

scuffle

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1. ['skʌf(ə)] *n*
 1. 1) драка, потасовка; свалка
 - 2) *воен.* беспорядочные боевые действия
 2. *редк.* сумбурная речь
 3. *редк.* шарканье (*ногами*)
2. ['skʌf(ə)] *v*
 1. участвовать в потасовке, схватке; драться
to scuffle with smb. - подраться с кем-л.
 2. кое-как, наспех делать (*что-л.*)
to scuffle through a task - наспех /кое-как/ выполнить задание
 3. ходить волооча ноги *или* шаркая

II

['skʌf(ə)] *v*
мотыжить, разрыхлять землю

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scuf-fle [**scuffle** **scuffles** **scuffled** **scuffling**] **noun, verb** BrE ['skʌfl] ^u NAmE ['skʌfl]

noun ~ (with sb) | ~ (between A and B)

a short and not very violent fight or struggle
 • **Scuffles broke out** between police and demonstrators.
 • He was involved in a scuffle with a photographer.

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (as a verb): probably of Scandinavian origin; compare with Swedish **skuffa** 'to push'; related to **shove** and **shuffle**.

Synonyms:

fight
 clash • brawl • struggle • scuffle

These are all words for a situation in which people try to defeat each other using physical force.

fight • a situation in which two or more people try to defeat each other using physical force: ▪ He got into a fight with a man in the bar.

clash • (*journalism*) a short fight between two groups of people: ▪ Clashes broke out between police and demonstrators.

brawl • a noisy and violent fight involving a group of people, usually in a public place: ▪ a drunken brawl in a bar

struggle • a fight between two people or groups of people, especially when one of them is trying to escape, or to get sth from the other: ▪ There were no signs of a struggle at the murder scene.

scuffle • a short and not very violent fight or struggle: ▪ He was involved in a scuffle with a photographer.

a fight/clash/brawl/struggle/scuffle **over** sth

in a fight/brawl/struggle/scuffle

a **violent** fight/clash/struggle

to **be in/get into/be involved in** a fight/clash/brawl/scuffle

a fight/clash/brawl/scuffle **breaks out**

Example Bank:

- He was injured in a scuffle at the demonstration.
- He was involved in a scuffle with photographers.
- a scuffle between rival gangs
- Scuffles broke out between police and demonstrators.

verb

1. **intransitive** ~ (with sb) (*of two or more people*) to fight or struggle with each other for a short time, in a way that is not very serious

- She scuffled with photographers as she left her hotel.
- They scuffled for a few minutes, but did not exchange blows.

2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move quickly making a quiet rubbing noise

- Some animal was scuffling in the bushes.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	scuffle
	BrE / 'skʌfl/
	NAmE / 'skʌfl/
he / she / it	scuffles
	BrE / 'skʌflz/
	NAmE / 'skʌflz/
past simple, past participle	scuffled
	BrE / 'skʌfld/
	NAmE / 'skʌfld/
-ing form	scuffling
	BrE / 'skʌflɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'skʌflɪŋ/

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[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

a short fight that is not very violent **SYN tussle**:

⁴ Scuffles broke out between rival supporters during the match.

scuffle with/between

⁵ scuffles with police

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THESAURUS

■ **when people hit or attack each other**

- **fight** a situation in which people hit or attack each other because of an argument, or as a sport: He had a fight with an older boy. | the famous fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman
- **battle** a fight between opposing armies or groups of people: The English king was killed at the Battle of Hastings. | a battle between two rival gangs
- **scuffle** a short fight that is not very violent: There was a short scuffle with the police, but no arrests were made.
- **punch-up** *British English informal* a fight in which people hit each other because of an argument: The game turned into a punch-up.
- **brawl** a noisy fight between a group of people: He was hurt in a drunken brawl.
- **altercation** *formal* a short noisy argument or fight, especially one that is not serious: There was a brief altercation and someone called the police.
- **riot** a fight involving a large number of people, especially people who are protesting about something: The book provoked riots all over Europe.

II. **scuffle**² *BrE* ³ *AmE* ⁴ *verb* [intransitive]

1. to have a short fight with someone, in a way that is not very serious or violent

scuffle with

⁵ Some of the demonstrators scuffled with the police.

2. [**always + adverb/preposition**] to walk quickly and make a noise as your feet rub on the ground

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