

fray

I

1. [freɪ] *n*
 1. *книжн.* столкновение, драка
eager for the fray - готовый лезть в драку
 2. *разг.* деятельность
are you ready for the fray? - вы готовы к бою?, вы готовы начать действовать?
 3. *арх.* страх, ужас
2. [freɪ] *v арх.*
 1. устраивать столкновение, драку
 2. пугать

II

1. [freɪ] *n*
протёршееся место
2. [freɪ] *v*
 1. 1) протирать, изнашивать; обтрёпывать
2) протираться, изнашиваться; обтрёпываться
the cloth frays badly - эта ткань быстро изнашивается, это очень непрочная ткань
this stuff frays when it is cut - эта ткань расползается при раскрое
 2. расстраиывать, раздражать
his nerves were frayed by the noise - его нервы не выдерживали такого шума
tempers began to fray in the hot weather - жара сделала всех раздражительными
 3. тереться о дерево, чесать рога (*об олене*)

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fray [fray frays frayed fraying] *verb, noun* *BrE* [freɪ] ^ˈ *NAme* [freɪ] ^ˈ

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** if cloth frays or sth frays it, the threads in it start to come apart
 - The cuffs of his shirt were fraying.
 - This material frays easily.
 - ~ **sth** It was fashionable to fray the bottoms of your jeans.
2. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** if sb's nerves or ↑**temper** frays or sth frays them, the person starts to get irritated or annoyed
 - As the debate went on, tempers began to fray.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	fray
	BrE /frɛɪ/
	NAme /frɛɪ/
he / she /it	frays
	BrE /frɛɪz/
	NAme /frɛɪz/
past simple, past participle	frayed
-ing form	fraying
	BrE /frɛɪɪŋ/
	NAme /frɛɪɪŋ/

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Idiom: ↑**fray at the edges**

Derived Word ↑**frayed**

noun the fray singular

a fight, a competition or an argument, especially one that is exciting or seen as a test of your ability

- They were ready for the fray.
- to **enter/join the fray**
- At 71, he has now retired from the political fray.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: frayer, from Latin fricare; ⇒ **friction**]

1. if cloth or other material frays, or if something frays it, the threads become loose because the material is old:

" The collar had started to fray on Ed's coat.

" He had frayed the bottom of his jeans.

2. if someone's temper or nerves fray, or if something frays them, they become annoyed:

" Tempers soon began to fray.

—**frayed** *adjective*:

" The carpet was badly frayed.

II. **fray**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: affray]

the fray an argument or fight:

" Three civilians were injured during the fray.

into the fray

" He launched himself into the fray.

join/enter the fray

" The other soldiers quickly joined the fray, launching missile attacks in the city.

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