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4. сл. шея
 5. pl текст. узелки, непсы; шишки
  Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
nub
nub [nub nubs] BrE [nʌb] * NAmE [nʌb] *
                                             noun singular the ~ (of sth)
the central or essential point of a situation, problem, etc

    The nub of the matter is that business is declining.

  · She's too selfish to help. That's the nub.
   Word Origin:
   late 17th cent.: apparently a variant of dialect knub 'protuberance', from Middle Low German knubbe, knobbe 'knob'.
   Example Bank:
     • The nub of the matter is that business is declining.
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nub /nʌb/ BrE *
                 AmE *
                           noun
  [Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from Low German knubbe]
  1. the nub of the problem/matter/argument etc the main point of a problem etc:
        The real nub of the matter is money.
  2. [countable] a small rounded piece of something, especially a piece that is left after the rest has been eaten, used etc
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  <sub>12500</sub>11624<sup>MCW</sup>
  15000 12855 COCA
  RANGE: 11k NUB 322
   nub 225
   nubs 97
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nub

[nʌb] *n*

1. комок, кусок

2. шишка, узелок, утолщение 3. *амер. разг.* суть (*дела*)