

scratch**1. [skrætʃ] n****1. 1) царапина**

a scratch on the face [on fresh paint, on a silver tray] - царапина на лице [на свежей краске, на серебряном подносе]

her hands were covered with scratches - её руки были все исцарапаны

it's only a scratch - это просто царапина /мелкий укол/

without a scratch - без малейшего вреда /ущерба/ (для себя)

to go through the war without a scratch - пройти всю войну, не получив ни одной царапины

to get off with a scratch or two - отделаться пустяками, легко отделаться

2) *тех.* черта**3) *тех.* метка****2. *мк. sing* царапанье**

a dog enjoys a good scratch - собаки любят почесаться

3. скрип, чирканье

the scratch of pen on the paper - скрип пера по бумаге

4. каракуля, закорючка

he writes a miserable scratch - у него отвратительный почерк

a scratch of the pen - а) подпись (*особ. неразборчивая*); б) росчерк пера

the business could be settled by the scratch of a pen - это дело можно было уладить одним росчерком пера

5. *мк. sing спорт.* линия старта, старт (*мж. scratch mark*)**6. *спорт.* участник соревнования, не получающий преимущества при старте (*мж. scratch man*)****7. = scratch-wig****8. *сл.* временное название кинофильма****9. *амер. сл.*****1) фальшивый чек****2) фальшивомонетчик****10. *амер. сл.* деньги, средства**

◇ up to scratch - а) на должной высоте, в хорошем состоянии /виде/; б) в полной готовности

to bring smb. (up) to the scratch - а) *спорт.* вызвать кого-л. на старт; б) заставить кого-л. решиться на борьбу; в) подготовить кого-л. к сдаче экзаменов

to come up to scratch, to come to the scratch - а) *спорт.* подойти к стартовой линии /к линии старта/; б) решиться (*на что-л.*); быть готовым к борьбе; when it comes to the scratch - когда наступает решительный момент; в) быть готовым выполнить свой долг /свои обязательства/

brave till it comes to the scratch - храбрый, пока не дошло до дела, храбрый на словах

to start from scratch - а) *спорт.* не иметь преимущества; б) начинать на голом /на пустом/ месте; не иметь никакой помощи или преимуществ

2. [skrætʃ] a**1. *разг.* случайно или наспех собранный вместе**

scratch collection - коллекция случайных вещей

scratch dinner - обед, приготовленный на скорую руку; импровизированный обед

scratch division [majority] - случайное /неожиданное/ голосование [большинство]

scratch feed - *с.-х.* сборный корм

scratch race - *спорт.* забег с общим стартом

2. 1) наспех написанный, набросанный, нарисованный

scratch paper - черновик

2) *вчт.* рабочий, временный

scratch file - рабочий файл

3. случайный, неумышленный

a scratch shot - случайный выстрел

3. [skrætʃ] v**1. 1) царапать, оцарапать, расцарапать**

to scratch the paint - поцарапать краску /окрашенную поверхность/

to scratch one's hand with a pin [on the thorns] - оцарапать руку булавкой [колючками /шипами/]

to scratch oneself with smth. - оцарапаться обо что-л.

to scratch smb.'s eyes out - выцарапать кому-л. глаза

to scratch off a pimple - содрать прыщик

2) царапаться

cats scratch - кошки царапаются

2. рыхлить (землю)

to scratch the ground with a rake - рыхлить землю граблями

to scratch the surface - а) копать неглубоко б) поверхностно излагать, изучать *и т. п.*; скользить по поверхности

to scratch the surface of a subject - поверхностно осветить вопрос

the inquiry has only scratched the surface of the problem - при исследовании проблема была затронута лишь в самых общих чертах

3. скрипеть

this pen scratches badly - перо сильно скрипит

4. чиркать

to scratch a match - чиркать спичкой

5. 1) чесать, расчёсывать

to scratch a dog's neck - почесать собаку за ухом

to scratch mosquito bites - расчёсывать укусы комаров

to scratch the skin - чесать /расчёсывать/ кожу

2) чесаться

itching makes one want to scratch - зуд вызывает желание почесаться

don't scratch (yourself)! - не чешись!

