

**tussle**

1. [ˈtʌs(ə)] *n*

- 1) **борьба; драка**  
a constant tussle with insomnia - постоянная борьба с бессонницей  
a tussle to get through the door first - давка в дверях

2) **спор; схватка**

- verbal tussle - перебранка
- sharp tussle - ожесточённый спор
- a tussle with the nasty sea - спор с бурей
- to have a tussle with smb. for smth. - схватиться с кем-л. из-за чего-л.

2. [ˈtʌs(ə)] *v*

- бороться; драться**  
to tussle with smb. - бороться с кем-л.  
to tussle over a hat - драться из-за шляпы  
to tussle with evil and conquer - бороться со злом и победить

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**tus·sle** [tussle tussles tussled tussling] **noun, verb** *BrE* [ˈtʌsl̩] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈtʌsl̩] <sup>ⓘ</sup>

**noun ~ (for/over sth)**

- a short struggle, fight or argument especially in order to get sth
- He was injured during a tussle for the ball.
- There was a legal tussle over the closure of the hospital.
- She had a brief tussle with her conscience before telling the whole story.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a verb, originally Scots and northern English): perhaps a diminutive of dialect touse 'handle roughly' of Germanic origin and related to German **zausen**.

Example Bank:

- Five teams are involved in the tussle for promotion.
- He broke his leg in a tussle for the ball.
- There is a tussle for power before the Congress convenes.
- They found themselves in a legal tussle with a big corporation.
- We are engaged in a legal tussle with a large pharmaceutical company.
- a tussle between the country's parliament and government
- a tussle between the two countries
- a tussle over the closure of the local hospital

**verb intransitive ~ (with sb/sth)**

to fight or compete with sb/sth, especially in order to get sth

- The children were tussling with one another for the ball.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tussle
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩/
he / she / it	tussles
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩z/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩z/
past simple, past participle	tussled
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩d/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩d/
-ing form	tussling
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈtʌsl̩ɪŋ/
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I. **tus·sle**<sup>1</sup> /ˈtʌsəl/ *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun** [countable]

- 1. a fight using a lot of energy, in which two people get hold of each other and struggle **SYN struggle**:  
After quite a tussle, I finally wrenched the letter from him.
- 2. a struggle or argument in which people try to beat each other to get something **SYN contest**:  
his defeat in the leadership tussle

II. **tussle**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: touse 'to pull roughly' (14-19 centuries)]

- 1. to fight or struggle without using any weapons, by pulling or pushing someone rather than hitting them  
**tussle with**

He was tussling with the other boys.

2. to try to beat someone in order to get something **SYN wrestle**

**tussle for**

" They tussled for first place in the race.

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