

- flail** [fleɪl] *n*
- цеп
 - воен.** трал
flail tank - **воен.** танк-заградитель танк с бойковым тралом
- flail** [fleɪl] *v*
- молотить
 - бить, ударять, бичевать
 - 1) крутиться, вертеться
propellers flailing futilely - пропеллеры, вращающиеся вхолостую
 - 2) махать, крутить
he flailed his arms at me - он замахал на меня руками
he flailed his club to drive away the dogs - он размахивал палкой, отгоняя собак
 - 3) бродить, мотаться
he flailed around trying to get a job - он в поисках работы

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flail [flaɪl flaɪs flaɪed flaɪɪŋ] **verb, noun** *BrE* [fleɪl] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [fleɪl] [ⓘ]
verb

- intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (about/around)** to move around without control; to move your arms and legs around without control
 - The boys flailed around on the floor.
 - He was running along, his arms flailing wildly.
- transitive ~ sb/sth** to hit sb/sth very hard, especially with a stick

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flail
	BrE /fleɪz/
	NAmE /fleɪl/
he / she / it	flails
	BrE /fleɪz/
	NAmE /fleɪz/
past simple, past participle	flailed
	BrE /fleɪd/
	NAmE /fleɪd/
-ing form	flailing
	BrE /fleɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /fleɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English, of West Germanic origin, based on Latin **flagellum** 'whip'; probably influenced in Middle English by Old French **flaiel** or Dutch **vlegel**

Example Bank:

- She ran along, her arms flailing wildly.

noun

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I. flail ¹ /fleɪl/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **verb**

- [intransitive and transitive]** to wave your arms or legs in an uncontrolled way:
He flailed wildly as she tried to hold him down.

flail around/about

James flailed about in the shallow water.

- [transitive]** to beat someone or something violently, usually with a stick
- [intransitive and transitive]** to beat grain with a flail

II. flail ² *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1000-1100; Language: Latin; Origin: flagellum 'whip, flail']

a tool consisting of a stick that swings from a long handle, used in the past to separate grain from wheat by beating it

flail

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