

shred1. [ʃred] *n*

1. 1) обрезок, обрывок; лоскуток; ветошка

in shreds and tatters - в лохмотьях

of shreds and patches - (сшитый) из обрезков и лоскутков

to tear a cloth in /into/ shreds - изорвать материю в клочья

to tear an argument to shreds - полностью опровергнуть довод

to tear smb.'s reputation to shreds - погубить чьё-л. доброе имя

2) полоска

a shred of mist [of ground] - полоска тумана [земли]

2. частица, йота, малая толика

not a shred of evidence - ни малейших доказательств

not a shred of truth - ни капли /ни грана, ни крупичицы/ правды

2. [ʃred] *v* (*shredded* [-{ʃred}ɪd]; *shredded*, *shred*)

1. резать, разрезать; рвать; крошить, измельчать

2. распадаться, рассыпаться

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shred [shred shreds shredded shredding] *verb*, *noun* *BrE* [ʃred] ^u *NAmE* [ʃred]**verb** (-dd-) ~ **sth**

to cut or tear sth into small pieces

• Serve the fish on a bed of shredded lettuce.

• He was accused of shredding documents relating to the case (= putting them in a [↑]shredder).Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shred
	BrE / ʃred/
	NAmE / ʃred/
he / she / it	shreds
	BrE / ʃredz/
	NAmE / ʃredz/
past simple, past participle	shredded
	BrE / ʃredɪd/
	NAmE / ʃredɪd/
-ing form	shredding
	BrE / ʃredɪŋ/
	NAmE / ʃredɪŋ/

Word Origin:late Old English *scrēad* 'piece cut off', *scrēadian* 'trim, prune', of West Germanic origin; related to [↑]*shroud*.Example Bank:

- Shred the lettuce leaves finely.
- He was accused of shredding documents relating to the case.

Idioms: [↑]*in shreds* ▪ [↑]*pick somebody to pieces***noun**1. **usually plural** a small thin piece that has been torn or cut from sth**Syn:** [↑]*scrap*

- shreds of paper
- His jacket had been **torn to shreds** by the barbed wire.
- Cut the orange peel into thin shreds.

2. **usually singular** ~ **of sth** (used especially in negative sentences) a very small amount of sth

- There is **not a shred of evidence** to support his claim.
- Couldn't he leave her some shred of dignity?

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- Just a few shreds of cloth were left.
- She was hanging on to the last remaining shreds of her reputation.
- Their case was torn to shreds by the defence lawyer.
- Their economy is in shreds.
- There is not a shred of doubt in my mind that we will win.
- There is not one shred of evidence in this case.
- This is an old story without a shred of truth to it.

- With her had gone every shred of hope he had for the future.
- the tattered shreds of their flag

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I. **shred**¹ /ʃred/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** screade]

1. **[countable]** a small thin piece that is torn or cut roughly from something

shred of

▪ a shred of paper

tear/rip something to shreds

▪ The clothes were ripped to shreds and covered in blood.

2. **tear/rip something to shreds** to criticize something very severely:

▪ Within a year, other researchers had torn the theory to shreds.

3. **in shreds**

a) torn in many places:

▪ Uncle Earl was exhausted and his shirt hung in shreds.

b) completely ruined:

▪ His ambitious plan was in shreds.

▪ If Myra gossips about this, my reputation will be in shreds.

4. **shred of something** a very small amount of something:

▪ There's not a shred of doubt (=no doubt at all) in my mind that we will win.

▪ He does not have a shred of evidence (=he has no evidence at all) to prove his claim.

▪ the last shred of hope

II. **shred**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **shredded**, present participle **shredding**) [**transitive**]

1. to cut or tear something into small thin pieces:

▪ Coleslaw is made with shredded cabbage.

2. to put a document into a shredder:

▪ Carlson was collecting messages, reading them, then shredding them.

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THESAURUS

- **tear** to damage paper or cloth by pulling it too hard, or letting it touch something sharp: She unwrapped the present carefully, trying not to tear the paper. | I tore a hole in my jacket, climbing over the fence.
- **rip** to tear something quickly or violently: Beth excitedly ripped open the package. | Stop pulling my dress! You'll rip it!
- **split** to tear your trousers or shirt when you put them on, because they are too tight for you: He bent down and split his trousers. | Oh no, now I've split my shirt.
- **ladder** *British English* if a woman ladders her [↑]tights or **STOCKINGS**, she tears them so that a long thin line appears in them: Damn! I've laddered my tights!
- **snag** to catch a piece of clothing on something rough or sharp so that it tears slightly: I snagged my shirt on a nail.
- **shred** to deliberately destroy letters, documents etc by cutting them into thin pieces, often by using a special machine: In order to prevent fraud, it's best to shred your bank statements. | I went through all my papers shredding things I didn't need.
- **frayed** torn a little along the edges – used about clothes, carpets etc that have been used a lot: He was wearing an old pair of frayed jeans. | The rug was a little frayed around the edges. | The jacket was a little frayed at the cuffs.

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