

**crouch**

1. [kraʊtʃ] *n*

1. припадание (к земле, к ногам)  
to sit in a crouch - сидеть согнувшись
2. спорт.
  - 1) полуприсед (чуть согнув ноги - лёгкая атлетика)  
crouch start - низкий старт (лёгкая атлетика)
  - 2) низкая стойка при спуске с горы (лыжный спорт; тж. crouch position)

2. [kraʊtʃ] *v*

1. присесть, припасть к земле, сжаться (чаще о животных)  
tiger crouching for a spring - тигр, сжавшийся /припавший к земле/ перед прыжком
2. 1) низко кланяться, припадать к ногам
- 2) заискивать, пресмыкаться, раболепствовать  
to crouch one's back before smb. - гнуть спину перед кем-л.
3. сделать полуприсед (лёгкая атлетика)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**crouch** [crouch crouches crouched crouching] *verb, noun* BrE [kraʊtʃ] <sup>1</sup>

NAme [kraʊtʃ] <sup>2</sup>

*verb intransitive (+ adv./prep.)*

to put your body close to the ground by bending your legs under you

**Syn:** ↑squat

- He **crouched down** beside her.
- Doyle crouched behind a hedge.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	crouch
	BrE /kraʊtʃ/
	NAme /kraʊtʃ/
he / she /it	crouches
	BrE /kraʊtʃɪz/
	NAme /kraʊtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	crouched
-ing form	crouching
	BrE /kraʊtʃɪŋ/
	NAme /kraʊtʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: perhaps from Old French **crochir 'be bent'**, from **croche 'crozier, shepherd's crook'**, based on Old Norse **krókr 'hook'**.

Example Bank:

- She was crouching behind the sofa.
- The hare crouches low on the ground.
- They crouched over the dead animal.
- We crouched down to avoid being seen.

Derived Word ↑crouched

Derived ↑crouch over somebody

*noun singular*

a **crouching** position

- She dropped to a crouch.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from Old French **crochir 'to become hook-shaped'**, from **croche**; ⇒ ↑crochet]

1. (also **crouch down**) to lower your body close to the ground by bending your knees completely ⇒ **squat**:  
 " He crouched in the shadows near the doorway.  
 " Paula crouched down and held her hands out to the fire.
2. to bend over something so that you are very near to it ⇒ **lean**  
**crouch over**

a young girl crouched over a book

—crouch *noun* [countable]:

" She dropped to the ground in a crouch.

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crouches <sup>403</sup>

crouched <sup>1934</sup>

crouching <sup>809</sup>

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