

clench

1. [kɫentʃ] *n*
 - 1) сжимание (кулаков)
 - 2) стискивание (зубов, челюстей)
 2. убедительный аргумент
 3. = clinch I 3
2. [kɫentʃ] *v*
 - 1) 1) сжимать (кулаки)
 - he clenched his hands into hard fists - он крепко сжал руки в кулаки
 - he clenched the arms of his chair - он вцепился в ручки кресла
 - 2) стискивать (зубы, челюсти)
 - 3) крепко держать
 2. принимать твёрдое решение
 - to clench a matter - окончательно решить дело
 - to clench a bargain - заключить сделку
 3. укреплять (нервы)
 4. = clinch II 3

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

clench [clench clenches clenched clenching] *BrE* [kɫentʃ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [kɫentʃ] ^ˈ

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** when you clench your hands, teeth, etc, or when they clench, you press or squeeze them together tightly, usually showing that you are angry, determined or upset
 - He **clenched his fists** in anger.
 - Through **clenched teeth** she told him to leave
 - His jaw was clenched tight.
 - His fists clenched slowly until his knuckles were white.
2. **transitive ~ sth (in/between sth)** to hold sth tightly and firmly
 - Her pen was clenched between her teeth.
 - She had a gun clenched tightly in her hand.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	clench
	BrE /kɫentʃ/
	NAmE /kɫentʃ/
he / she / it	clenches
	BrE /kɫentʃɪz/
	NAmE /kɫentʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	clenched
	BrE /kɫentʃt/
	NAmE /kɫentʃt/
-ing form	clenching
	BrE /kɫentʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /kɫentʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English (in the sense of clinch 'fix securely'): of Germanic origin; related to [↑]cling.

Example Bank:

- Her hands clenched involuntarily.
- She sat with hands clenched together in her lap.
- He had a wine glass clenched firmly in his hand.
- She sat at her desk, her pen clenched between her teeth.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

clench /kɫentʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: beclencan]

1. **clench your fists/teeth/jaw etc** to hold your hands, teeth etc together tightly, usually because you feel angry or determined:
 - Jody was pacing the sidelines, her fists clenched.
2. to hold something tightly in your hand or between your teeth:
 - a cigar clenched between his teeth

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 RANGE: **8k** **CLENCH** ²⁸⁹⁵
 clench ²⁴⁶
 clenches ¹³⁴
 clenched ²⁰⁹⁷
 unclenched ⁶⁵
 clenching ³⁵³

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