

# scruple

I  
 ['skru:p(ə)] *n*

1. скрупул (*аптека́рская мера веса = 20 грамам; ≈ 1,3 г*)
2. крупица, минимальное количество (чего-л.)  
 not a scruple of hope - ни тени надежды

## II

1. ['skru:p(ə)] *n*

1) *обыкн. sing* сомнение, колебание

to make /to have/ no scruple about /of/ doing smth., to make /to have/ no scruple to do smth., to do smth. without scruple - (с)делать что-л. не задумываясь /не колеблясь, без колебаний/  
 he makes no scruple of lying - он врёт без зазрения совести

2) *обыкн. pl* угрызения совести (*тж. scruple of conscience*)

a man without /of no/ scruples - бессовестный /недобросовестный/ человек  
 to have scruples /a scruple/ about doing smth. - постесняться (с)делать что-л.  
 he is not troubled by any scruples - его не мучает совесть  
 he is free of scruples - *ирон.* его не обременяет совесть  
 to put an end to /to remove/ smb.'s scruples - успокоить чью-л. совесть  
 you need no longer have any scruples on my account - теперь у вас совесть может быть спокойна на мой счёт

2. ['skru:p(ə)] *v*

1) *обыкн. в отриц. предложениях* колебаться, не решаться, стесняться

he did not scruple to say ... - он не постеснялся сказать ...  
 he would not scruple to tell a lie - он и соврёт - недорого возьмёт; он врёт без зазрения совести  
 don't scruple to ask for anything you want - не стесняйтесь и просите всё, что вам нужно

2) *редк.* испытывать угрызения совести

he scrupled to do /doing/ it - совесть не позволяла ему сделать это

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**scruple** [scruple scruples scrupled scrupling] *noun, verb* BrE ['skru:p(ə)]<sup>1</sup>

NAmE ['skru:p(ə)]<sup>1</sup>

*noun* countable, usually plural, uncountable

a feeling that prevents you from doing sth that you think may be morally wrong

- I overcame my moral scruples.
- He **had no scruples about** spying on her.
- She is totally **without scruple**.

### Word Origin:

late Middle English: from French *scrupule* or Latin *scrupulus*, from *scrupus*, literally 'rough pebble', (figuratively) 'anxiety'.

### Example Bank:

- She is totally without scruple.

**verb intransitive not scruple to do sth** (formal)

to be willing to do sth even if it might be wrong or immoral

### Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	scruple
	BrE / 'skru:p(ə)/
	NAmE / 'skru:p(ə)/
he / she / it	scruples
	BrE / 'skru:p(ə)/
	NAmE / 'skru:p(ə)/
past simple, past participle	scrupled
	BrE / 'skru:p(ə)d/
	NAmE / 'skru:p(ə)d/
-ing form	scrupling
	BrE / 'skru:p(ə)lɪŋ/
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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: scrupule, from Latin scrupulus 'small sharp stone, cause of mental discomfort', from scrupus 'sharp stone']

a belief about what is right and wrong that prevents you from doing bad things ⇒ **qualm**

**scruples about doing something**

- He **had no scruples** about selling faulty goods to people.

a man with no moral scruples

without scruple

" They made thousands of families homeless without scruple.

II. **scruple**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb*

**not scruple to do something** *literary* to be willing to do something even though it may be wrong or may upset people:

" They did not scruple to bomb innocent civilians.

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RANGE: **11k** SCRUPLE <sup>272</sup>

scruple <sup>60</sup>

scruples <sup>212</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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