

grapple

1. ['græp(ə)] *n*
 1. = grapnel
 2. схватка, борьба (*тж. спорт.*)
 3. *тех.* захват; кошка
2. ['græp(ə)] *v*
 1. 1) (with) сцепиться
to grapple with a ship - взять судно на бордаж
 - 2) (with) бороться; схватиться, сцепиться
to grapple with one's adversary [partner, rival] - сцепиться с противником [партнёром, соперником]
 - 3) (with) пытаться преодолеть *или* разрешить
to grapple with a difficulty - пытаться преодолеть трудность
to grapple with a task [a question, a problem] - пытаться разрешить задачу [вопрос, проблему]
 - 4) *спорт.* бороться
 - 5) обхватывать (*борьба*)
the two wrestlers grappled together - два борца крепко обхватили друг друга
2. *редк.* ощупывать; искать, идти ощупью
3. *спец.* укреплять связями *или* анкерами
4. *мор.* закладывать гак
5. *уст.* идти, сцепляться на бордаж

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grap·ple [grapple grapples grappled grappling] *BrE* ['græpl] *NAmE* ['græpl]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to take a firm hold of sb/sth and struggle with them
 - ~ (with **sb/sth**) Passers-by grappled with the man after the attack.
 - ~ **sb/sth (+ adv./prep.)** They managed to grapple him to the ground.
2. **intransitive** to try hard to find a solution to a problem
 - ~ **with sth** The new government has yet to grapple with the problem of air pollution.
 - ~ **to do sth** I was grappling to find an answer to his question.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	grapple
	<i>BrE</i> / 'græpl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'græpl/
he / she / it	grapples
	<i>BrE</i> / 'græplz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'græplz/
past simple, past participle	grappled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'græpld/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'græpld/
-ing form	grappling
	<i>BrE</i> / 'græplɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'græplɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a noun denoting a grappling hook): from Old French **grapil**, from Provençal, diminutive of **grapa** 'hook', of Germanic origin; related to **grape**. The verb dates from the mid 16th cent.

Example Bank:

- a government trying to grapple with inflation
- an attempt to grapple with this very difficult issue

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grap·ple /'græpəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: grappelle, from grape; ⇒ **grape**]

to fight or struggle with someone, holding them tightly **SYN** **wrestle**

grapple with

Two men grappled with a guard at the door.

grapple with something *phrasal verb*

to try hard to deal with or understand something difficult:

- The Government has to grapple with the problem of unemployment.
- Molly's upstairs grappling with her maths homework.

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