

squirrel

1. ['skwɪrəl] n

1. 1) **зоол.** белка обыкновенная (*Sciurus vulgaris*)
- 2) беличий мех
2. **зоол.** суслик (*Citellus*; **мж.** ground squirrel)
3. собиратель, запасливый человек; ≅ всё в своё гнездо тащит
4. **амер. сл.**
 - 1) псих; чудака
 - 2) психиатр; психолог
5. **амер. сл.** неопытный и неосторожный водитель-лихач

2. ['skwɪrəl] v

1. **преим. шутл.** собирать про запас; запастись (**мж.** squirrel away)
2. **амер. сл.** сновать, метаться из стороны в сторону (**об автомобиле с неопытным водителем**)

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squir·rel [squirrel squirrels squirrelled squirreled squirrelling squirreling]

noun, verb **BrE** ['skwɪrəl] **AmE** ['skwɜːrəl]

noun

a small animal with a long thick tail and red, grey or black fur. **Squirrels** eat nuts and live in trees.

see also ↑ground squirrel

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French **esquireul**, **f** **r**ora diminutive of Latin **sciurus**, **f** **r**onGreek **skiouros**, **f** **r**on**skia** 'shade' + **oura** 'tail'. Current verb senses date **f** **r**the early 20th cent.

Derived ↑squirrel something away

verb (-ll-, especially US -l-)

Verb forms

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	squirrel
	BrE / 'skwɪrəl/
	NAme / 'skwɪrəl/
he / she / it	squirrels
	BrE / 'skwɪrəlz/
	NAme / 'skwɪrəlz/
past simple, past participle	squirrelled (especially US) squirreled
	BrE / 'skwɪrəld/
	NAme / 'skwɪrəld/
-ing form	squirrelling (especially US) squirreling
	BrE / 'skwɪrəlɪŋ/
	NAme / 'skwɪrəlɪŋ/

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I. **squirrel**¹ /'skwɪrəl \$ 'skwɜːrəl **BrE** **AmE** noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: esquirel, **f** **r**onLatin **sciurus**, **f** **r**onGreek **skiouros**, **f** **r**on**skia** 'shadow' + oura 'tail']



a small animal with a long **f** **r**tail that climbs trees and eats nuts

II. **squirrel**² **BrE** **AmE** verb (past tense and past participle **squirrelled**, present participle **squirrelling** **British English**, **squirreled**, **squirreling** **American English**)

squirrel something ↔ **away** **phrasal verb**

to keep something in a safe place to use later **SYN** stash away :

By December I had \$300 squirreled away.

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