

hand**1. [hænd] n**

I

1. рука, кисть руки

cupped hands - горсть; пригоршня

the back of the hand - тыльная сторона руки

the palm of the hand - ладонь

with one's own hand - собственноручно (*тж. юр.*)

with one's bare hands - голыми руками

piece for four hands - пьеса для игры в четыре руки

laying on of the hands - *церк.* рукоположение

hands off! - руки прочь!

hands up! - а) руки вверх!; б) поднимите руки (*на уроке и т. п.*)

to take [to hold] smb.'s hand - взять [держат] кого-л. за руку

to lead smb. by the hand - вести кого-л. за руку

to drink from cupped hands - пить из горсти

to vote by show of hands - голосовать поднятием руки

to go on one's hands and knees - ползти на четвереньках

he writes with his left hand - он левша

he has his hands tied - у него связаны руки (*тж. перен.*)**2. 1) лапа, передняя нога (обезьяны)**

the monkey has four hands - у обезьяны четыре лапы

2) лапа (сокола, попугая)**3) клешня (рака)****3. указатель (изображающий руку с вытянутым указательным пальцем)****4. сторона, направление, положение**

on either hand - по обе стороны

on all hands, on every hand - со всех сторон

fact admitted on all hands - общепризнанный факт

to strengthen one's hand - укрепить свои позиции (*на переговорах и т. п.*)

at his right [left] hand sat the President - справа [слева] от него сидел президент

5. источник (сведений, информации и т. п.)

a story heard at second hand - история, услышанная от третьего лица

he has it from several hands - ему говорили об этом несколько человек

6. стрелка (часов, барометра и т. п.)**7. крыло (семафора)****8. ком.****1) пучок, связка**

a hand of tobacco - связка листового табака

a hand of bananas - гроздь бананов

2) окорок

a hand of pork - свиной окорок

9. повод, поводья, узда**10. ладонь, хенд (мера длины, равная четырём дюймам; ≈10,16 см)**

a horse 16 hands high - лошадь высотой в 160 см

11. фактура (ткани и т. п.)

the smooth hand of leather - мягкость /гладкость/ кожи

the fabric has a cashmerelike hand - на ощупь ткань напоминает кашемир

II

1. часто pl рабочий, работник (занятый физическим трудом)

hands wanted! - требуется рабочая сила!; требуются рабочие!

factory hand - рабочий на фабрике

farm hand - помощник на ферме; сельскохозяйственный рабочий

2. 1) матрос**2) pl мор. команда, экипаж (судна)**

all hands on deck! - все наверх!

all hands to quarters! - все по своим местам!

3. pl группа, компания

all hands joined in the game - все присутствующие включились в игру

4. автор; исполнитель

a book written by various hands - книга нескольких авторов

a picture by the same hand - картина (кисти) того же художника

5. мастер своего дела; искусник, умелец; дока; человек, имеющий большой опыт в чём-л.

to be a new hand at smth. - быть новичком в чём-л.

he is quite a hand with the violin - он прекрасно играет на скрипке

she is a great hand at thinking up new games - она мастерица придумывать новые игры

he is a real hand at geometry - он отлично разбирается в геометрии

I am no great hand at poetry - я не силён в поэзии

he is a fine hand at cooking - он отличный повар

he is no new hand at it - он не новичок в этом деле
he is an old parliamentary hand - у него большой опыт парламентской деятельности

6. умение, ловкость, мастерство; манера исполнения

the hand of a true craftsman - рука настоящего мастера

to be in hand with smth. - ловко /искусно/ делать что-л.

to get one's hand in - набраться опыта; набить руку

to try one's hand in painting - попробовать себя в живописи

he can turn his hand to anything - он мастер на все руки

his hand is in - у него это хорошо получается

a pianist has to practise every day to keep his hand in - пианист должен упражняться ежедневно, чтобы сохранить беглость пальцев

his hand is out - а) он устал; б) он отвык

his hand had been out at tennis for so long that he could not get it in again - он так долго не играл в теннис, что совсем

разучился

it does not lie to his hand - это не очень хорошо у него получается

7. 1) почерк

to write a very legible hand - писать очень разборчиво, иметь очень разборчивый почерк

he has a beautiful small hand - у него прекрасный мелкий почерк

2) подпись

a note of hand - расписка

under the hand of - за подписью

under hand and seal - *юр.* за подписью и печатью

8. помощь

a helping hand - а) помощь; б) помощник

to give /to lend/ a hand - оказать помощь, помочь

lend me a hand with my coat - помоги мне надеть пальто

to bear a hand - помогать, содействовать

9. роль, участие, доля

to have a hand in smth. - участвовать в чём-л.; приложить руку к чему-л.

he had no hand in the affair - он не принимал в этом участия

I had to take a hand - я вынужден был вмешаться

10. театр. разг. аплодисменты

to give smb. a big hand - громко /дружно/ аплодировать кому-л.

