

crumble['krʌmb(ə)] *v*

- 1) крошить, раздроблять, толочь, растирать (*тж.* crumble up)
to crumble bread - толочь сухой хлеб (*на сухари*)
- 2) крошиться; обваливаться, осыпаться
bones crumbled to dust - кости превратились в прах
2. распадаться, разрушаться, гибнуть (*тж.* crumble away)
the great empires of the past have crumbled and fallen - великие империи прошлого распались и погибли
my dearest hopes have crumbled to nothing - мои сокровенные надежды рухнули

crumble

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crum·ble [**crumble** **crumbles** **crumbled** **crumbling**] **verb, noun** *BrE* ['krʌmbəl] ¹*NAmE* ['krʌmbəl] ²**verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to break or break sth into very small pieces
 - Rice flour makes the cake less likely to crumble.
 - ~ **sth** Crumble the cheese over the salad.
2. **intransitive** if a building or piece of land is crumbling, parts of it are breaking off
 - buildings crumbling into dust
 - crumbling stonework
 - The cliff is gradually crumbling away.
 - They live in a crumbling old mansion.
3. **intransitive** to begin to fail or get weaker or to come to an end
 - a crumbling business/relationship
 - ~ **away** All his hopes began to crumble away.
 - ~ **into/to sth** The empire finally crumbled into dust.

see that's the way the cookie crumbles **at** ↑**way** *n.***Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	crumble
	<i>BrE</i> / 'krʌmbəl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'krʌmbəl/
he / she / it	crumbles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'krʌmbəlz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'krʌmbəlz/
past simple, past participle	crumbled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'krʌmbəd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'krʌmbəd/
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	<i>BrE</i> / 'krʌmbəlɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'krʌmbəlɪŋ/

Word Origin:late Middle English: probably from an Old English word related to ↑**crumb**.**Example Bank:**

- She crumbled the dry earth into fine powdery dust.

noun (*BrE*) (*NAmE* **crisp** *BrE* ¹ ; *NAmE* ²) **uncountable, countable**a ↑**dessert** (= a sweet dish) made from fruit that is covered with a rough mixture of flour, butter and sugar, cooked in the oven and usually served hot

- apple crumble and custard

Word Origin:late Middle English: probably from an Old English word related to ↑**crumb**.**See also:** ↑**crisp****crumble**

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I. crum·ble ¹ /'krʌmbəl/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ² **verb**[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** gecrymian, from cruma; ⇒ ↑**crumb**]1. [**intransitive**] (*also* **crumble away**) if something, especially something made of stone or rock, is crumbling, small pieces are breaking off it:

- The old stonework was crumbling away.
- crumbling colonial buildings

2. [**intransitive and transitive**] to break apart into lots of little pieces, or make something do this:

- The fall leaves crumbled in my fingers.
- ¼ cup crumbled goat's cheese

3. [**intransitive**] (*also* **crumble away**) to lose power, become weak, or fail **SYN disintegrate**:

- The Empire began to crumble during the 13th century.

our crumbling economy

⇒ that's the way the cookie crumbles at ↑cookie(3)

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THESAURUS

■ to become broken

- **break** *verb* [intransitive] to become damaged and separate into pieces: Plastic breaks quite easily.
- **smash** *verb* [intransitive] to break after being hit with a lot of force: The bowl smashed as it hit the floor.
- **shatter** *verb* [intransitive] to break into a lot of small pieces: The glass shattered all over the pavement.
- **crack** *verb* [intransitive] if something cracks, a line appears on the surface, which means that it could later break into separate pieces: The ice was starting to crack.
- **burst** *verb* [intransitive] if a tyre, balloon, pipe etc bursts, it gets a hole and air or liquid suddenly comes out of it: She blew up the balloon until it burst.
- **split** *verb* [intransitive] to break in a straight line: The damp had caused the wood to split.
- **crumble** *verb* [intransitive] to break into a powder or a lot of small pieces: The cork just crumbled in my hand.

II. **crumble**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [uncountable] *British English*

a sweet dish of fruit covered with a dry mixture of flour, butter, and sugar and baked:

¹ apple crumble

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