

struggle**1. ['strʌg(ə)] n****1. борьба**

the class struggle - классовая борьба
 desperate struggle - отчаянная борьба /схватка/
 power struggle - борьба за власть
 mental /spiritual/ struggle - душевная борьба
 the struggle for existence /for survival/ - борьба за существование
 a struggle of attrition - **воен.** борьба на истощение
 struggle to the last breath - ожесточённый бой
 at struggle with - в борьбе с

2. напряжение, усилие

in the death struggle - в агонии
 to give in without a struggle - сдаться без боя /без сопротивления/
 they had serious difficulties in their struggle with a strange tongue - они столкнулись с серьёзными трудностями в своих попытках овладеть незнакомым языком

2. ['strʌg(ə)] v**1. бороться**

to struggle for [against] smth. - бороться за что-л. [против чего-л.]
 to struggle for peace [for liberty] - бороться за мир [за свободу]
 to struggle for existence - бороться за существование
 to struggle for a position /for a place/ - а) бороться за положение /за место/; б) **спорт.** бороться за место (в соревнованиях, гонке и т. п.)
 to struggle against difficulties - бороться с трудностями
 to struggle to the last breath - бороться до последнего вдоха

2. биться, отбиваться

to struggle in smb.'s arms - вырваться из чьих-л. рук
 the child struggled and kicked - ребёнок отбивался руками и ногами

3. делать усилия; стараться изо всех сил

to struggle to one's feet - с трудом подняться /встать/ на ноги
 to struggle with a problem - биться над задачей
 to struggle through the thicket - пробиться через /сквозь/ чащу
 to struggle against the stream - плыть *или* грести против течения
 to struggle to succeed - всячески стараться преуспеть, прилагать все усилия, чтобы добиться успеха
 she struggled to overcome her prejudice - она всячески старалась /прилагала все усилия, чтобы/ преодолеть своё предубеждение
 he struggled to maintain his composure - он изо всех сил старался сохранить самообладание

4. пробиваться

to struggle out of smth. - вырваться откуда-л.
 to struggle through smth. - пробиваться через что-л.
 we struggled through - мы пробились (сквозь все препятствия), мы преодолели все препятствия

struggle

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strug-gle [struggle struggles struggled struggling] verb noun BrE ['strʌgl] ⁴NAme ['strʌgl] ⁴

verb

1. intransitive to try very hard to do sth when it is difficult or when there are a lot of problems

- ~ (for sth) a country struggling for independence
- Shona **struggled for breath** .
- life as a struggling artist (= one who is very poor)
- ~ **to do sth** They struggled just to pay their bills.
- She struggled for 10 years to achieve success as an actress.

2. intransitive + adv./prep. to move somewhere or do sth with difficulty

- I struggled up the hill with the heavy bags.
- Paul struggled out of his wheelchair.
- She had to struggle into the tight dress.

3. intransitive to fight against sb/sth in order to prevent a bad situation or result

- ~ (against sb/sth) He struggled against cancer for two years.
- ~ (with sb/sth) Lisa struggled with her conscience before talking to the police.

4. intransitive to fight sb or try to get away from them

- I struggled and screamed for help.
- ~ **together** Ben and Jack struggled together on the grass.
- ~ **with sb** James was hit in the mouth as he struggled with the raiders.
- + **adj.** How did she manage to **struggle free** ?

5. intransitive ~ (with sb) (for sth) to compete or argue with sb, especially in order to get sth

