

rabble

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1. ['ræb(ə)] *n*
 - 1) толпа
 - a rabble of children - толпа ребятишек
 - 2) (the rabble) *презр.* чернь, сброд
 2. свалка, куча
 - a rabble of books of all ages - свалка новых и старых книг
 - a rabble of doubts - уйма сомнений
 3. *диал.* набор слов, чепуха
2. ['ræb(ə)] *v*
 - подвергать разграблению *или* самосуду (о действиях толпы)

II

- ['ræb(ə)] *n mex.*
- 1) кочерга, шуровой лом
 - 2) гребок, скребок

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

rab-ble [rabble rabbles] *BrE* ['ræbl] ^m *NAmE* ['ræbl] ^m **noun singular + singular or plural verb (disapproving)**

1. a large group of noisy people who are or may become violent
 - Syn:** ↑mob
 - a drunken rabble
 - He was met by a rabble of noisy, angry youths.
2. **the rabble** ordinary people or people who are considered to have a low social position
 - Syn:** ↑masses
 - a speech that appealed to the rabble

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the senses 'string of meaningless words' and 'pack of animals'): perhaps related to dialect rabble 'to gabble'.

Example Bank:

- As he arrived he was met by a rabble of noisy youths.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

rab-ble /'ræbəl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun [singular]**

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from rabble 'to talk in a quick confused way' (14-19 centuries)]

a noisy crowd of people

- rabble of
 - a rabble of angry youths
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THESAURUS

■ of people

- **group** several people together in the same place: A group of boys stood by the school gate. | Arrange yourselves in groups of three.
- **crowd** a large group of people who have come to a place to do something: There were crowds of shoppers in the streets. | The crowd all cheered.
- **mob** a large, noisy, and perhaps violent crowd: An angry mob of demonstrators approached.
- **mass** a large group of people all close together in one place, so that they seem like a single thing: The square in front of the station was a solid mass of people.
- **bunch** *informal* a group of people who are all similar in some way: They're a nice bunch of kids.
- **gang** a group of young people, especially a group that often causes trouble and fights: He was attacked by a gang of youths.
- **rabble** a noisy group of people who are behaving badly: He was met by a rabble of noisy angry youths.
- **horde** a very large group of people who all go somewhere: In summer hordes of tourists flock to the island. | There were hordes of people coming out of the subway.
- **crew** a group of people who all work together, especially on a ship or plane: the ship's crew | The flight crew will serve drinks shortly.
- **party** a group of people who are travelling or working together: A party of tourists stood at the entrance to the temple.

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