

muck

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1. [mʌk] *n*
 1. 1) навоз, навозная жижа
 - 2) перегной, гумус
2. *сл.* грязь; дрянь, мерзость
 all in a muck - весь в грязи, загаженный
 to make a muck of smth. - испортить/изгадить, испоганить/ что-л
 to be in a muck of a sweat - быть в испарине, взопреть
 to read muck - а) читать макулатуру /дрянь/; б) читать порнографию
 to eat muck - есть всякую дрянь
3. 1) *с.-х.* отвал (земля)
- 2) *горн.* неубранная в выработке порода
 ◇ muck for mugs - сказки /байки/ для дураков

2. [mʌk] *v*
 1. 1) унавоживать
 - 2) чистить, убирать навоз
 to muck (out) a stable - чистить конюшню
2. пачкать
 to muck one's hands [clothes] - испачкать руки [одежду]
3. *разг. (тж. muck up)* испоганить
 to muck (up) a job - испортить/изгадить/ (всё) дело
4. *горн.* убирать, откидывать породу

II

[mʌk] *n*
 гнев
 to run a muck - *прост.* неистовствовать; яростно набрасываться на каждого встречного

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muck [mʌk mʌks mʌcked mʌckɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* [mʌk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [mʌk] ^ˈ

noun

1. waste matter from farm animals
Syn: ↑manure
 • to spread muck on the fields
2. (*informal, especially BrE*) dirt or mud
 • Can you wipe the muck off the windows?
3. (*informal, especially BrE*) something very unpleasant
 • I can't eat this muck!

Word Origin:

Middle English muk, probably of Scandinavian origin: compare with Old Norse *myki* 'dung', from a Germanic base meaning 'soft', shared by ↑meek.

Example Bank:

- The tractors are out spreading muck.
- My face and hands were covered in muck.

Idiom: ↑where there's muck there's brass

Derived ↑muck about ▪ ↑muck about with something ▪ ↑muck in ▪ ↑muck out ▪ ↑muck somebody about ▪ ↑muck something out ▪ ↑muck something up

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	muck
	BrE /mʌk/
	NAmE /mʌk/
he / she / it	mucks
	BrE /mʌks/
	NAmE /mʌks/
past simple, past participle	mucked
	BrE /mʌkt/
	NAmE /mʌkt/
-ing form	mucking
	BrE /mʌkɪŋ/
	NAmE /mʌkɪŋ/

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I. **muck**¹ /mʌk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [uncountable] *informal*

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. dirt, mud, or another sticky substance that makes something dirty:

▪ Come on, let's wipe that muck off your face.

2. *British English* waste matter from animals, sometimes put on land to make plants grow better **SYN** manure :

▪ special machinery for spreading muck onto the fields

▪ dog muck

3. *British English* something that is unpleasant or of very bad quality:

▪ How can you eat that muck? It looks disgusting.

▪ I'm not surprised she left. He treated her like muck (=very badly).

4. **make a muck of something** *British English informal* to do something very badly and make a lot of mistakes **SYN** muck up:

▪ I really made a muck of the exam.

5. **as common as muck** *British English informal* very common or of a low social class

II. **muck**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

muck about/around *phrasal verb British English informal*

1. to behave in a silly way, especially when you should be working or paying attention to something **SYN** mess around :

▪ Stop mucking about and listen!

▪ Some of the boys were mucking around on bikes.

2. **muck somebody about/around** to cause trouble for someone, especially by changing your mind a lot or not doing what you promised to do **SYN** mess somebody around :

▪ The company kept mucking us around and changing the price.

muck in *phrasal verb British English informal*

1. to do your share of the work that is necessary in order to get a job done:

▪ If we all muck in, we could get the whole house painted by the end of the week.

2. to share space with other people

muck in with

▪ There are only three bedrooms. Do you mind mucking in with the other boys?

muck something ↔ out *phrasal verb British English*

to clean the place where a farm animal lives:

▪ You have to muck out the stables every day in the winter.

muck something ↔ up *phrasal verb informal*

1. *British English* to do something badly, so that you fail to achieve something **SYN** mess up:

▪ I really mucked up my driving test first time.

2. to spoil something, especially an arrangement or plan **SYN** mess up:

▪ The bad weather mucked up our plans for a picnic.

3. *British English* to make something dirty **SYN** mess up:

▪ Who's mucked up the carpet in here?

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