- rival leaders struggling for power

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	struggle
	BrE / 'strʌgl/
	NAme / 'strʌgl/
he / she / it	struggles
	BrE / 'strʌglz/
	NAme / 'strʌglz/
past simple, past participle	struggled
	BrE / 'strʌglɪd/
	NAme / 'strʌglɪd/
-ing form	struggling
	BrE / 'strʌglɪŋ/
	NAme / 'strʌglɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: frequentative, perhaps of imitative origin. The noun dates from the late 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- For years, she struggled to make ends meet.
- He struggled desperately to get to the shore.
- He struggled hard to keep the boat upright.
- He was hit in the mouth as he struggled with the raiders.
- He was really struggling in geometry.
- I was unemployed and struggling financially.
- I'm really struggling with this essay.
- She struggled against her attacker.
- She struggled furiously but could not get away.
- She struggled on despite the pain.
- She struggled to her feet and set off after him.
- Shona struggled for breath.
- The attacker's victim managed to struggle free.
- The family struggled through the next few years.
- The small boat struggled against the waves.
- The team struggled badly last season.
- They struggled up the hill.
- How did she manage to struggle free?
- The firms are struggling for market share.
- The general tone of the work is about humanity struggling against all odds.
- The president and the parliament are struggling for power.
- The two men struggled for control of the party.
- They had struggled valiantly to keep the railway operating.
- We should all struggle against injustice.

Derived †struggle on

noun

- 1. countable** a hard fight in which people try to obtain or achieve sth, especially sth that sb else does not want them to have
 - a **power/leadership struggle**
 - ~ **(with sb) (for/against sth)** a struggle for independence
 - Three teams are locked in a struggle for this year's title.
 - ~ **(with sb) (to do sth)** He is engaged in a bitter struggle with his rival to get control of the company.
 - ~ **(between A and B)** the struggle between good and evil
 - She will not give up her children without a struggle.
- 2. countable** a physical 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.
 - After a short struggle, I managed to get the knife away from him.
- 3. singular ~ (to do sth)** something that is difficult for you to do or achieve

Syn: †effort

- It was a real struggle to be ready on time.
- They face an **uphill struggle** to get to the finals of the competition.

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Synonyms:

campaign

battle • struggle • drive • war • fight

These are all words for an effort made to achieve or prevent sth.

campaign • a series of planned activities that are intended to achieve a particular social, commercial or political aim: ▪ the campaign for parliamentary reform ◇▪ an advertising campaign

battle • a competition or argument between people or groups of people trying to win power or control: ▪ She finally won the legal battle for compensation. ◇▪ the endless battle between man and nature

struggle • a competition or argument between people or groups of people trying to win power or control: ▪ the struggle for independence ◇▪ the struggle between good and evil

battle or struggle?

A **struggle** is always about things that seem absolutely necessary, such as life and death or freedom. A **battle** can also be about things that are not absolutely necessary, just desirable, or about the pleasure of winning: ▪ the battle/struggle between good and evil ◇a legal struggle for compensation ◇a struggle of wills/wits.

drive • an organized effort by a group of people to achieve sth: ▪ the drive for greater efficiency ◇▪ a drive to reduce energy consumption

campaign or drive?

A **campaign** is usually aimed at getting other people to do sth; a **drive** may be an attempt by people to get themselves to do sth: ▪ From today, we're going on an ▪ economy drive ▪ (= we must spend less) ▪. A **campaign** may be larger, more formal and more organized than a **drive**.

war • [sing.] an effort over a long period of time to get rid of or stop sth bad: ▪ the war against crime

fight • [sing.] the work of trying to stop or prevent sth bad or achieve sth good; an act of competing, especially in a sport: ▪ Workers won their fight to stop compulsory redundancies.

war or fight?

A **war** is about stopping things, like drugs and crime, that everyone agrees are bad. A **fight** can be about achieving justice for yourself.

a campaign/battle/struggle/drive/war/fight **against** sth

a campaign/battle/struggle/drive/fight **for** sth

a **one-man/one-woman/personal** campaign/battle/struggle/war

a **bitter** campaign/battle/struggle/drive/war/fight

to **launch/embark on** a campaign/battle/drive

to **lead/continue** the campaign/battle/struggle/drive/fight

to **win/lose** a battle/struggle/war/fight

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:

- After 150 years of struggle against colonial rule, the country won its independence.
- He was involved in a struggle with the police.
- I've given up the struggle to keep my house clean.
- If someone snatched your bag, would you put up a struggle?
- It was a bit of a struggle for me to get there so early.
- It will be an uphill struggle to maintain exports at the current level.
- Marx wrote about the class struggle.
- One of the guards was hurt in the struggle.
- She won't give up without a struggle.
- The UN supported what it saw as the just struggle of an oppressed people.
- The author illustrates the inner struggles of this complicated woman.
- The group supported the armed struggle against the dictator.
- The party is locked in an internal struggle.
- The police said that there was no sign of a struggle by the murder victim.
- There were the sounds of a desperate struggle.
- They took up the struggle against racism.
- We had a real struggle to get everything into the suitcase.
- a struggle over the property
- species engaged in a life-or-death struggle with the environment
- the daily struggle for survival
- the long struggle for democracy
- the struggle against fascism
- He was a major player in the struggle for independence.

