

scrabble

1. ['skræb(ə)] *n*
 1. возня; барахтанье; карабканье
 2. каракули
2. ['skræb(ə)] *v*
 1. 1) копаться, рыться (в *поисках чего-л.*; *тж.* scabble about)
 - 2) скрестись, царапаться (о *животных*)
 2. 1) царапать, писать каракулями
 - 2) *библ.* писать, делать надписи
 3. *редк.* ползать на четвереньках (в *поисках чего-л.*)
 4. карабкаться; пробираться

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scrab·ble [**scrabble** **scrabbles** **scrabbled** **scrabbling**] *BrE* ['skræbl̩] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* ['skræbl̩] [Ⓜ] *verb intransitive* ~ (around/about) (for sth) | + *adv./prep.* (especially *BrE*)

to try to find or to do sth in a hurry or with difficulty, often by moving your hands or feet about quickly, without much control

- She scabbled around in her bag for her glasses.
- He was scabbling for a foothold on the steep slope.
- a sound like rats scabbling on the other side of the wall
- In his panic, he began scabbling at the lock.
- The kids scabbled up the slope.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	scrabble
	<i>BrE</i> / 'skræbl̩/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'skræbl̩/
he / she /it	scrabbles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'skræbl̩z/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'skræbl̩z/
past simple, past participle	scrabbled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'skræbl̩d/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'skræbl̩d/
-ing form	scrabbling
	<i>BrE</i> / 'skræbl̩ɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'skræbl̩ɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'make marks at random, scrawl'): from Middle Dutch *schrabbelen*, frequentative of *scrabben* 'to scrape'.

Example Bank:

- In her panic, she began scabbling at the lock.
- There was a sound like rats scabbling on the other side of the wall.

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scrabble /'skræbəl/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *verb* [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Dutch; Origin: *scrabbelen* 'to scratch']

to try to find or do something very quickly, usually by moving your hands or feet in an uncontrolled way

- scrabble for**
 - He scabbled for the light switch.
- scrabble around/about**
 - She was scabbling around, searching for the door.

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