, он балуется стихами
to dabble in politics [in art] - по-дилетантски заниматься политикой [искусством]
to dabble in drug traffic - приторговывать наркотиками
4. (in, with) *арх.* вмешиваться
to dabble with the text - вносить в текст самовольные изменения; исказить /«подправлять»/ текст; вносить конъектуры

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dab·ble [**dabble dabbles dabbled dabbling**] *BrE* [ˈdæbl] ^m *NAmE* [ˈdæbl] ^m

verb

1. **intransitive** ~ (in/with sth) to take part in a sport, an activity, etc. but not very seriously
 - She is a talented musician but is content to just dabble.
 - He dabbles in local politics.
2. **transitive** ~ sth (in sth) to move your hands, feet, etc. around in water
 - She dabbled her toes in the stream.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dabble
	BrE / ˈdæbl/
	NAmE / ˈdæbl/
he / she / it	dabbles
	BrE / ˈdæblz/
	NAmE / ˈdæblz/
past simple, past participle	dabbled
	BrE / ˈdæblɪd/
	NAmE / ˈdæblɪd/
-ing form	dabbling
	BrE / ˈdæblɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈdæblɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from obsolete Dutch **dabbelen**, or a frequentative of the verb **↑dab**.

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dab·ble /ˈdæbəl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from ⇒ **↑DAB**¹]

1. [**intransitive**] to do something or be involved in something in a way that is not very serious
dabble in/at/with
people who dabble in painting as a way of relaxing
2. [**transitive**] *British English* to move your hands, feet etc about in water
dabble something in something
children dabbling their feet in the sea

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