

prowl

1. [praʊl] *n*

рысканье

to be on the prowl - а) рыскать в поисках чего-л. (*особ. добычи, пищи и т. п.*); б) идти крадучись

to go on the prowl - выйти на охоту

to be always on the prowl - всё время шнырять /рыскать/

2. [praʊl] *v*

1) 1) рыскать, красться (*в поисках добычи, врага и т. п.*)

wolves prowl the forest - волки рыщут по лесу

he loved to prowl about the city - он любил бродить по городу

2) беспокойно двигаться взад и вперёд; шнырять

submarines were prowling along our coast - подводные лодки так и шныряли вдоль наших берегов

2. *редк.* мародёрствовать

3. *амер. разг.* обыскивать (*человека*)

he prowled me over carefully with his left hand - левой рукой он тщательно ощупывал меня (*в поисках оружия, денег и т. п.*)

◇ to prowl the lines - *ав.* совершать беспокоящие налёты на позиции противника

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prowl [proul prouls prouled prouling] *verb, noun* BrE [praʊl] ^ˈ NAmE [praʊl]

verb

1. *intransitive, transitive (+ adv./prep.)* | ~ *sth* (*of an animal*) to move quietly and carefully around an area, especially when hunting

• The tiger prowled through the undergrowth.

2. *intransitive, transitive (+ adv./prep.)* | ~ *sth* to move quietly and carefully around an area, especially with the intention of committing a crime

• A man was seen prowling around outside the factory just before the fire started.

3. *transitive, intransitive ~ sth | (+ adv./prep.)* to walk around a room, an area, etc, especially because you are bored, anxious, etc, and cannot relax

• He prowled the empty rooms of the house at night.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	prowl
	BrE /praʊl/
	NAmE /praʊl/
he / she / it	prowls
	BrE /praʊlz/
	NAmE /praʊlz/
past simple, past participle	prowled
	BrE /praʊld/
	NAmE /praʊld/
-ing form	prowling
	BrE /praʊlɪŋ/
	NAmE /praʊlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- He prowled the streets, looking for likely victims.
- Her husband was prowling restlessly around the room.
- Seb prowled up and down the corridor.
- The tiger came prowling through the undergrowth.
- Wolves were prowling around outside.

Idiom: ↑ **on the prowl**

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I. **prowl**¹ /praʊl/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

1. if an animal prowls, it moves around an area quietly, especially because it is hunting another animal

2. if someone prowls, they move around an area slowly and quietly, especially because they are involved in a criminal activity or because they are looking for something:

gangs of teenagers prowling the streets

prowl around/about **British English:**

Irene prowled restlessly around the room.

II. **prowl**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun*

be/go on the prowl (for something/somebody)

a) if an animal is on the prowl, it is hunting

b) if someone is on the prowl, they are moving around different places, looking for an opportunity to do something:

" local men out on the prowl (=looking for people to have a sexual relationship with) in the city's bars and nightclubs

" She's always on the prowl for bargains.

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