

# shamble

1. ['ʃæmb(ə)] *n* *mk. sing*  
неуклюжая походка
2. ['ʃæmb(ə)] *v*  
волочить ноги, тащиться

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**sham·ble** [shamble shambles shambled shambling] *BrE* ['ʃæmbəl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE*

['ʃæmbəl] <sup>m</sup> **verb intransitive (+ adv./prep.)**

to walk in an awkward or lazy way, dragging your feet along the ground

- The old porter shambled along behind her.
- He shambled off into the house.
- a shambling gait

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	shamble
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈʃæmbəl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈʃæmbəl/
he / she / it	shambles
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈʃæmbəlz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈʃæmbəlz/
past simple, past participle	shambled
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈʃæmbld/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈʃæmbld/
-ing form	shambling
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈʃæmbəlɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈʃæmbəlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: probably from dialect shamble 'ungainly', perhaps from the phrase shamble legs, with reference to the legs of trestle tables (such as would be used in a meat market: see ↑shambles).

Example Bank:

- She shambled off towards the stairs.

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**sham·ble** /'ʃæmbəl/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **verb** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Origin:** shamble (of legs) 'curved, badly formed' (16-19 centuries), probably from shamble 'table from which meat is sold' (⇒ ↑shambles); probably because of the similarity to table legs]

to walk slowly and awkwardly, not lifting your feet much, for example because you are tired, weak, or lazy **SYN** shuffle

**shamble over/past/along etc**

" The old man shambled out of the room muttering to himself.

**shambling gait** (=a shambling way of walking)

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