

scribble

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1. ['skɪb(ə)] *n*
 - 1) небрежный *или* неразборчивый почерк
 - 2) что-л. небрежно *или* неразборчиво написанное; каракули, мазня
2. ['skɪb(ə)] *v*
 1. 1) небрежно *или* быстро писать
 - to scribble a few lines [a note, an answer] - набросать несколько строк [записку, ответ]
 - to scribble one's name on smth. - небрежно расписаться на чём-л., нацарапать свою подпись
 - to scribble on the margin of a book - делать небрежные заметки на полях книги
 - 2) выводить каракули, закорючки
 - to scribble a wall - исчертить/исписать/ стену
2. марать, пачкать бумагу, быть писакой, стихоплётом *и т. п.*
 - to scribble silly novels - *паза.* стряпать глупые романы
 - to scribble verses for the papers - кропать стишки для газет
 - to scribble for a bare existence - зарабатывать на кусок хлеба писаниной
 - to scribble for one's own amusement - заниматься сочинительством/бумагомаранием/ для собственного удовольствия

II

['skɪb(ə)] *v текст.*
грубо чесать (*шерсть или хлопок*)

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scribble [scribble scribbles scribbled scribbling] *verb noun BrE* ['skrɪbəl] ^{us}
NAme ['skrɪbəl] ^{us}

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive** to write sth quickly and carelessly, especially because you do not have much time
Syn: ↑scrawl
 - ~ **sth** He scribbled a note to his sister before leaving
 - There was a scribbled message on the back of the ticket.
 - ~ **sth down** She scribbled down her phone number and pushed it into his hand.
 - ~ **(away)** Throughout the interview the journalists scribbled away furiously.
2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to draw marks that do not mean anything
 - Someone had scribbled all over the table in crayon.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | scribble |
| | BrE / 'skrɪbəl/ |
| | NAme / 'skrɪbəl/ |
| he / she / it | scribbles |
| | BrE / 'skrɪbəlz/ |
| | NAme / 'skrɪbəlz/ |
| past simple, past participle | scribbled |
| | BrE / 'skrɪbld/ |
| | NAme / 'skrɪbld/ |
| -ing form | scribbling |
| | BrE / 'skrɪblɪŋ/ |
| | NAme / 'skrɪblɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from medieval Latin **scribillare**, diminutive of Latin **scribere** 'write' .

Example Bank:

- She hastily scribbled out a note.
- The students were all scribbling away furiously.
- He started scribbling on the pad.
- Throughout the interview, the journalists scribbled away furiously.

noun

1. **uncountable, singular** careless and untidy writing
Syn: ↑scrawl
 - How do you expect me to read this scribble?
2. **countable, usually plural** marks or pictures that seem to have no meaning
Syn: ↑scrawl
 - The page was covered with a mass of scribbles.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: scribillare, from Latin scribere; ⇔ †scribe]

1. **[transitive]** (also **scribble down**) to write something quickly and untidily:

I scribbled his phone number in my address book.

He scribbled down our names.

2. **[intransitive]** to draw marks that have no meaning:

Someone had scribbled all over my picture.

II. **scribble**² *BrE*^u *AmE*^u *noun*1. **[uncountable]** (also **scribbles** [plural]) meaningless marks or pictures, especially done by children2. **[singular, uncountable]** untidy writing that is difficult to read:

I couldn't read his scribble.

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