to get a hand - сорвать аплодисменты

III

1. 1) контроль; власть, твёрдая рука

believers in the strong hand - поборники суровых мер

to act with a heavy /high/ hand - действовать безжалостно; подавлять безжалостной рукой

to rule with a firm hand - править твёрдой рукой

to put down a revolt with a heavy hand - жестоко подавить восстание

to keep a strict hand over smb. - держать кого-л. в ежовых рукавицах, держать кого-л. в руках

2) *обыкн. р/* владение; распоряжение

to change hands - перейти в другие руки; переходить из рук в руки

to fall into the enemy's hands - попасть в руки врага

to put oneself in smb.'s hands - довериться, вверить кому-л. свою судьбу

the hotel has changed hands - в отеле новый владелец /хозяин/

my fate is in your hands - моя судьба в ваших руках

3) *р/* попечение, забота

to take smth. on one's hands - принять на себя заботы о чём-л.

to be in good hands - быть в хороших руках

to get off one's hands - сбыть с рук

he has a family on his hands - у него на руках семья

2. 1) согласие, обещание

here's my hand on it! - вот вам моя рука!, даю вам слово!

2) согласие или предложение вступить в брак

to ask smb.'s hand - просить чьей-л. руки

he offered her his hand - он предложил ей руку (и сердце)

3. *карт.*

1) карты, находящиеся на руках у одного игрока

to have a good hand - иметь хорошие карты

I'm holding my hand! - я - пас

2) игрок, рука

3) партия; кон

even hands - «при своих»

to win the hand - выиграть партию

let's have a hand at bridge - давайте сыграем в бридж



the hand of God - десница божья, провидение, божья воля

at /*амер.* on/ hand - а) под рукой, рядом, неподалёку; б) готовый, доступный; there is always a doctor at hand - врач всегда в

вашем распоряжении; всегда можно вызвать врача; в) близко, вскоре (*тж.* close at hand, near at hand)
Christmas was close at hand - близилось рождество
dawn is at hand - близится рассвет
winter is at hand - зима на носу
at the hand of - от руки
he died at the hand of a murderer - он погиб от руки убийцы
by hand - ручным способом, вручную
lace made by hand - кружева ручной работы
to send a letter by hand - послать письмо с нарочным
to bring up /to feed/ a child [a calf] by hand - искусственно вскармливать ребёнка [телёнка]
in hand - а) в руках; в наличии; в чьём-л. распоряжении; cash in hand - наличные деньги; he still has some money in hand - у него ещё остались деньги; I have five minutes in hand - у меня ещё пять минут в запасе; б) под контролем, to bear smb. in hand - держать кого-л. в руках /в своей власти/; I'll take it in hand - я этим займусь; я беру это на себя; to keep a car /a horse/ well in hand - хорошо смотреть /ухаживать/ за машиной /за лошадью/; to keep /to have/ oneself well in hand - не распускаться, не давать воли чувствам; держать себя в руках; в) в работе; в стадии рассмотрения
the matter in hand - повестка дня; текущая /рассматриваемая/ проблема; вопрос, о котором идёт речь
the work is in hand - работа ведётся
off hand - экспромтом; не раздумывая
off one's hands - \cong с плеч долой
I got it off my hands - я больше за это не отвечаю
he can't get the work off his hands - он никак не может разделаться с этой работой
on hand - на руках; в наличии
to have too many goods (left) on hand /on one's hands/ - иметь в наличии слишком много товаров, затовариться
work on hand - текущая работа
I'm on hand if you need me - я буду рядом /здесь/ - позовите, если понадобится
to have an hour on one's hands - иметь в распоряжении свободный час
out of hand - а) немедленно, быстро, экспромтом; недолго думая, с места в карьер; без долгих слов; to do smth. out of hand - сделать что-л. без промедления /экспромтом/; to reject smth. out of hand - отказать наотрез, отклонить (*предложение и т. п.*) без обсуждения; б) бесконтрольно; his wrath got out of hand - им овладела слепая ярость; в) отбившийся от рук; these children are quite out of hand - дети совсем распустились; г) сделанный, законченный (*о работе, деле и т. п.*)
the case has been out of hand for some time - дело было закончено некоторое время назад
to hand - а) поблизости, в пределах досягаемости; б) находящийся в чьём-л. распоряжении
the first excuse to hand - первое попавшееся объяснение
to come to hand - попасть в руки; прийти, поступить (*о письме и т. п.*); появиться; подвернуться
your parcel came to hand this morning - ваша посылка пришла сегодня утром
new evidence came to hand - появились новые доказательства
take what comes next to hand - бери, что хочешь
to one's hand - на свой манер, на свой лад
to bring up to one's hand - воспитать /переделать/ на свой лад
under hand - скрытно, тайком
hand in hand - а) взявшись за руки; б) вместе, сообща
hand to hand - \cong лицом к лицу
to fight hand to hand - сойтись /схватиться/ врукопашную
hand overhand, hand over fist - а) быстро /живо/ и легко; to come up hand over hand - приближаться на всех парах (*о корабле*); б) стабильно; медленно, но верно
to climb hand over fist - карабкаться вверх, перебирая руками /перехватывая руки/
to drink hand to fist - пить запоем
hand over head - смело, очертя голову
hand in /and/ glove (with) - в тесной связи; в тесном сотрудничестве
they are hand in glove - они всегда заодно; они спелись
hand and foot - а) по рукам и ногам; to bind hand and foot - связать по рукам и ногам; б) не за страх, а за совесть
to serve hand and foot - служить не за страх, а за совесть
heart and hand *см.* heart I \diamond
from hand to hand - из рук в руки
to live from hand to mouth - с трудом перебиваться; кое-как сводить концы с концами
on the one hand ..., on the other hand - с одной стороны ..., с другой стороны
at /on/ any hand - во всяком случае
for one's own hand - для собственной пользы
he fought for his own hand - он защищал собственные интересы
in the turning of a hand - *уст.* вмиг, в одно мгновение
hands down - легко, без труда
to win (with) hands down - легко добиться победы
a man of quick hands - ловкий, быстрый, исполнительный человек
to make a hand - преуспеть
to make a (good) hand of smth. - нагреть руки /пожиться/ на чём-л.
to show one's hand - голосовать, поднимая руки
to tip one's hand - преждевременно сообщать свои планы, раскрывать свои карты
to stand one's hand - *сл.* заплатить за выпивку, угостить кого-л. спиртным
to wring one's hands - ломать /заламывать/ руки (*от отчаяния и т. п.*)

