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1. [kəʊm] *n*

1. 1) гребень, гребёнка; расчёска

2) причёсывание, расчёсывание

your hair needs a good comb - тебе нужно хорошенько расчесать волосы

2. 1) скребница

2) *текст.* чесалка, бёрдо3) *тех.* винторезная гребёнка3. 1) гребешок (*петуха*); хохолок (*птицы*)2) конёк (*крыши*)3) гребень (*шлема*)4) *редк.* гребень (*волны*)

4. пчелиные соты

comb honey - сотовый мёд

◇ to cut the comb of smb. - сбить спесь с кого-л., осадить *или* унизить кого-л.2. [kəʊm] *v*

1. чесать; расчёсывать

to comb one's hair - причёсываться, расчёсывать волосы

to comb a horse - чистить лошадь скребницей

to comb wool - чесать шерсть

to comb flax - мять /чесать, трепать/ лён; расчёсывать кудель

2. 1) прочёсывать (*местность и т. п.*)

she combed the files for the missing letter - она пересмотрела/переворошила/ все папки в поисках затерявшегося письма

2) = comb out 3, 1)

3. разбиваться (*о волнах*)

the waves combed over the vessel - волны разбивались о корабль

4. *шутл.* бить, колотить5. *разг.* бранить, ругать, отчитывать (*часто comb down*)

◇ to comb smb.'s hair the wrong way - ≅ гладить кого-л. против шерсти

to comb smb.'s hair for him - ≅ намылить голову кому-л., дать кому-л. нагоняй

to comb (smb.'s) head with a three legged stool - бить, колотить (кого-л.)

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comb [comb combs combed combing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [kəʊm] ¹ *NAmE* [koum]**noun**

1. **countable** a flat piece of plastic or metal with a row of thin teeth along one side, used for making your hair neat; a smaller version of this worn by women in their hair to hold it in place or as a decoration

• He just had time to wash his face and drag a comb through his hair before going out.

2. **countable, usually singular** the act of using a **comb** on your hair

• Your hair needs a good comb.

3. **countable, uncountable** = ↑honeycomb

4. **countable** the soft, red piece of flesh on the head of a male chicken

see with a fine-tooth comb **at** ↑fine-tooth comb *adj.*

Word Origin:

Old English camb, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **kam** and German **Kamm**.

Example Bank:

• She ran a comb through her tangled hair.

• Your hair could do with a comb!

Derived ↑comb something out

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to pull a **comb** through your hair in order to make it neat

• Don't forget to comb your hair!

• Her hair was neatly combed back.

2. **transitive, intransitive** to search sth carefully in order to find sb/sth

Syn: †scour

• ~ **sth** I combed the shops looking for something to wear.

• ~ **sth for sb/sth** The police combed the area for clues.

• ~ **through sth (for sb/sth)** They combed through the files for evidence of fraud.

3. **transitive ~ sth (technical)** to make wool, cotton, etc. clean and straight using a special **comb** so that it can be used to make cloth

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	comb
	BrE /kəʊm/
	NAme /koʊm/
he / she / it	combs
	BrE /kəʊmz/
	NAme /koʊmz/
past simple, past participle	combed
	BrE /kəʊmd/
	NAme /koʊmd/
-ing form	combing
	BrE /kəʊmɪŋ/
	NAme /koʊmɪŋ/

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[Language: Old English; Origin: camb]



1. [countable] a flat piece of plastic, metal etc with a row of thin teeth on one side, used for making your hair tidy ⇒ **brush**

2. [countable] a small flat piece of plastic, metal etc with a row of thin teeth on one side, used for keeping your hair back or for decoration

3. [singular] if you give your hair a comb, you make it tidy using a comb:

Your hair needs a good comb.

4. [countable] the red piece of flesh that grows on top of a male chicken's head

5. [countable] a †honeycomb

⇒ †fine-tooth comb

II. **comb**² BrE^u AmE^u *verb* [transitive]

1. to make hair look tidy using a comb:

Melanie ran upstairs to comb her hair.

2. to search a place thoroughly

comb something for somebody/something

Police are still combing the woods for the missing boy.

comb something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to use a comb to make untidy hair look smooth and tidy:

She sat combing out her hair in front of the kitchen mirror.

comb through something *phrasal verb*

to search through a lot of objects or information in order to find a specific thing or piece of information:

We spent weeks combing through huge piles of old documents.

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