

swirl

1. [swɜːl] *n*

1. водоворот, кружение, завихрение
a swirl of water - воронка на воде
a swirl of dust - вихрь пыли
swirls of smoke - клубы дыма
in the swirl of modern life - в водовороте современной жизни
- 1) завиток (*волос*), локон
2) лента на тулье шляпы
her hat had a swirl of lace round it - на её шляпке были накручены кружева
3. сучок, свиль (*в древесине*)

2. [swɜːl] *v*

- 1) кружить в водовороте
to swirl the dust away - вихрем унести пыль
the withered leaves were swirled round by the wind - ветер кружил сухие листья
- 2) кружиться в водовороте; вертеться, нестись вихрем
the dust swirled through the air - пыль вихрями носилась в воздухе
2. испытывать головокружение
my head swirls - у меня кружится голова
3. обвивать, обматывать
her hat was swirled with lace - её шляпка была увита кружевами

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swirl [swɜrl swɜrls swɜrld swɜrlɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* [swɜːl] *AmE* [swɜːrl]

verb intransitive, transitive

to move around quickly in a circle; to make sth do this

- (+ *adv./prep.*) The water swirled down the drain.
- A long skirt swirled around her ankles.
- swirling mists
- ~ *sth* (+ *adv./prep.*) He took a mouthful of water and swirled it around his mouth.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	swirl
	BrE /swɜːl/
	NAme /swɜːrl/
he / she / it	swirls
	BrE /swɜːlz/
	NAme /swɜːrlz/
past simple, past participle	swirled
	BrE /swɜːld/
	NAme /swɜːrld/
-ing form	swirling
	BrE /swɜːlɪŋ/
	NAme /swɜːrlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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noun

1. the movement of sth that twists and turns in different directions and at different speeds
• The dancers left the stage in a swirl of skirts.
2. a pattern or an object that twists in circles
• The material is yellow with blue swirls on it.
• The cakes were topped with swirls of cream.

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1. **swirl**¹ /swɜːl/ \$ swɜːrl *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. [*intransitive and transitive*] to move around quickly in a twisting circular movement, or to make something do this

swirl around/round

" Smoke swirled around her.

swirl something around/round

" He swirled the brandy around in his glass.

" The river had become a swirling torrent.

2. [*intransitive*] if stories or ideas swirl around a place, a lot of people start to talk about them – used especially in news reports **SYN** circulate

swirl around

" Rumours of a takeover began to swirl around the stock markets.

II. **swirl**² *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Probably from the sound of water going around]

1. a swirling movement or amount of something

swirl of

" a swirl of dust

2. a twisting circular pattern

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