- The teams are locked in a struggle for this year's title.
- the battle/struggle between good and evil/man and nature

struggle

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I. **struggle**¹ **W3** /'strʌgəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

1. to try extremely hard to achieve something, even though it is very difficult

struggle to do something

" She's struggling to bring up a family alone.

struggle with

" The airline is struggling with high costs.

struggle for

" Millions of people are struggling for survival.

struggle against

" Firms are struggling against a prolonged recession.

2.

- a) to fight someone who is attacking you or holding you, especially so that you can escape

struggle with

" James was hit in the mouth as he struggled with the burglars.

struggle to do something

" She struggled to free herself.

- b) if two people struggle, they fight each other for something, especially something one of them is holding

struggle for

" They struggled for possession of the gun.

3. to move somewhere with great difficulty

struggle up/out of/into etc

" Walkers were struggling up the dusty track.

4. to be likely to fail, even though you are trying very hard:

" The team has been struggling all season.

a struggling artist/writer/business

struggle on *phrasal verb*

to continue doing something that you find very difficult or tiring:

" He struggled on despite his condition.

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- **try** to take action in order to do something that you may not be able to do: I tried to explain what was wrong. | He tries hard in class, but he's finding the work difficult.
- **attempt** to try to do something, especially something difficult. **Attempt** is more formal than **try** and is used especially in written English: Any prisoner who attempts to escape will be shot. | He was attempting to climb one of the world's highest mountains.
- **do your best** to try as hard as you can to do something: We will do our best to help them.
- **make an effort to do something** to try to do something, when you find this difficult: It is worth making an effort to master these skills. | She made a big effort to be nice to him.
- **struggle** to try very hard to do something that is very difficult, especially for a long time: She's still struggling to give up smoking. | Many of these families are struggling to survive.
- **strive** *formal* to try very hard to achieve something: The company must constantly strive for greater efficiency.
- **endeavour** *British English*, **endeavor** *American English* /ɪn'devə\$ -ər/ *formal* to try hard to do something: Each employee shall endeavour to provide customers with the best service possible.
- **have a go/try** *informal* to try to do something, especially when you are not sure that you will succeed: I'm not very good at fixing taps, but I'll have a go. | Do you want to have another try?
- **see if you can do something** *spoken* to try to do something – used when offering to do something, or suggesting that someone should do something: I'll see if I can get you a ticket. | See if you can persuade her to come.

II. **struggle**² **S3 W3** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. a long hard fight to get freedom, political rights etc

struggle for

" a struggle for survival

" a power struggle between forces favoring and opposing change

2. a long period of time in which you try to deal with a difficult problem

struggle with/against

" She spoke of her struggles with shyness.

3. a fight between two people for something, or an attempt by one person to escape from the other:

" Police said there were no signs of a struggle.

4. **be a struggle (for somebody)** if something is a struggle, you find it very difficult to do

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THESAURUS

■ when people try to achieve something

- **fight** the process in which people try to stop something bad from happening or to improve a situation: Schools have an important part to play in the fight against drugs. | women's fight for equality
- **battle** a fight to change a situation or deal with a problem in society: The battle against racial discrimination is not over.
- **campaign** a planned series of actions intended to achieve something: Motoring organizations started a campaign for safer roads.

- **struggle** a long, hard fight for freedom, independence, equal rights etc: Nkrumah led the people in their struggle for independence.
- **crusade** someone's fight against something they think is morally wrong: She intends to continue her crusade against sex and violence on TV.

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