

plunge

1. [plʌndʒ] *n*
- 1) ныряние
to take a plunge - броситься в воду
 - 2) *часто мор.* погружение
 - 3) стремительный бросок, стремительное продвижение
his plunge won the race - этот бросок принёс ему победу в гонке
 - 2) 1) падение волны
 - 2) *редк.* сильный ливень
 3. *амер.* бассейн для плавания
 4. *амер. сл.* крупная биржевая спекуляция, рискованное помещение капитала
◇ to take the plunge - решиться, сделать решительный шаг; ринуться навстречу опасности
he takes the great plunge tomorrow - завтра у него решающий день
2. [plʌndʒ] *v*
1. нырять
 - 2) 1) погружать; окунать
to plunge a thermometer into water - опустить термометр в воду
to plunge a dagger into smb.'s heart - вонзить кому-л. кинжал в сердце
to plunge one's hands into one's pockets - засунуть руки в карманы
he turned the switch off and the room was plunged into darkness - он повернул выключатель, и комната погрузилась в темноту
 - 2) погружаться; окунаться
the submarine was slowly plunging - подводная лодка медленно погружалась
 3. 1) (*часто into, out of*) бросаться, врываться; ринуться
to plunge into the room - ворваться в комнату
to plunge out of the room - выбежать /выскочить/ из комнаты
they plunged forth upon the square - они бросились /ринулись/ на площадь
 - 2) *воен.* стремительно продвигаться
 - 3) броситься, рвануться вперёд (*о лошади*)
 4. (*into*) ввергать
to plunge smb. into despair [grief] - ввергнуть кого-л. в отчаяние [в печаль]
to plunge one's family into poverty - довести свою семью до нищеты
to plunge a country into war - ввергнуть страну в войну
 5. (*into*) пускаться (*во что-л.*), начинать
to plunge into a description - пуститься в длинное описание
to plunge into an argument /discussion/ - начать спор
to plunge oneself into excesses - предаваться излишествам, пуститься в разгул
to plunge into study - с головой погрузиться /окунуться, уйти/ в учёбу
 6. (*to, into*) круто опускаться, спускаться
the path plunges to the sea - тропинка круто спускается к морю
 7. 1) подвергаться килевой качке, зарываться носом в волны (*о судне*)
 - 2) идти качаясь
 8. *разг.* азартно играть; залезать в долги
to plunge deeply - наделать уйму долгов
to plunge into debt - залезать в долги
 9. *сад.* высаживать растение *или* горшок с растением в почву, мох, клумбу *и т. п.*
 10. *воен.* вести навесной огонь
to plunge under fire - держать под огнём

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plunge [plʌndʒ] **plunges** **plunged** **plunging** **verb, noun** *BrE* [plʌndʒ] ¹ *NAmE*

[plʌndʒ]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to move or make sb/sth move suddenly forwards and/or downwards
 - + **adv./prep.** She lost her balance and plunged 100 feet to her death.
 - The train left the track and plunged down the embankment.
 - ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** The earthquake plunged entire towns over the edge of the cliffs.
2. **intransitive** (*of prices, temperatures, etc.*) to decrease suddenly and quickly
Syn: ↑plummet
 - Stock markets plunged at the news of the coup.
 - This year profits plunged by 40%.
3. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (*of a road, surface, etc.*) to slope down steeply
 - The track plunged down into the valley.
4. **intransitive** to move up and down suddenly and violently
 - The horse plunged and reared.
 - (*figurative*) His heart plunged (= because of a strong emotion) .

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plunge
	BrE /plʌndʒ/
	NAme /plʌndʒ/
he / she / it	plunges
	BrE /plʌndʒɪz/
	NAme /plʌndʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	plunged
	BrE /plʌndʒd/
	NAme /plʌndʒd/
-ing form	plunging
	BrE /plʌndʒɪŋ/
	NAme /plʌndʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **plungier** 'thrust down', based on Latin **plumbum** 'lead, plummet'.

Example Bank:

- A climber plunged 300 feet to his death.
- City officials are plunging ahead with plans for a new convention center.
- He plunged from a tenth floor window.
- She plunged straight into her story.
- The bus came off the road and plunged down an embankment.
- The car had plunged off the road.
- The car plunged headlong into the river.

Idiom: ↑take the plunge

Derived ↑plunge in ▪ ↑plunge into something ▪ ↑plunge somebody into something ▪ ↑plunge something in ▪ ↑plunge something into something

noun usually singular

1. a sudden movement downwards or away from sth

Syn: ↑drop

- The calm water ends there and the river begins a headlong plunge.

2. ~ (in sth) a sudden decrease in an amount or the value of sth

Syn: ↑drop

- a dramatic plunge in profits
- a sharp plunge in the stock markets
- This increase reversed an earlier price plunge.

3. ~ into sth the act of becoming involved in a situation or activity

- The company is planning a deeper plunge into the commercial market.

4. an act of jumping or ↑diving into water; a quick swim

- He took the plunge into the deep end.
- She went for a plunge.

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- He finally took the plunge and gave in his notice.
- How did he survive his icy plunge?
- She prepared to take the plunge into the cold waters of Lake Ontario.
- The river takes a headlong plunge into a maelstrom of rocks and boulders.
- a plunge into the icy water
- a plunge to the ground
- his headlong plunge into shame and hypocrisy
- the economy's downward plunge

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1. **plunge** ¹ /plʌndʒ/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: plongier, from Vulgar Latin plumbicare, from Latin plumbum 'lead']

1. [I, T always + adv/prep] to move, fall, or be thrown suddenly forwards or downwards

plunge off/into etc

- Her car swerved and plunged off the cliff.
- Both the climbers had plunged to their deaths.

2. [intransitive] if a price, rate etc plunges, it suddenly decreases by a large amount:

- The unemployment rate plunged sharply.

plunge to

- Oil prices have plunged to a new low.
- In the recession, the company's profits plunged 60%.

3. [intransitive] *literary* if a ship plunges, it moves violently up and down because of big waves

plunge in (also **plunge into something**) *phrasal verb*

1. to start talking or doing something quickly and confidently, especially without thinking about it first:

" It's a difficult situation. You can't just plunge in and put everything right.

" 'I don't agree,' she said, plunging into the conversation.

2. to jump or [↑]dive into water:

" He stripped off and plunged into the sea.

3. **plunge something** ↔ **in** (also **plunge something into something**) to push something firmly and deeply into something else:

" He opened the bag and plunged his hand in.

" Plunge the pasta into boiling water.

" Repeatedly she plunged the knife into his chest.

plunge (somebody/something) into something *phrasal verb*

to suddenly experience a difficult or unpleasant situation, or to make someone or something do this:

" A strike would plunge the country into chaos.

" The house was suddenly plunged into darkness.

" After the war, the family plunged into debt.

II. **plunge**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *noun*

1. **take the plunge** to decide to do something important or risky, especially after thinking about it for a long time:

" We took the plunge and set up our own business.

2. [countable] a sudden large decrease in the price, value etc of something

plunge in

" a dramatic plunge in house prices

3. [countable usually singular] a sudden movement down or forwards:

" The plane began a headlong plunge towards the Earth.

4. [countable usually singular] when someone suddenly becomes involved in something new

plunge into

" his sudden plunge into marriage

5. [countable usually singular] a jump or [↑]dive into water, or a quick swim

plunge in/into

" a quick plunge in the lake

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