6. 1) нацарапать, выцарапать, выгравировать

to scratch a drawing on the wall - нацарапать рисунок на стене

to scratch one's initials on the window-pane with a diamond - вырезать свои инициалы алмазом на оконном стекле

2) наспех или небрежно написать, нацарапать

to scratch a few lines of a letter - черкнуть несколько строк /слов/

7. 1) скрестись

the dog scratched at the door - собака скреблась в дверь

2) рыть когтями

3) рыться (в земле)

the chickens were scratching for worms [for corn] - куры рылись в земле в поисках червей [зёрен]

there is no sense in scratching about this rock with a pick: you'll have to use explosive - нет смысла ковырять эту скалу киркой -

придётся применить взрывчатку

8. выскребать, вырывать

to scratch a hole in the ground - выскрести /вырыть/ яму в земле

9. (часто scratch out, scratch off)

1) вычёркивать, перечёркивать

to scratch an item from an account - вычеркнуть какой-л. пункт из счёта

to scratch smb. off (from) a list - вычеркнуть кого-л. из списка

to scratch smb.'s name out - зачеркнуть чью-л. фамилию

2) спорт. снимать с участия в состязании

to scratch a horse - снять лошадь с состязаний

3) разг. идти на попятный, отказываться (от чего-л.)

to scratch an engagement - отменить встречу

to scratch the race /match/ - отменить гонки [матч]

I hope you're not going to scratch at the last moment - надеюсь, что вы не пойдёте на попятный в последний момент

4) подчистить (ножом, бритвой)

to scratch out a word [a name] - подчистить слово [фамилию]

5) амер. полит. сл. голосовать против кого-л. из кандидатов в списке, выдвинутом своей партией

6) амер. полит. сл. голосовать против отдельного предложения своей партии

10. амер. сл. подделывать чек

◇ scratch it! - сл. улепётывай!, смывайся!

to scratch for oneself - самому справиться с трудностями

to scratch one's head - быть озадаченным (чем-л.)

to scratch one's head over - ломать голову (над чем л.)

scratch my back and I will scratch yours - посл. ≅ услуга за услугу

to scratch one's way - пробиться, преуспеть

scratch

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

scratch [scratch scratches scratched scratching] verb, noun, adjective BrE

[skrætʃ] ^а NAmE [skrætʃ] ^а

verb

RUB WITH YOUR NAILS

1. transitive, intransitive to rub your skin with your nails, usually because it is itching

- ~ **sth/yourself** John yawned and scratched his chin.
- The dog scratched itself behind the ear.
- ~ **(at sth)** Try not to scratch.
- She scratched at the insect bites on her arm.

CUT SKIN

2. transitive, intransitive to cut or damage your skin slightly with sth sharp

- ~ **(sb/sth/yourself)** I'd scratched my leg and it was bleeding.
- Does the cat scratch?
- ~ **sb/sth/yourself on sth** She scratched herself on a nail.

DAMAGE SURFACE

3. transitive ~ **sth** to damage the surface of sth, especially by accident, by making thin shallow marks on it

- Be careful not to scratch the furniture.
- The car's paintwork is badly scratched.

MAKE/REMOVE MARK

4. transitive ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to make or remove a mark, etc. on sth deliberately, by rubbing it with sth hard or sharp

- They scratched lines in the dirt to mark out a pitch.
- Some graffiti had been scratched on the back of the door.

- We scratched some of the dirt away.
- (figurative) You can scratch my name off the list.

MAKE SOUND

5. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to make an irritating noise by rubbing sth with sth sharp

- His pen scratched away on the paper.
- We could hear mice scratching behind the wall.

A LIVING

6. **transitive ~ a living** to make enough money to live on, but with difficulty

- 75% of the population scratch a living from the soil.

