

clasp

1. [kla:sp] n

1. 1) пряжка, застёжка; фермуар (*на ожерелье*); аграф

2) **воен.** пряжка к орденской ленте *или* медали

2. пожатие; объятие, объятия

I was glad to escape the bear's clasp - я был рад, что не попался медведю в объятия
he gave my hand a warm clasp - он тепло пожал мне руку

3. **тех.** зажим

2. [kla:sp] v

1. застёгивать (*на пряжки и т. п.*); надеть и застегнуть

he clasped the bracelet round her wrist - он надел ей на руку браслет

2. сжимать; зажимать

the thief was clasping a knife - вор сжимал в руках нож

3. пожимать; обнимать

she clasped her baby to her breast - она прижимала ребёнка к груди

to clasp in one's arms - заключить в объятия

the sisters were clasped in each other's arms - сёстры стояли в обнимку

to clasp smb.'s hand - пожимать кому-л. руку

to clasp (one's own) hands - а) стискивать пальцы (*от боли*); б) складывать руки (*в мольбе*); в) ломать руки (*в отчаянии*)

4. 1) обвиваться (*о растении*)

2) (round, over) обвивать

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clasp [clasp clasps clasped clasping] verb noun BrE [klaʊsp] NAmE [klæsp]

verb

1. ~ **sth** to hold sth tightly in your hand

- He leaned forward, his **hands clasped** tightly together.
- They clasped hands (= held each other's hands) .
- I stood there, clasping the door handle.

2. ~ **sb/sth** to hold sb/sth tightly with your arms around them

- She clasped the children in her arms.
- He **clasped** her **to him** .
- She clasped her arms tightly around him.

3. ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** to fasten sth with a [↑]clasp

- She clasped the bracelet around her wrist.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	clasp
	BrE /kla:sp/
	NAmE /klæsp/
he / she / it	clasps
	BrE /kla:spz/
	NAmE /klæspz/
past simple, past participle	clasped
	BrE /kla:spɪd/
	NAmE /klæspɪd/
-ing form	clasping
	BrE /kla:spɪŋ/
	NAmE /klæspɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: of unknown origin.

Synonyms:

hold

hold on • cling • clutch • grip • grasp • clasp • hang on

These words all mean to have sb/sth in your hands or arms.

hold • to have sb/sth in your hand or arms: ▫ She was holding a large box. ▫ I held the baby gently in my arms.

hold on (to sb/sth) • to continue to hold sb/sth; to put your hand on sb/sth and not take your hand away: ▫ Hold on and don't let go until I say so.

cling • to hold on to sb/sth tightly, especially with your whole body: ▫ Survivors ▫ clung to ▫ pieces of floating debris.

clutch • to hold sb/sth tightly, especially in your hand; to take hold of sth suddenly: ▫ She stood there, the flowers still clutched in her hand. ▫ He felt himself slipping and ▫ clutched at ▫ a branch.

grip • to hold on to sth very tightly with your hand: ▫ Grip the rope as tightly as you can.

grasp • to take hold of sth firmly: ▫ He grasped my hand and shook it warmly.

The object of **grasp** is often sb's **hand** or **wrist**.

clasp • (formal) to hold sb/sth tightly in your hand or in your arms: ▫ They clasped hands ▫ (= held each other's hands) ▫. ▫ She clasped the children in her arms.

The object of **clasp** is often your **hands**, sb else's **hand** or another person.

hang on (to sth) • to hold on to sth very tightly, especially in order to support yourself or stop yourself from falling: ▪ Hang on tight. We're off!
 to hold/clutch/grip/clasp sth **in your hand/hands**
 to hold/catch/clasp sb/sth **in your arms**
 to hold/clutch/grip/grasp/clasp/hang **on to** sth
 to hold/cling/hang **on**
 to hold/clutch/clasp sb/sth **to** you
 to hold/hold on to/cling to/clutch/grip/grasp/clasp/hang on to sb/sth **tightly**
 to hold/hold on to/cling to/clutch/grip/grasp/clasp sb/sth **firmly**
 to hold/hold on to/clutch/grip/clasp/hang on to sb/sth **tight**

Example Bank:

- He clasped her arm and spun her about.
- He clasped my hand warmly in welcome.
- She clasped her bag tightly as she walked through the crowd.
- She faced Will, her hands clasped together.
- He clasped her to him.
- They clasped hands.

noun

1. **countable** a device that fastens sth, such as a bag or the ends of a belt or a piece of jewellery
 - the clasp of a necklace/handbag
2. **singular** a tight hold with your hand or in your arms
 - He took her hand in his firm warm clasp.

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Example Bank:

- He tried to undo the clasp on the briefcase, but it was stuck.
- the clasp of a necklace/handbag

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I. **clasp**¹ /klaʊsp\$ klæsp/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

1. **[countable]** a small metal object for fastening a bag, belt, piece of jewellery etc
2. **[singular]** a tight hold **SYN grip**:
 the firm clasp of her hand

II. **clasp**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* **[transitive]** *written*

1. to hold someone or something tightly, closing your fingers or arms around them **SYN grip**:
 A baby monkey clasps its mother's fur tightly.

clasp your hands/arms around/behind something

- Fenella leaned forward, clasping her hands around her knees.
- She stood with her hands clasped tightly together.

clasp somebody/something in your hands/arms

- She clasped the photograph in her hands.

clasp somebody to your chest/bosom (=hold someone tightly with your arms)

2. to fasten something with a clasp

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THESAURUS

- **hold** to have something in your hand, hands, or arms: Maria came in holding a letter. | Can I hold the baby?
- **grip** to hold something very tightly and not let it go: He gripped her arm so she couldn't walk away. | Jenny gripped the side of the boat to steady herself.
- **clutch** to hold something tightly, especially because you do not want to drop or lose it: A businessman hurried past, clutching his briefcase. | The little girl clutched onto his hand.
- **clasp** *written* to hold someone or something tightly, closing your fingers or arms around them: She was clasping a bunch of small summer flowers. | He clasped her in his arms and kissed her.
- **get/take hold of something** to take something in your hand or hands and hold it: I took hold of the handle and pulled as hard as I could. | Quickly – try and get hold of that frog!
- **grasp** *written* to take hold of something firmly, especially in a determined way: She grasped the lowest branch and pulled herself up into the tree.
- **grab** to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: He grabbed my bag and ran off with it. | The other man grabbed hold of (=suddenly took hold of) my arms and threatened me with a knife.
- **seize** /siːz *written* to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: A police officer ran after him and seized the gun.
- **hang on (to something)** to hold on to something or someone tightly to support yourself: He hung on to the rail at the back of the motorbike. | Hang on tight!
- **keep hold of something** to continue to hold something: Greg was struggling to keep hold of the dog. | She tried to take her hand away but he kept hold of it.

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