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1. [lɪmp] *n*
хромота, прихрамывание
to walk with a limp - хромать, прихрамывать
to have a bad limp - сильно хромать
2. [lɪmp] *v*
 1. хромать, прихрамывать
he limped away - он ушёл, волоча ногу
the wounded soldier limped off the battlefield - раненый (солдат) захромал с поля боя
 2. тащиться; плестись; двигаться медленно, с трудом (*о подбитом самолёте и т. п.*)
the damaged ship limped back to port - повреждённое судно кое-как /едва, еле-еле/ дотянулось /дотащилось/ до порта
 3. «хромать», быть неритмичным (*о стихе*)

II

- [lɪmp] *a*
1. 1) мягкий; нежёсткий
limp binding - мягкий переплёт
to get limp - размякнуть; потерять форму
 - 2) слабый, вялый; нетвёрдый
a limp handshake - слабое /вялое/ рукопожатие
flowers often look limp in hot weather - в жаркую погоду цветы часто никнут
his character is rather limp - он довольно слабовольный человек
 - 3) *полигр.* в мягком переплёте
a limp edition of a book - книга, вышедшая в мягкой обложке
 2. *амер. сл.* пьяный
he is limp - он на ногах не стоит
◇ limp sack - *амер. сл.* зануда; личность, наводящая на всех скуку

limp

limp [lɪmp limps limped limping] *adjective, verb, noun* *BrE* [lɪmp] ^u *NAmE*

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[lɪmp] ^u
adjective

1. lacking strength or energy
 - His hand went limp and the knife clattered to the ground.
 - She felt limp and exhausted.
2. not stiff or firm
 - The hat had become limp and shapeless.

Word Origin:

n. and *v.* late Middle English 'fall short of' limphalt 'lame' Germanic
adj. early 18th cent. ↑limp 'hanging loose'

Example Bank:

- Her hair looked limp and lifeless.
- His arm hung limp at his side.

Derived Word ↑limply

verb

1. *intransitive* to walk slowly or with difficulty because one leg is injured
 - She had twisted her ankle and was limping.
 - + *adv./prep.* Matt limped painfully off the field.
2. *intransitive* + *adv./prep.* to move slowly or with difficulty after being damaged
 - The plane limped back to the airport.
 - (*figurative*) The government was limping along in its usual way.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	limp
	BrE /lɪmp/
	NAmE /lɪmp/
he / she / it	limps
	BrE /lɪmps/
	NAmE /lɪmps/
past simple, past participle	limped
	BrE /lɪmpt/
	NAmE /lɪmpt/
-ing form	limping
	BrE /lɪmpɪŋ/
	NAmE /lɪmpɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He had hurt his leg and was limping badly.
- He limped away from his car.
- She limped slowly to the door.
- By the time we got back home she was limping badly.
- He had a sprained ankle and was limping.
- He was still limping slightly from his knee injury.
- Joe limped painfully off the field.

noun usually singular

a way of walking in which one leg is used less than normal because it is injured or stiff

- to walk with a **slight/pronounced limp**

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Example Bank:

- The accident had left him with a slight limp.

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I. limp¹ /lɪmp/ BrE " AmE " adjective

not firm or strong:

- " a limp handshake
- " His body suddenly went limp and he fell down on the floor.

—limply *adverb*:

- " His arms were hanging limply.

—limpness *noun* [uncountable]

II. limp² BrE " AmE " verb [intransitive]

1. to walk slowly and with difficulty because one leg is hurt or injured:

- " Moreno limped off the field with a foot injury.

2. [always + adverb/preposition] if a ship or aircraft limps somewhere, it goes there slowly, because it has been damaged

limp into

- " The damaged liner limped into New York.

limp along *phrasal verb*

if a company, project etc limps along, it is not successful:

- " The team is limping along in fifth place.

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THESAURUS

■ to walk with difficulty

- **limp** to walk with difficulty because one leg hurts, so that you put most of your weight on the other leg: Jake was limping because of the injury to his knee.
- **stagger** to walk or move unsteadily, almost falling over, especially because you are drunk or have been injured: They finally staggered back to the hotel at 4 o'clock in the morning. | He hit her and she staggered and fell.
- **hobble** to walk with difficulty in a slow and unsteady way because your legs or feet hurt or have been injured: My new shoes were so painful I could only hobble along. | She hobbled out to the car on crutches.

III. limp³ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

the way someone walks when they are limping:

- " Young walked with a slight limp.

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