CANCEL

7. **transitive, intransitive** to decide that sth cannot happen or sb/sth cannot take part in sth, before it starts

- ~ **sb/sth** to scratch a rocket launch
- ~ **sb/sth (from sth)** The horse was scratched from the race because of injury.
- ~ **(from sth)** She had scratched because of a knee injury.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	scratch
	BrE /skraetʃ/
	NAmE /skraetʃ/
he / she /it	scratches
	BrE /skraetʃɪz/
	NAmE /skraetʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	scratched
	BrE /skraetʃt/
	NAmE /skraetʃt/
-ing form	scratching
	BrE /skraetʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /skraetʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: probably a blend of the synonymous dialect words *scrat* and *cratch*, both of uncertain origin; compare with Middle Low German *kratsen* and Old High German *krazzōn*.

Thesaurus:

scratch verb

1. T, I

- She scratched at her attacker's face.

claw •

scratch/claw **at** sth

scratch/claw sth **with** sth

scratch/claw sb **frantically**

2. T

- Be careful not to scratch the furniture.

scrape • • **graze** • • **scuff** • • **rub** •

scratch/scrape/graze a **surface**

scratch sth/scrape sth/graze sth/scuff sth/rub **on** sth

scrape/graze your **knee/knuckles/elbow/shin**

Scratch or scrape? If you **scratch** a surface you make a long thin line on it; if you **scrape** it, you make a wider mark.

Example Bank:

- He absently scratched his head.
- He kept scratching at his nose.
- He scratched at his beard for a few seconds.
- I could hear the dog scratching at the door.
- I scratched my arm on a rose bush.
- She scratched his face with her nails.
- The table had been badly scratched.
- I'd scratched my leg and it was bleeding.
- She had obviously tried to scratch her attacker.
- The car's paintwork is badly scratched.
- The dog kept scratching at the door to go out.

Idioms: ↑from scratch ▪ ↑scratch the surface ▪ ↑scratch your head ▪ ↑up to scratch ▪ ↑you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours

Derived: ↑scratch about ▪ ↑scratch something out

noun

MARK/CUT

1. **countable** a mark, a cut or an injury made by scratching sb's skin or the surface of sth

- Her hands were covered in scratches from the brambles.
- a scratch on the paintwork
- It's **only a scratch** (= a very slight injury) .
- He escaped **without a scratch** (= was not hurt at all) .

SOUND

2. **singular** the unpleasant sound of sth sharp or rough being rubbed against a surface

WITH YOUR NAILS

3. **singular** the act of scratching a part of your body when it **itches**
 - Go on, have a good scratch!

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Thesaurus:

scratch noun C

- Her hands were covered in scratches from the roses.

cut • • **graze** • • **gash** • • **injury** • • **wound** •

a **deep** scratch/cut/gash/wound

suffer scratches/cuts/a gash/an injury/a wound

cuts and scratches/grazes

Example Bank:

- I've got some nasty scratches on my legs.
- Powdered cleansers will leave scratches on the glass.
- She emerged from the wrecked vehicle without a scratch.

adjective (BrE)

1. put together in a hurry using whatever people or materials are available
 - a scratch team
2. (especially in ↑**golf**) with no ↑**handicap**
 - a scratch player

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I. **scratch**¹ **S3** /skrætʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from *scrat* 'to scratch' (13-19 centuries) + *cratch* 'to scratch' (13-16 centuries)]

1. **RUB YOUR SKIN** [*intransitive and transitive*] to rub your skin with your nails because it feels uncomfortable ⇒ **itch**:
 - John yawned and scratched his leg.
 - Try not to scratch.

scratch at

- He was scratching at the bites on his arm.

2. **CUT SB'S SKIN** [*intransitive and transitive*] to cut someone's skin slightly with your nails or with something sharp:
 - She ran at him and scratched his face.
 - Don't scratch yourself on the thorns.

3. **MAKE A MARK** [*transitive*] to make a small cut or mark on something by pulling something sharp across it:
 - I'm afraid I've scratched your car.
 - Some of the prisoners had scratched their names on the walls.

