

**spill**I  
[spɪl] *n*

1. осколок, щепка
2. 1) жгут из бумаги (для раскуривания трубки, зажигания свечей *и т. п.*)
- 2) бумажный фунтик
3. 1) колышек
- 2) затычка, втулка, деревянная пробка
4. *тех.*
- 1) прут, стержень
- 2) ось, шпindelь

## II

1. [spɪl] *n*

1. 1) пролитие, разлитие, рассыпка, просыпка
- 2) то, что пролито, просыпано
2. *разг.* падение (с лошади, из экипажа, с велосипеда *и т. п.*)  
to have/to get/ a spill - упасть, свалиться
3. *разг.* поток, ливень
4. = spillway
5. *сл.* мелкая взятка
6. *сл.* выпивка

2. [spɪl] *v* (*spilled* [-{spɪl}d], *spilt*)

1. (*часто spill over*)
- 1) проливать, разливать, расплёскивать  
to spill blood - пролить кровь, совершить кровопролитие
- 2) проливаться; разливаться; расплёскиваться  
some gravy spilled on the tablecloth - немного соуса пролилось на скатерть
- 3) просыпать, рассыпать  
to spill the salt - рассыпать /просыпать/ соль
- 4) просыпаться, рассыпаться  
crowds spilled into the streets - толпы высыпали на улицу
2. *разг.*
- 1) сбросить, вывалить (*кого-л.*)  
to spill a rider - сбросить седока (о лошади)  
to be spilled out of a cab - вывалиться из такси  
we were all spilled into the ditch - мы все оказались в кювете
- 2) свалиться (с лошади, велосипеда *и т. п.*)
3. разбросать  
to spill papers everywhere - всюду разбросать бумаги
4. *разг.* проболтаться, разгласить (*тайну*)  
don't spill the secret - об этом секрете - молчок
5. *мор.*
- 1) обезветрить (*парус*)
- 2) обезветриться (о *парусе*)  
◇ to spill money - проиграть деньги на пари  
to spill the beans - ≅ распустить язык, проболтаться

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**spill** [spill spills spilled spilt spilling] *verb, noun* BrE [spɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [spɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup>  
*verb* (spilled, spilled) (BrE also spilt, spilt BrE [spɪlt] <sup>ˈ</sup>; NAmE [spɪlt] <sup>ˈ</sup>)1. **intransitive, transitive** (especially of liquid) to flow over the edge of a container by accident; to make liquid do this

- Water had spilled out of the bucket onto the floor.
- The bag split, and sugar spilled everywhere.
- ~ **sth** He startled her and made her spill her drink.
- Thousands of gallons of crude oil were spilled into the ocean.
- I managed to carry three full glasses without spilling a drop.

2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (of people) to come out of a place in large numbers and spread out

- The doors opened and people spilled into the street.
- (figurative) Light spilled from the windows.

**Rem:** ormore at cry over spilt milk at ↑cry *v.*

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spill
	BrE /spɪl/
	NAmE /spɪl/
he / she / it	spills
	BrE /spɪlz/
	NAmE /spɪlz/
past simple, past participle	spilled
	BrE /spɪld/
	NAmE /spɪld/ (BrE also) spilt
	BrE /spɪlt/
	NAmE /spɪlt/
-ing form	spilling
	BrE /'spɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /'spɪlɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

- n. **sense 1** and n. **sense 3** v. Old English spillan 'kill, destroy, waste, shed (blood)'
- n. **sense 2** Middle English 'sharp fragment of wood'

## Example Bank:

- After the clubs closed, the drinkers spilled out into the streets.
- He nodded, his tears spilling over.
- He opened the curtains, letting the morning light spill into the room.
- I accidentally spilled my drink all over him.

**Idioms:** ↑spill blood ▪ ↑spill the beans ▪ ↑spill your guts

**Derived** ↑spill out ▪ ↑spill over ▪ ↑spill something out

## noun

1. (also formal **spill-age**) **countable, uncountable** an act of letting a liquid come or fall out of a container; the amount of liquid that comes or falls out

- Many seabirds died as a result of the oil spill.
- I wiped up the coffee spills on the table.

2. **countable** a long match, or a thin piece of twisted paper, used for lighting fires, oil lamps, etc.

3. **countable, usually singular** a fall, especially from a bicycle or a boat

- to take a spill

**see** thrills and spills at ↑thrill <sub>n.</sub>

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**See also:** ↑spillage

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1. **spill**<sup>1</sup> **S3** /spɪl/ **BrE** <sup>°</sup> **AmE** <sup>°</sup> **verb** (past tense and past participle **spilt** /spɪlt/ **especially British English** or **spilled** **especially American English**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: spillan 'to kill, destroy, waste']



1. **[intransitive and transitive]** if you spill a liquid, or if it spills, it accidentally flows over the edge of a container ⇒ **pour**:  
Katie almost spilled her milk.

**spill something down/on/over something**

Oh no! I've spilt coffee all down my shirt!

**spill on/over etc**

He slipped and the wine spilled all over the carpet.

2. **[intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** if people or things spill out of somewhere, they move or fall out in large numbers **SYN** **pour**

**spill out/into/onto etc**

Crowds from the theatre were spilling onto the street.

3. **spill the beans** **informal** to tell something that someone else wanted you to keep a secret

4. **spill your guts** *American English informal* to tell someone all about your private life, or about a personal secret

5. **spill blood** *literary* to kill or wound people

⇒ **cry over spilt milk** at ↑cry<sup>1</sup>(3)

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## THESAURUS

- **pour** to make a liquid or other substance flow out of or into a container by holding it at an angle: Jessica was pouring more wine into her glass. | He poured me a drink. | Raj poured some water from the jug.
- **drizzle** to pour a liquid onto food in small drops or in a small stream – often used in cooking instructions: Drizzle a little olive oil onto the bread. | Drizzle the lemon juice over the cake.
- **tip** to pour something out of a container by turning it upside down: He tipped the cup of milk into the pan. | She weighed out the flour and tipped it into the bowl.
- **spill** to accidentally make a liquid or other substance come out of a container: Someone had spilled coffee all over the carpet. | The tanker was leaking, and spilled oil into the sea.
- **splash** to pour a liquid quickly in an irregular stream: Tony hurriedly splashed some cream in his coffee. | Someone had splashed petrol over the steps and set light to them. | She splashed some perfume onto her wrists.
- **decant** to pour liquid from one container into another container – a rather formal use: Rachel decanted the shampoo into small bottles for travelling. | He often decanted cheap whisky into bottles of more expensive brands.

**spill into/onto something** *phrasal verb literary*

if light spills onto or into something, it shines through a window, door, hole etc onto something else:

▪ The morning light spilled into the room.

**spill over** *phrasal verb*

if a problem or bad situation spills over, it spreads and begins to affect other places, people etc

**spill over into**

▪ The conflict might spill over into neighbouring towns.

II. **spill**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇒ ↑spill<sup>1</sup>]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** when you spill something, or an amount of something that is spilled:

▪ the enormous oil spill off the southern tip of the Shetland Islands

2. **[countable]** a fall from a horse, bicycle etc:

▪ Tyson broke a rib when he took a spill on his motorcycle.

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Frequency Pack

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1088 **15729**<sup>1581</sup> *vv0*

985 **20286**<sup>1068</sup> *vvi*

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