

**scruff**

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[skrʌf] *n* (*обыкн.* *the scruff of the neck*)

- 1) загривок
- 2) шиворот

to take [to seize, to hold] smb. by the scruff of the neck - взять [схватить, держать] кого-л. за шиворот

II

[skrʌf] *n редк.*

1. тонкая корочка, верхний слой
2. 1) отбросы, мусор
- 2) презренный металл (*о деньгах*)
- 3) *сл.* грязнуля

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**scruff** [skrʌf] *n* (*BrE* [skrʌf] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [skrʌf] <sup>m</sup>) *noun* (*BrE, informal*)

a dirty or untidy person

Idiom: †by the scruff of the neck

Word Origin:

late 18th cent. scuff

*n.* early 16th cent. 'flakes of skin' scurf 'flakes of skin' 'worthless thing'**scruff**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: scuff 'back of the neck' (18-19 centuries), perhaps from Old Norse skoft 'hair of the head']

1. **by the scruff of the neck** if you hold a person or animal by the scruff of their neck, you hold the skin, fur, or clothes at the back of their neck
2. [countable] *British English informal* someone who looks untidy or dirty

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