4. **ANIMALS** [*intransitive always + adverb/preposition*] if an animal scratches, it rubs its feet against something, often making a noise:
 - A few chickens scratched around in the yard.

scratch at

- a dog scratching at the door to be let in

5. **REMOVE SOMETHING** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to remove something from a surface by rubbing it with something sharp

scratch something off/away etc

- I scratched away a little of the paint with my fingernail.

6. **REMOVE WRITING** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to remove a word from a piece of writing by drawing a line through it

SYN cross out

scratch something from/off something

- I have scratched his name from the list.

7. **MAKE A NOISE** [*intransitive always + adverb/preposition*] to make a rough sound by moving something sharp across a surface:
 - His pen scratched away on the paper.

8. **scratch the surface** to deal with only a very small part of a subject or problem

scratch the surface of

I think we have only scratched the surface of this problem.

9. **scratch your head** *informal* to think carefully about a difficult question or problem:

" This crisis has politicians scratching their heads and wondering what to do.

10. **STOP SOMETHING HAPPENING** [*transitive*] *informal* if you scratch an idea or a plan, you decide that you will not do it **SYN** abandon

11. **REMOVE FROM RACE** [*intransitive and transitive*] *informal* if someone scratches from a race, or if you scratch them from the race, they do not take part in it

12. **you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours** *spoken* used to say that you will help someone if they agree to help you

⇒ **scrape/scratch a living** at ↑living²(1)

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THESAURUS

- **touch** to put your fingers or hand onto someone or something for a very short time: Don't touch the iron – it's hot!
- **feel** to touch something with your fingers in order to find out about it: Feel how soft this material is. | I felt his forehead. It was cold.
- **handle** to touch something and pick it up and hold it in your hands: Children should always wash their hands before handling food. | The glass was very fragile, and she handled it with great care. | Please do not handle the merchandise.
- **finger** to touch or handle something with your fingers, especially while you are thinking of other things: She fingered the heavy necklace around her neck.
- **rub** to move your hand over a surface while pressing it: Bob rubbed his eyes and yawned.
- **scratch** to rub part of your body with your nails, often because it **ITCHES**: The dog kept scratching its ear. | Bob scratched his head thoughtfully.
- **tickle** to move your fingers lightly over someone's body in order to make them laugh: The baby giggled as I tickled him.
- **grope** to touch someone's body in a sexual way when they do not want to be touched: The officer was accused of groping several women in his platoon.

scratch around (also **scratch about** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

to try to find or get something which is difficult to find or get

scratch around for

" homeless people scratching around for a place to shelter

scratch something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to remove a word from a piece of writing by drawing a line through it **SYN** cross out:

" Emma's name had been scratched out.

II. **scratch**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

1. **CUT** [*countable*] a small cut on someone's skin:

" There were deep scratches all over her face.

" Don't worry, it's only a scratch (=not a serious injury).

" She was unharmed apart from a few cuts and scratches.

2. **MARK** [*countable*] a thin mark or cut on the surface of something:

" There was a big scratch on the car door.

3. **from scratch** if you start something from scratch, you begin it without using anything that existed or was prepared before:

" We had to start again from scratch.

" He had built the business up from scratch.

4. **up to scratch** *British English informal* good enough for a particular standard:

" Some of this work isn't up to scratch.

bring/get something up to scratch

" We spent thousands of pounds getting the house up to scratch.

5. **RUB** [*singular*] *especially British English* when you rub part of your body with your nails because it feels uncomfortable:

" He stretched and had a scratch.

" He brushed his hair and gave his scalp a good scratch.

6. **SOUND** [*countable*] a sound made by something sharp or rough being rubbed on a hard surface:

" I heard the scratch of an animal's claws on the door.

III. **scratch**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adjective* [no comparative]

1. a scratch team or group of people has been put together in a hurry, using anyone that is available

2. a scratch player in golf is very good and is not given any advantage in games

scratch

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RANGE: **3k** SCRATCH ¹⁰⁵⁰¹

scratch ⁴³⁰⁷

scratching ¹⁹⁰⁹

scratches ¹¹⁷²

scratched ²⁵²⁷

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