

sponge

1. [sʌlndʒ, -{sʌ}nʒ] *n*

1. **зоол.** губка (*Spongia*)

2. 1) губка
rubber sponge - резиновая губка

2) обтирание губкой
to have a sponge down - обтираться губкой

3) смазывание *или* стирание губкой

3. 1) губчатое вещество
sponge filter - губчатый фильтр
sponge tissue - **физиол.** губчатая ткань

2) кислое тесто; опара
to lay /to set/ the sponge - ставить тесто /квашню/

3) бисквит

4) взбитые белки

5) металл губчатой структуры

6) трясина, топь

7) пенопласт

4. **мед.** тампон (*из марли и ваты*)

5. **разг.** нахлебник, паразит, приживал, приживалка

6. **разг.** пьянчуга, забулдыга

7. 1) восприимчивый *или* жадно воспринимающий что-л. человек

2) **шутл.** кладезь

he is a sponge full of knowledge - он кладезь знаний

his mind is a sponge gathering historical data - его мозг - это сокровищница исторических фактов

8. **воен.** поршень банника

◇ to pass the sponge over smth. - предать что-л. забвению

to throw /to loss/ up the sponge - сдаться, признать себя побеждённым

2. [sʌlndʒ, -{sʌ}nʒ] *v*

1. мыть, чистить, вытирать губкой

to sponge one's body - обтираться губкой

to sponge a coat - (по)чистить пиджак губкой

to sponge a wound - промывать рану

2. собирать губки

3. **разг.**

1) паразитировать, быть нахлебником; «сосать», «доить» (*кого-л.*)

to sponge on one's father for a living - жить за счёт отца

to sponge smb. of everything - выжать /вытянуть/ всё из кого-л.

he sponged off his family for a while - некоторое время он жил на иждивении своей семьи

2) выманить, выклянчить; занять без отдачи

to sponge a dinner - пообедать на даровщинку

he sponged forty dollars from his friend - он вытянул у приятеля сорок долларов

4. впитывать, промакивать, осушать (*чем-л.*; **тж.** sponge up)

to sponge up water from the carpet - собрать (*губкой, тряпкой*) воду, пролитую на ковёр

5. 1) стирать губкой, тряпкой *и т. п.* (**тж.** sponge off, sponge away)

to sponge off /away/ sweat and dust - стереть (губкой, платком *и т. п.*) пот и пыль

to sponge off writing from a blackboard - стереть написанное с доски

2) зачеркнуть (**обыкн.** sponge out)

whole paragraphs have been sponged out - были исключены /выброшены/ целые абзацы

3) изгладить из памяти, забыть, предать забвению (**обыкн.** sponge out)

to sponge (out) the memory of smth. - изгладить /стереть/ что-л. из памяти

to sponge (out) a debt - простить долг

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sponge [sʌndʒ sʌndʒs sʌndʒd sʌndʒɪŋ sʌndʒɪŋ] **noun, verb BrE**

[sʌndʒ] **NAmE** [sʌndʒ]

noun



1. **countable** a piece of artificial or natural material that is soft and light and full of holes and can hold water easily, used for washing or cleaning

- a bath sponge (= to wash your body with in the bath)
- (**figurative**) His mind was like a sponge, ready to absorb anything.

- 2. **uncountable** artificial **sponge** used for filling furniture, ↑cushions, etc.
- 3. **countable** a simple sea creature with a light body full of holes, from which natural **sponge** is obtained
- 4. **countable, uncountable** (BrE) = ↑sponge cake
 - a chocolate sponge

Word Origin:

Old English (in sense 1 of the noun), via Latin from Greek **spongia**, later form of **spongos**, reinforced in Middle English by Old French **esponge**.

Example Bank:

- Wipe the surface with a damp sponge.

verb

- 1. **transitive** ~ **sb/yourself/sth (down)** to wash sb/yourself/sth with a wet cloth or ↑sponge
 - Syn:** ↑wipe
 - She sponged his hot face.
 - Take your jacket off and I'll sponge it down with water.
- 2. **transitive** ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to remove sth using a wet cloth or ↑sponge
 - Syn:** ↑wash
 - We tried to sponge the blood off my shirt.
- 3. **intransitive** ~ **(off/on sb)** (informal, disapproving) to get money, food, etc. regularly from other people without doing anything for them or offering to pay
 - Syn:** ↑scrounge
 - He spent his life sponging off his relatives.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sponge
	BrE /spʌndʒ/
	NAme /spʌndʒ/
he / she /it	sponges
	BrE /spʌndʒɪz/
	NAme /spʌndʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	sponged
	BrE /spʌndʒd/
	NAme /spʌndʒd/
-ing form	sponging
	BrE /spʌndʒɪŋ/
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- I. **sponge**¹ /spʌndʒ/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun
 - [Date: 1000-1100; Language: Latin; Origin: spongia, from Greek]



- 1. [uncountable and countable] a piece of a soft natural or artificial substance full of small holes, which can suck up liquid and is used for washing
- 2. [countable] a simple sea creature from which natural sponge is produced
- 3. [singular] **British English** an act of washing something with a sponge
- 4. [uncountable and countable] **British English** a light cake made from flour, sugar, butter, and eggs:
 - a Victoria sponge
- 5. [countable] a ↑sponger
- II. **sponge**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

1. (also **sponge down**) [transitive] to wash something with a wet cloth or sponge:

" Clean the rug by sponging it gently.

" She stood on the bath mat and sponged herself down.

2. [intransitive] *informal* to get money, free meals etc from other people, without doing anything for them – used to show disapproval

sponge off/on

" These people are just sponging off the taxpayers.

3. [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to remove liquid or a mark with a wet cloth or sponge

sponge something off (something)

" I'll go and sponge this juice off my dress.

4. [transitive] to put paint on a surface using a sponge

sponge something on (something)

" Just sponge the paint on, like this.

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