

heck

I

[hek] *n* *шотл.*

1. = hatch1
2. деревянная заградительная решётка, установленная в реке
3. кормушка для лошадей
4. запруда
5. *текст.* сновальное приспособление

II

1. [hek] *n* *разг.*

- подонок
- ◇ by heck! - чёрт возьми!, проклятье!
 - what the heck! - какого чёрта!
 - a heck of a lot - чертовски много
 - how the heck did you get there? - как ты попал туда, чёрт возьми?

2. [hek] *int* *эфф. ем.* *hell*

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

heck *BrE* [hek] ^u *NAmE* [hek] ^u **exclamation, noun** (informal)

used to show that you are slightly annoyed or surprised

- Oh heck, I'm going to be late!
- Heck! You're here early!
- We had to wait **a heck of a** long time!
- **Who the heck** are you?

Idioms: ↑for the heck of it ▪ ↑what the heck!

Word Origin:

[heck] late 19th cent. (originally northern English dialect): euphemistic alteration of ↑hell.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **heck**¹ /hek/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **interjection informal**

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: hell]

1. used to show that you are annoyed or to emphasize what you are saying:

- " Oh heck! I've lost my keys!
- " 'Do you believe him?' 'Heck, no.'

2. **did he heck/will it heck etc** *British English* used to say in a strong way that someone did not do something, something will not happen etc:

- " 'Did he offer to pay for it?' 'Did he heck.'

II. **heck**² *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun** [singular, uncountable] *spoken informal*

1. used like 'hell' to emphasize what you are saying:

- " It cost a heck of a lot of money.

where/how/who etc the heck

- " Where the heck are we?
- " He sure as heck didn't tell me.

2. **what the heck** used to say that you will do something even though you really should not do it:

- " It's rather expensive, but what the heck.

3. **for the heck of it** for fun, or for no particular reason

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RANGE: **3k** HECK ³¹³⁵

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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187 **54443**¹⁹⁰ *rr52*

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