

catapult

1. [ˈkætəpʌlt, ˈkætəpʌlt] *n*
 1. *ucm.* катапульта; метательная машина
 2. *ae.* катапульта
catapult seat - *ae.* катапультируемое сиденье
 3. рогатка
2. [ˈkætəpʌlt, ˈkætəpʌlt] *v*
 1. *ucm.* метать, бросать катапультай
 2. *ae.* катапультировать
 3. стрелять из рогатки

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catapult [catapult catapults catapulted catapulting] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈkætəpʌlt]

AmE [ˈkætəpʌlt]

noun

catapult (*BrE*)
slingshot (*AmE*)



1. (*BrE*) (*AmE* **slingshot**) a stick shaped like a Y with a rubber band attached to it, used by children for shooting stones
2. a weapon used in the past to throw heavy stones
3. a machine used for sending planes up into the air from a ship

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French *catapulte* or Latin *catapulta*, from Greek *katapeltēs*, from *kata-* ‘down’ + *pallein* ‘hurl’.

verb transitive, intransitive

to throw sb/sth or be thrown suddenly and violently through the air

- ~ (**sb/sth**) + **adv./prep.** She was catapulted out of the car as it hit the wall.
- (*figurative*) The movie catapulted him to international stardom.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	catapult
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkætəpʌlt/
	<i>AmE</i> / ˈkætəpʌlt/
he / she / it	catapults
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkætəpʌltz/
	<i>AmE</i> / ˈkætəpʌltz/
past simple, past participle	catapulted
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkætəpʌltɪd/
	<i>AmE</i> / ˈkætəpʌltɪd/
-ing form	catapulting
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkætəpʌltɪŋ/
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See also: ↑slingshot

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: *catapulta*, from Greek *katapaltes*, from *kata-* (⇒ *cataclysm*) + *pallein* ‘to throw strongly’]



1. a large weapon used in former times to throw heavy stones, iron balls etc

2. *British English* a small stick in the shape of a Y with a thin rubber band fastened over the two ends, used by children to throw stones **SYN slingshot** *American English*

3. a piece of equipment used to send an aircraft into the air from a ship

II. **catapult** ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

1. [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to push or throw something very hard so that it moves through the air very quickly:

Sam was catapulted into the air by the force of the blast.

2. **catapult somebody to fame/stardom etc** to suddenly make someone very famous:

A remarkable series of events catapulted her into the limelight.

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