

creep

1. [kri:p] *n*
 1. *pl разг.* содрогание; мурашки
to give the creeps - привести в содрогание, бросить в дрожь
 2. очень медленное движение
 3. лаз для скота (*в изгороди*)
 4. *прост.*
 - 1) подонок, гадина
 - 2) скучный человек, зануда
 5. *прост.*
 - 1) вор, воришка
 - 2) мелкая кража
 6. *воен.* трал для подводных лодок
 7. *тех.* крип, ползучесть
 8. *эл.* просачивание, утечка по поверхности
 9. *геол.* оползание
 10. *ж.-д.* угон пути
2. [kri:p] *v (crept)*
 1. ползать, ползти
the caterpillar crept away - гусеница уползла
huge glaciers creep slowly into the waters of the ocean - громадные ледники медленно сползают в воды океана
 2. еле передвигать ноги (*о старых и больных*)
 3. 1) красться, подкрадываться
to creep about on tiptoe - красться на цыпочках
the sea crept noiselessly up the shore - прилив бесшумно подступал к берегу
 2. (*over, upon*) подкрадываться, надвигаться незаметно (*о времени, возрасте и т. п.*)
old age comes creeping upon one unnoticed - старость подкрадывается незаметно
a feeling of drowsiness crept over him - его охватила дремота
 4. стелиться, виться (*о растениях*)
 5. пресмыкаться, прислуживаться, подлизываться, раболепствовать
 6. (*into*) вкрадываться, вползать; прокрадываться
some mistakes have crept into the text - в текст вкрались некоторые ошибки
to creep into smb.'s favour - втираться кому-л. в доверие
 7. чувствовать мурашки по телу, содрогаться
this made her flesh creep - от этого у неё по телу мурашки забегали
 8. *мор.* тралить
 9. *тех.* набегать по инерции (*о ремне*)
◇ to have always a hole to creep out at - иметь всегда наготове лазейку
learn to creep before you leap - *посл.* научись сначала ползать, а уж потом скакать

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creep [creep creeps crept creeping] *verb, noun* BrE [kri:p] ¹ NAmE [kri:p] ¹*verb* (crept, crept BrE [krept] ¹ ; NAmE [krept] ¹) In the phrasal verb creep sb out, crept is used for the past simple and past participle.

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (*of people or animals*) to move slowly, quietly and carefully, because you do not want to be seen or heard
 - I crept up the stairs, trying not to wake my parents.
 - I heard someone creeping around the house.
2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (NAmE) to move with your body close to the ground; to move slowly on your hands and knees
Syn: ↑crawl
3. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to move or develop very slowly
 - Her arms crept around his neck.
 - A slight feeling of suspicion crept over me.
4. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (*of plants*) to grow along the ground or up walls using long ↑stems or roots
see also ↑creeper
5. **intransitive ~ (to sb)** (BrE, informal, disapproving) to be too friendly or helpful to sb in authority in a way that is not sincere, especially in order to get an advantage from them
see make your flesh creep **at** ↑flesh _n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	creep
	BrE /kri:p/
	NAme /kri:p/
he / she / it	creeps
	BrE /kri:ps/
	NAme /kri:ps/
past simple, past participle	crept
	BrE /krep/
	NAme /krep/
-ing form	creeping
	BrE /'kri:piŋ/
	NAme /'kri:piŋ/

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- A feeling of dread crept over him.
- Fatigue was creeping up on her.
- He crept stealthily along the corridor.
- He crept up behind me.
- I could hear someone creeping around downstairs.
- Suspicion crept into her voice.
- The cat quietly crept up on the pigeon.
- Don't creep up on me like that!
- He crept forward towards the sound of voices.
- She crept into her sister's room.
- The cat was creeping stealthily through the long grass.
- Trucks are creeping along Interstate 70 in convoys.

Idiom: ↑give somebody the creeps

Derived ↑creep in something ▪ ↑creep somebody out ▪ ↑creep up ▪ ↑creep up on somebody

noun

- 1. countable (informal)** a person that you dislike very much and find very unpleasant
 - He's a nasty little creep!
- 2. countable (BrE, informal)** a person who is not sincere but tries to win your approval by being nice to you
 - He's the sort of creep who would do that kind of thing!
- 3. uncountable (in compounds) (often disapproving)** the development of a project beyond the goal that was originally agreed
 - The World Bank has been accused of **mission creep** when seeking to address these concerns.
 - The inclusion of health data on identity cards was condemned as **function creep**.

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I. creep ¹ /kri:p/ **BrE** ¹ **AmE** ¹ **verb** (past tense and past participle **crept** /krep/)

[intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[Language: Old English; Origin: creopan]

1. to move in a quiet, careful way, especially to avoid attracting attention

creep into/over/around etc

• Johann would creep into the gallery to listen to the singers.

• He crept back up the stairs, trying to avoid the ones that creaked.

2. if something such as an insect, small animal, or car creeps, it moves slowly and quietly ⇒ **crawl**

creep down/along/away etc

• a caterpillar creeping down my arm

3. to gradually enter something and change it

creep in/into/over etc

• Funny how religion is creeping into the environmental debate.

4. if a plant creeps, it grows or climbs up or along a particular place

creep up/over/around etc

• ivy creeping up the walls of the building

5. if mist, clouds etc creep, they gradually fill or cover a place

creep into/over etc

" Fog was creeping into the valley.

6. **British English informal** to be insincerely nice to someone, especially someone in authority, in order to gain an advantage for yourself

creep (up) to somebody

" I'm not the kind of person to creep to anybody.

7. **somebody/something makes my flesh creep** used to say that someone or something makes you feel strong dislike or fear:

" His glassy stare made my flesh creep.

creep up on somebody/something phrasal verb

1. to surprise someone by walking up behind them silently:

" Don't yell – let's creep up on them and scare them.

2. if a feeling or idea creeps up on you, it gradually increases:

" The feeling she had for Malcolm had crept up on her and taken her by surprise.

3. to seem to come sooner than you expect:

" Somehow, the end of term had crept up on us.

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■ to walk quietly

- **tiptoe** to walk quietly and carefully on your toes because you do not want to make a noise: I tiptoed out trying not to wake the baby.
- **creep** to walk quietly and slowly because you do not want anyone to see or hear you: Stella crept up the stairs, hoping not to wake her parents.
- **sneak** to walk quietly so that no-one notices you, especially because you are doing something you should not do: They sneaked off without paying. | I quickly sneaked out to have a cigarette.
- **pad** to walk quietly without wearing shoes – also used about cats and dogs walking quietly: Michelle got up and padded barefoot down to the kitchen. | The cat padded in, asking for her food.

II. creep² BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. **especially American English informal** someone who you dislike extremely:

" Get lost, you little creep!

2. **British English informal** someone who tries to make you like them or do things for them by being insincerely nice to you:

" Don't try and flatter her – she doesn't approve of creeps.

3. **give somebody the creeps** if a person or place gives you the creeps, they make you feel nervous and a little frightened, especially because they are strange:

" That house gives me the creeps.

4. **mission/cost/grade etc creep** when something gradually starts to go beyond what it was intended to deal with or include:

" He denied that giving civilian tasks to the NATO forces was a case of mission creep.

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