

wriggle

1. ['rɪg(ə)] *n*
 1. изгиб, извив
 2. изгибание; выгибание (*тела*)
2. ['rɪg(ə)] *v*
 1. 1) извиваться (*о черве, змее*); изгибаться; корчиться; дёргаться
 - 2) извивать, изгибать
 - to wriggle the hips - покачивать бёдрами
 - to wriggle the tail - вилять хвостом
 2. 1) пробираться ползком
 - 2) (into) втереться, примазаться (*мж. to wriggle along*)
 - to wriggle into favour- втереться в доверие
 - to wriggle one's way (to /into/ smth.) - проникнуть, пробраться (*куда-л.*)
 - to wriggle into office - пробраться на какой-л. пост
3. (from, out of) ускользать, увилывать
 - to wriggle out of a promise - увильнуть от исполнения обещания
 - to wriggle out of expressing an opinion - увильнуть от высказывания своего мнения
 - to wriggle out of a difficulty - выпутаться из затруднительного положения

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wriggle [wriggle wriggles wriggled wriggling] *verb, noun* BrE ['rɪgɫ] ^u NAmE

['rɪgɫ]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to twist and turn your body or part of it with quick short movements
 - Syn:** †wiggle
 - ~ (**about/around**) The baby was wriggling around on my lap.
 - ~ **sth** She wriggled her toes.
2. **intransitive, transitive** to move somewhere by twisting and turning your body or part of it
 - Syn:** †squirm
 - (+ **adv./prep.**) The fish wriggled out of my fingers.
 - + **adj.** She managed to wriggle free.
 - ~ **your way/yourself + adv./prep.** They wriggled their way through the tunnel.
 - He wriggled himself into a comfortable position.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	wriggle
	BrE / 'rɪgɫ/
	NAmE / 'rɪgl/
he / she /it	wriggles
	BrE / 'rɪgɫz/
	NAmE / 'rɪglz/
past simple, past participle	wriggled
	BrE / 'rɪgɫd/
	NAmE / 'rɪglɪd/
-ing form	wriggling
	BrE / 'rɪgɫɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'rɪglɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from Middle Low German **wriggelen**, frequentative of **wrigen** 'twist, turn'.

Example Bank:

- She wriggled her way under the heavy eiderdown.
- She wriggled out of his grip.
- The children wriggled uncomfortably in their seats.
- The dog wriggled free of his grasp and ran off.
- Can you wriggle your toes?
- She wriggled like an embarrassed child.
- The baby was wriggling around in my lap.
- The dog managed to wriggle free from his grasp.
- The fish wriggled out of my grasp.

Derived †wriggle out of out of doing something

noun usually singular
an act of **wriggling**

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wriggleI. **wriggle**¹ /'rɪɡəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from Middle Low German wriggeln]

1. **[intransitive]** to twist your body from side to side with small quick movements:

Stop wriggling and let me put your T-shirt on.

wriggle under/through/into

He wriggled through the window.

The dog wriggled free and ran off.2. **[transitive]** to move a part of your body backwards and forwards with small movements:

She took off her shoes and wriggled her toes.

—**wriggly** *adjective*:

a wriggly worm

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- **move** to go to a different place, or change the position of your body: Sarah moved away from the window. | Every time I move I get a pain in my left shoulder.
- **sway** to move slowly from one side to the other: The branches swayed in the wind. | Donny swayed drunkenly as he walked back to his car.
- **rock** to move repeatedly from one side to another, with small gentle movements: He rocked backward and forward in his chair. | The boat rocked from side to side with the waves.
- **wobble** to move unsteadily from side to side: The bike wobbled a bit, but she soon got it under control.
- **fidget** to keep moving or playing with your fingers, hands, feet etc, because you are bored or nervous: Diana fidgeted nervously with her pencil.
- **squirm** to make very small movements from side to side with your body, especially because you feel uncomfortable: By the end of the hour, most of the children were squirming in their seats.
- **wriggle** to make small movements from side to side, especially in order to get into or out of something: The dog wriggled under the fence and escaped into the street. | She managed to wriggle into the dress, but it was much too tight.
- **twitch** if part of your body twitches, it makes small movements that you cannot control: A muscle on Yang's face twitched.
- **stir** *written* to make a movement – used especially when describing a situation in which no one moves, or someone wakes up: In the village a dog barked but no one stirred | The sleeping child stirred and opened her eyes.
- **budge** to move – used when you are trying hard to make something move, often without success: The piano wouldn't budge.

wriggle out of something *phrasal verb*1. to avoid doing something by using clever excuses **SYN get out of something**:

Don't try to wriggle out of your responsibilities.

2. to take off a tight piece of clothing by twisting your body from side to side:

She wriggled out of her dress.

II. **wriggle**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

a movement in which you twist your body from side to side

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