slash

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1. [slæʃ] *n*

    1. хлёсткий, резкий удар (*бичом и т. п.*); удар сплеча (*саблей и т. п.*)

    2. глубокий порез, глубокая рана; рубец

      a slash from a whip - рубец от удара кнутом

    3. 1) разрез

      the quarry makes a slash through the ridge - карьер прорезает горный хребет

    2) разрез, декоративная прорезь (*в одежде*)

      slashes in the sleeves - разрезы на рукавах

    4. *лес.* вырубка

    5. отходы при лесозаготовках

    6. урезывание

      a ten per cent slash in the retail prices - снижение розничных цен на десять процентов

    7. *сл.* = urination

2. [slæʃ] *v*

    1. порезать, глубоко ранить

      he had his face slashed with a razor-blade - ему изуродовали лицо бритвой

      thorns slashed his face and hands - колючки поцарапали ему лицо и руки

    2. (*обыкн.* at)

    1) хлестать, бить

      he slashed at the tall weeds with his stick - он хлестал палкой по высоким сорнякам

    2) бичевать, резко критиковать

      to slash at smb. - подвергать кого-л. безжалостной критике

    3. 1) разрезать; полосовать

      to slash smth. to pieces - исполосовать что-л

      to slash a parcel open - вскрыть /разрезать/ пакет

    2) делать разрезы, (декоративные) прорези (*в одежде*)

      to slash a sleeve - делать разрез(ы) на рукаве

    4. щёлкать (*кнутом и т. п.*)

    5. резко сокращать, урезывать

      to slash a budget [funds] - резко сокращать бюджет [денежные средства]

      his salary was slashed - ему немного снизили жалованье

      the editors slashed the story to half its length - редакция наполовину сократила рассказ

II

[slæʃ] *n амер.*

    болотистая местность, поросшая кустарником

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slash [**slash slashes slashed slashing**] verb, noun *BrE* [slæʃ]   *NAmE* [slæʃ]

verb

1. **~ sth** to make a long cut with a sharp object, especially in a violent way

  Syn: ↑slit

  • Someone had slashed the tyres on my car.

  • She tried to kill herself by slashing her wrists.

  • We had to **slash our way** through the undergrowth with sticks .

2. often passive **~ sth** (informal) (often used in newspapers) to reduce sth by a large amount

  • to **slash costs/prices/fares, etc.**

  • The workforce has been slashed by half.

Verb forms:

verb forms		
present simple		
I / you / we /they	slash	
	BrE /slæʃ/	
	NAmE /slæʃ/	
he / she /it	slashes	
	BrE /slæʃɪz/	
	NAmE /slæʃɪz/	
past simple, past participle	slashed	
	BrE /slæʃt/	
	NAmE /slæʃt/	
-ing form	slashing	
	BrE /slæʃɪŋ/	
	NAmE /slæʃɪŋ/	

Word Origin:

late Middle English: perhaps imitative, or from Old French esclachier **'break in pieces'**. The noun dates from the late 16th cent.

Synonyms :

cut

slash • cut sth back • scale sth back • rationalize • downsize

  These words all mean to reduce the amount or size of sth, especially of an amount of money or a business.

cut • to reduce sth, especially an amount of money that is demanded, spent, earned, etc. or the size of a business: ▪ The President has promised to cut taxes significantly. ◇▪ Buyers will bargain hard to cut the cost of the house they want. ◇▪ His salary has been cut by ten per cent. ◇▪ Could you cut your essay from 5 000 to 3 000 words?

slash • [often passive] (rather informal) (often used in newspapers) to reduce sth by a large amount: ▪ The workforce has been slashed by half.

cut sth back/ • cut back on sth • to reduce sth, especially an amount of money or business: ▪ We had to cut back production.

scale sth back • (*especially NAmE* or business) to reduce sth, especially an amount of money or business: ▪ The IMF has scaled back its growth forecasts for the next decade.

rationalize • (*BrE*, business) to make changes to a business or system, in order to make it more efficient, especially by spending less money.

downsize • (business) to make a company or organization smaller by reducing the number of jobs in it, in order to reduce costs. **Downsize** is often used by people who want to avoid saying more obvious words like 'dismiss' or 'make redundant' because they sound too negative.

to cut/slash/cut back on/scale back/rationalize **spending/production**

to cut/slash/cut back on **jobs**

to cut/slash/downsize **the workforce**

to cut/slash/rationalize **the cost** of sth

to cut/slash **prices/taxes/the budget**

to cut sth/slash sth/cut sth back **drastically**

Example Bank:
- He slashed wildly at me with a knife.
- His salary was slashed by 20%.
- Inflation was slashed in half.
- The company dramatically slashed its forecasts for annual profits.
- The discount could be slashed from 15% to 10%.
- A slump in the retail trade has forced the company to slash prices.
- He slashed at his opponent with his sword.
- One of the men slashed him across the face with a knife.

Derived ↑slash at somebody

noun

1. countable a sharp movement made with a knife, etc. in order to cut sb/sth

2. countable a long narrow wound or cut
- a slash across his right cheek
- (figurative) Her mouth was a slash of red lipstick.

3. countable (BrE also **ob·lique**) the symbol (/) used to show alternatives, as in lunch and/or dinner and 4/5 people and to write ↑fractions, as in ¾

see also ↑backslash, ↑forward slash

4. a slash singular (BrE, slang) an act of urinating
- He's just nipped out to have a slash.

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I. **slash**[1] /slæʃ/ *BrE* ⬜ *AmE* ⬜ *verb*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from Old French eslachier *'to break'*]

1. [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to cut or try to cut something violently with a knife, sword etc:
- Someone had slashed the tires.

slash at/through
- The leopard's claws slashed through the soft flesh.

2. [transitive] to greatly reduce an amount, price etc – used especially in newspapers and advertising **SYN cut**:
- The workforce has been slashed by 50%.

3. **slash your wrists** to cut the ↑veins in your wrists with the intention of killing yourself

II. **slash**[2] *BrE* ⬜ *AmE* ⬜ *noun* [countable]

1. a quick movement that you make with a knife, sword etc in order to cut someone or something

2. (*also* **slash mark**) a line (/) used in writing to separate words, numbers, or letters

3. a long narrow cut in something ⇨ **gash**:
- Cut several slashes across the top of the loaf before baking.

4. **have/take a slash** *British English spoken not polite* to ↑urinate
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■**other marks used in writing**
- **angle brackets** *British English* a pair of signs <> used for enclosing information
- **slash** a line / that is used to separate words, numbers, or letters
- **backslash** a line that is used to separate words, numbers, or letters

- **asterisk** the sign * that is used especially to mark something interesting or important
- **at sign** the sign @ that is used especially in email addresses
- **ampersand** the sign & that means 'and'

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12500**1608**MCW

15000**4003**COCA

RANGE: **3k** SLASH 4910

slash 1709

slashes 420

slashed 1563

slashing 1033

slasher 169

slashers 16

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

699**25135**750 *vvi*

533**27421**648 *nn1*

282**42042**307 *vv0*

4**431827**4 *jj*