

hobble

1. ['hɒb(ə)] *n*

1. прихрамывание, ковыляние; припадание на одну ногу
to walk with a hobble - хромать при ходьбе; идти прихрамывая
2. запинаящаяся речь; запинка, заминка (*в речи*); заикание
3. 1) конские путы
- 2) путы, помеха; препятствие
4. = hobble skirt
5. *диал., арх. разг.* затруднительное положение; неловкость
to get into a hobble - попасть впросак

2. ['hɒb(ə)] *v*

1. 1) хромать, прихрамывать; ковылять
to hobble along - а) идти прихрамывая; ковылять; the man hobbled along on his crutches - мужчина ковылял на (своих) костылях; б) тянуться, тащиться (*к какой-л. цели*)
try to hobble along to the end of the school term - старайся дотянуть до конца школьной четверти
- 2) мешать ходьбе; заставлять хромать
his tight shoes hobbled him - он едва ковылял в своих тесных туфлях
2. 1) запинаться; спотыкаться (*на слове*)
- 2) хромать (*о стихе*)
3. 1) (с)треножить (*лошадь*)
- 2) затруднять, путать
the students' inattention hobbles their learning - невнимательность студентов мешает /вредит/ учёбе

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

hob·ble [hobble hobbles hobbled hobbling] *BrE* ['hɒbl] ^ɹ *NAmE* ['hɑːbl̩] ^ɹ

verb

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to walk with difficulty, especially because your feet or legs hurt

Syn: ↑limp

- The old man hobbled across the road.
- She was hobbling around on crutches.

2. **transitive ~ sth** to tie together two legs of a horse or other animal in order to stop it from running away

- The horse's hind legs had been hobbled.

3. **transitive ~ sth** to make it more difficult for sb to do sth or for sth to happen

- Our work is hobbled by the amount of bureaucracy involved

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	hobble
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hɒbl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hɑːbl/
he / she /it	hobbles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hɒblz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hɑːblz/
past simple, past participle	hobbled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hɒblɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hɑːblɪd/
-ing form	hobbling
	<i>BrE</i> / 'hɒblɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'hɑːblɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: probably of Dutch or Low German origin and related to Dutch **hobbelen** 'rock from side to side'.

Example Bank:

- He was still hobbling around with a stick .
- She hobbled painfully home.
- an old lady hobbling down the road
- He used to hobble around the yard on crutches.
- I hobbled off to find my missing shoe.
- She hobbled painfully back to the hut.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

hob·ble /'hɒbl̩ \$ 'hɑːbl̩- *BrE* ^ɹ *AmE* ^ɹ *verb*

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Origin:** Probably from Dutch or Low German]

1. [**intransitive always + adverb/preposition**] to walk with difficulty, especially because your legs or feet hurt ⇨ **limp**:

He hobbled into the room on crutches.

2. [**transitive usually passive**] to deliberately make sure that a plan, system etc cannot work successfully:

Many start-ups are hobbled by a lack of sufficient capital.

3. [**transitive**] to loosely fasten two of an animal's legs together, to stop it from running away

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THESAURUS

■ to walk with difficulty

- **limp** to walk with difficulty because one leg hurts, so that you put most of your weight on the other leg: Jake was limping because of the injury to his knee.
- **stagger** to walk or move unsteadily, almost falling over, especially because you are drunk or have been injured: They finally staggered back to the hotel at 4 o'clock in the morning. | He hit her and she staggered and fell.
- **hobble** to walk with difficulty in a slow and unsteady way because your legs or feet hurt or have been injured: My new shoes were so painful I could only hobble along. | She hobbled out to the car on crutches.

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