

swoop

1. [swu:p] *n*

1. падение вниз (*хищной птицы на жертву*)
2. 1) внезапное нападение, налёт
influenza came down upon me with a swoop - меня подкосил /свалил/ грипп
- 2) **воен.** внезапная атака
◇ at one (fell) swoop - одним злодейским /коварным/ ударом

2. [swu:p] *v*

1. (**обыкн.** swoop down) устремляться, падать вниз; налетать бросаться
the eagle swooped down on its prey - орёл камнем упал на свою жертву
2. **внезапно налетать**
police swooped down on a gambling club and made several arrests - полиция совершила налёт на игорный дом и нескольких человек арестовала
breeze swooped down upon us - ветер налетел на нас
3. хватать, подхватывать (**обыкн.** swoop up)

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swoop [swoop swoops swooped swooping] **verb, noun** BrE [swu:p] AmE

[swu:p]

verb

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (of a bird or plane) to fly quickly and suddenly downwards, especially in order to attack sb/sth

Syn: †dive

- The aircraft swooped down over the buildings.
- A hawk swooped low over the field.

2. **intransitive ~ (on sb/sth)** (especially of police or soldiers) to visit or attack sb/sth suddenly and without warning

- Officers swooped on the vehicles as they left the ferry.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	swoop
	BrE /swu:p/
	NAme /swu:p/
he / she / it	swoops
	BrE /swu:ps/
	NAme /swu:ps/
past simple, past participle	swooped
	BrE /swu:pt/
	NAme /swu:pt/
-ing form	swooping
	BrE /swu:piŋ/
	NAme /swu:piŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'sweep along in a stately manner'): perhaps a dialect variant of Old English swāpan, of Germanic origin. The early sense of the noun was 'a blow, stroke'.

Example Bank:

- Customs officers swooped on several houses last night looking for drugs.

noun

1. an act of moving suddenly and quickly through the air in a downward direction, as a bird does

Syn: †dive

2. ~ (on sth/sb) an act of arriving somewhere or attacking sth/sb in a way that is sudden and unexpected

Syn: †raid

- Large quantities of drugs were found during a police swoop on the star's New York home.

see at/in one fell swoop **at** †fell *adj.*

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1. **swoop**¹ /swu:p/ BrE AmE **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: swope 'to sweep' (11-19 centuries), from Old English swapan; ⇨ †sweep¹]

1. if a bird or aircraft swoops, it moves suddenly down through the air, especially in order to attack something:

The eagle hovered, ready to swoop at any moment.

swoop down/over/across etc

A helicopter suddenly swooped down.

2. **written** if the police, army etc swoop on a place, they go there without any warning in order to look for someone or something

swoop on

Drug officers swooped on several addresses in London last night.

II. **swoop**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]

1. a sudden surprise attack on a place in order to get something or take people away – used especially in news reports

swoop on

Police arrested a man in a swoop on his house last night.

2. a swooping movement or action

⇒ **at/in one fell swoop** at ¹*fell*⁴

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