

fluff

1. [flʌf] *n*
 - 1) пух, пушок; ворс
to lose [to shed] its fluff - вытираться (о ткани)
there is fluff under the bed - под кроватью хлопья пыли
 - 2) *сл.* хвост
 - 3) бумажная пыль
2. *сл.*
 - 1) оговорка, ошибка (*оратора, актёра*)
 - 2) *театр.*, *радио*, *тлв.* накладка
 - 3) промах, оплошность
he made a fluff when he called attention to his record - он допустил оплошность, заставив обратить внимание на своё прошлое
3. *амер. сл.* отпор
to give smb. the fluff - отшить кого-л.
4. *сл.* (*тж.* a bit /a piece/ of fluff) девчонка; вертушка

2. [flʌf] *v*

- 1) 1) взбивать; распушить
to fluff (out) one's hair - взбивать волосы
the bird fluffed (up) its feathers - птица распушила перья
- 2) распушиться, стать пушистым
2. ворсить
3. носиться в воздухе как пух
4. *сл.*
 - 1) сбиваться, оговариваться (*об актёре, ораторе*)
 - 2) *театр.* допустить накладку
the actress fluffed her lines - актриса сбилась с роли
 - 3) допустить промах, оплошность
the cricketer fluffed the catch - (полевой) игрок не поймал мяч (*крикет*)
◇ fluff it! - *сл.* прочь!, уберите!, мне это не нужно!

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fluff [fluff fluffs fluffed fluffing] **noun, verb** *BrE* [flʌf] ^ˈ *NAmE* [flʌf] ^ˈ

noun uncountable

1. (*BrE*) (*also lint NAmE, BrE*) small pieces of wool, cotton, etc. that gather on clothes and other surfaces
• This sweater is covered in fluff
2. soft animal fur or bird feathers, that is found especially on young animals or birds
• The baby birds were still covered in fluff
3. (*informal, especially NAmE*) entertainment that is not serious and is not considered to have great value

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: probably a dialect alteration of 16th-cent. flue 'down, nap, fluff', apparently from Flemish *vluwe*

verb

1. ~ **sth** (*informal*) to do sth badly or to fail at sth
Syn: †bungle
• He completely fluffed an easy shot (= in sport) .
• Most actors fluff their lines occasionally.
2. ~ **sth (out/up)** to shake or brush sth so that it looks larger and/or softer
• The female sat on the eggs, fluffing out her feathers.
• Let me fluff up your pillows for you.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	fluff
	<i>BrE</i> /flʌf/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flʌf/
he / she /it	fluffs
	<i>BrE</i> /flʌfs/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flʌfs/
past simple, past participle	fluffed
	<i>BrE</i> /flʌft/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flʌft/
-ing form	fluffing
	<i>BrE</i> /flʌfɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /flʌfɪŋ/

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See also: †lint

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[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Probably from flue 'fluff' (16-19 centuries), from Flemish vluwe]

1. soft light bits of thread that have come from wool, cotton, or other materials:

- He was picking bits of fluff off his trousers.
- a ball of carpet fluff

2. soft light hair or feathers, especially on a young bird or animal:

- The chicks were just balls of yellow fluff.

3. news, music, writing, work etc that is not serious or important:

- a magazine full of pop and fashion fluff

II. **fluff**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive]

1. *informal* to make a mistake or do something badly **SYN** mess something ↔ up:

- He fluffed his shot and missed the goal.
- She fluffed her lines in the first scene.

2. (also **fluff something** ↔ up/out) to make something soft become larger by shaking it:

- She fluffed up the pillows for me.

3. (also **fluff something** ↔ up/out) if a bird fluffs its feathers, it raises them and makes itself look bigger

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²³ **122755**⁴⁰ *np1*