

hilt
 [hɪlt] *n*
 рукоятка, эфес
 ◇ up to the hilt - полностью, до предела
 to prove a charge up to the hilt - полностью доказать обвинение
 to live up to the hilt - жить полной жизнью

hilt Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
hilt [hɪlt hɪltz hɪltəd hɪlɪŋ] *BrE* [hɪlt] ^u *NAmE* [hɪlt] ^u *noun*
 the handle of a ↑sword, knife, etc.
Idiom: the hilt

Word Origin:
 Old English hilt, hilte, of Germanic origin.

hilt Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)
hilt /hɪlt/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *noun* [countable]
 [Language: Old English]
 1. the handle of a sword or knife, where the blade is attached
 2. **to the hilt** completely
 support/defend/back somebody to the hilt
^u I'm backing the PM to the hilt on this.

hilt Freakuency Pack
 12500 **11430**^{MCW}
 15000 **10626**^{COCA}
 RANGE: **9k** HILT ⁵⁹²
 hilt 504
 hilts 88
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized
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