

sword

[sɔ:d] *n*

1. меч; шпага (*мж.* court sword, dress sword); рапира (*мж.* duelling sword, small sword); шашка; сабля (*мж.* cavalry sword)
 to draw the sword - а) обнажить меч, шпагу *и т. п.*; б) начать войну
 to sheathe /to nut up/ the sword - а) вложить меч в ножны; б) кончить войну
 to cross /to measure/ swords - а) скрестить шпаги; б) начать борьбу; вступить в бой; помериться силами
 (to do smth.) at the point of the sword - (сделать что-л.) подчиняясь грубой силе /под угрозой применения силы/ [*см. мж.* 2, 1])
 to be at sword s' points - враждовать, питать взаимную ненависть; ≅ быть на ножах
 sword of state - меч, который несут впереди короля во время торжественных процессий
2. (the sword)
 1) сила оружия; военная сила
 at the point of the sword - силой оружия, насильственно [*см. мж.* 1]
 2) орудие смерти, разрушения
 to put to the sword - истребить
 to put to fire and sword - предать огню и мечу
3. правосудие; возмездие (*мж.* the sword of justice)
 ◇ the sword of Damocles - дамоклов меч
 to throw one's sword into the scale - поддержать свои притязания силой оружия
 to beat swords into ploughshares - *бубл.* перековать мечи на орала

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sword [sɔrd sɔrds] *BrE* [sɔɹd] *NAme* [sɔɹd] *noun*



a weapon with a long metal blade and a handle
 • to **draw/sheathe a sword** (= to take it out/put it into its cover)

Rem: or
more at cross swords **at** ↑cross *v.*, be a double-edged sword/weapon **at** ↑double-edged the pen is mightier than the sword **at** ↑pen

n.
 | **idioms** ↑put somebody to the sword ▪ sword of Damocles ▪ ↑turn swords into ploughshares

Word Origin:

Old English sw(e)ord, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *zwaard* and German *Schwert*.

Example Bank:

- All the men were put to the sword.
- I thrust my sword into his chest.
- The Governor crossed swords with Democrats over US policy.
- The potential financial boost is a double-edged sword.
- the sword of justice

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[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** sword]



1. a weapon with a long pointed blade and a handle
2. **a/the sword of Damocles** *literary* a bad thing that might happen at any time:
 The treaty hung like a sword of Damocles over French politics.
3. **put somebody to the sword** *literary* to kill someone with a sword

4. **turn/beat swords into ploughshares** *literary* to start using money, equipment, and skills for peaceful purposes rather than for fighting

⇒ **crosswords (with somebody)** at [↑cross¹\(16\)](#), ⇒ **double-edged sword** at [↑double-edged\(1\)](#)

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