

maul

1. [mɔ:ɪ] *n*
1. колотушка (*обычно деревянная*); кувалда
 2. глинистая *или* вязкая почва
 3. схватка вокруг мяча (*регби*)

2. [mɔ:ɪ] *v*
1. избивать, калечить, терзать
to maul about - трепать
to be mauled by a tiger [by a bear] - быть сильно покалеченным /помятым/ тигром [медведем]
stop mauling the cat! - перестань мучить /терзать/ кошку!
the dog was mauling the shoe about - собака играла с туфлей
 2. неумело *или* грубо обращаться
 3. жестоко критиковать
his new book was mauled by the critics - критики разнесли в пух и прах его новую книгу
 4. бить колотушкой, молотом
 5. *воен. жарг.* потрепать; нанести потери; измотать (*противника*)
 6. пытаться силой отобрать мяч у противника (*регби*)

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maul [maul mauls mauled mauling] *BrE* [mɔ:ɪ] ^ɹ *NAme* [mɔ:ɪ] ^ɹ *verb*

1. ~ **sb** (*of an animal*) to attack and injure sb by tearing their flesh
Syn: †savage
2. ~ **sb/sth** to touch sb/sth in an unpleasant and/or violent way
• She was mauled by guards at the border.
3. ~ **sth/sb** to criticize sth/sb severely and publicly
Syn: †savage
4. ~ **sb** (*informal*) to defeat sb easily
Syn: †trash

Derived Word †mauling

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	maul
	<i>BrE</i> /mɔ:ɪ/
	<i>NAme</i> /mɔ:ɪ/
he / she /it	mauls
	<i>BrE</i> /mɔ:ɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> /mɔ:ɪz/
past simple, past participle	mauled
	<i>BrE</i> /mɔ:ɪd/
	<i>NAme</i> /mɔ:ɪd/
-ing form	mauling
	<i>BrE</i> /mɔ:ɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /mɔ:ɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense ‘hammer or wooden club’, also ‘strike with a heavy weapon’): from Old French *mail*, from Latin *malleus* ‘hammer’ .

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Origin:** maul ‘hammer’ (13-20 centuries), from Old French *mail*, from Latin *malleus*]

1. if an animal mauls someone, it injures them badly by tearing their flesh:
“ A mentally ill man was mauled after climbing into the lions’ enclosure at London Zoo.
2. to strongly criticize something, especially a new book, play etc:
“ Her latest book was absolutely mauled by the critics.
3. to touch someone in a rough sexual way which they think is unpleasant:
“ What makes you think you’ve got the right to maul me like that?
4. *informal* to defeat someone very easily – used especially in sports reports:
“ Stanford have looked quite good lately. They absolutely mauled Notre Dame last weekend.

—**mauling** *noun* [singular]:

“ Brown got a mauling over the government’s failure to fulfil its promises.

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