to kiss one's hand to smb. - поцеловать кому-л. воздушный поцелуй
 to join hands - объединиться, объединить усилия
 to strike hands - ударить по рукам, договориться
 to shake hands with smb. - жать руку кому-л., здороваться или прощаться с кем-л. за руку
 throw up one's hands - опустить руки, признать своё поражение, спасовать
 to lay hands on smth. - завладеть чем-л.
 to lay hands on smb. - захватить, арестовать кого-л.
 to put one's hand on smth. - иметь что-л. под рукой
 I can't put my hand on a pencil - у меня нет под рукой карандаша
 to set /to put/ one's hands to a task - взяться за работу
 I don't know what to put my hands to fist - не знаю, с чего мне начать
 to put /to dip/ one's hand in the till - запускать руку в кассу
 to wash one's hands of smb. - снимать с себя ответственность(за кого-л.), умывать руки
 to have one's hands full - \cong хлопот полон рот
 to have a light hand - быть деликатным /тактичным/
 to have clean hands - быть неподкупным /честным/
 to put the last hand to smth. - отделать что-л. начисто, завершить что-л.
 to get the better hand - получить преимущество
 to get /to have/ the upper hand - одержать верх, одолеть, взять верх
 to lay violent hands on oneself - **книжн.** наложить на себя руки
 not to do a hand's turn - ничего не делать; \cong не ударить палец о палец
 not to move hand or foot - ничего не делать /не предпринимать/; \cong не ударить палец о палец
 play into the hand's of smb. /into smb.'s hands/ - играть на руку кому-л.; \cong лить воду на чью-л. мельницу
 to sit on one's hands - а) сидеть сложа руки, выжидать; б) не аплодировать
 to be on /upon/ the mending hand - выздоравливать
 to spend money with both hands - сорить деньгами; швырять деньги направо и налево
 to be flippant with one's hands - давать волю рукам

2. [hænd] a

1. 1) ручной

hand crank - заводная рукоятка
 hand baggage - ручная кладь
 hand brake - ручной тормоз

2) сделанный вручную, ручным способом

hand getting - **горн.** ручная добыча /выемка/

3) переносный

4) наручный, для ношения на руке

2. в грам. знач. нареч. вручную

hand knitted - связанный вручную, ручной вязки
 hand made - ручной работы
 hand sewn - сшитый вручную

3. [hænd] v

1. передавать; вручать

to hand smb. a discharge - **разг.** уволить кого-л.
 she was handed the prize for reading - ей вручили приз за чтение, она получила приз за чтение

2. дотрагиваться, касаться

3. (into, out of, to) провести за руку; помочь (войти, пройти)

to hand a lady into a car - посадить даму в машину

4. (**обыкн.** hand it to smb.)

1) **разг.** отдавать должное

you have to hand it to him, he could work - надо отдать ему должное, работать он умел; чего-чего, а умения работать у него не отнимешь

2) признать себя побеждённым, уступить

5. **мор.** убрать (**паруса**)

hand

• **1.** **hand** [hand hands handed handing] noun, verb **BrE** [hænd] ⁴ **NAmE** [hænd] ⁴

noun



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PART OF BODY

1. **countable** the part of the body at the end of the arm, including the fingers and thumb

- Ian placed a hand on her shoulder.
- **Put your hand up** if you know the answer.
- Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times.
- She was **on (her) hands and knees** (= **crawling** on the floor) looking for an earring.
- Couples strolled past **holding hands** .
- **Give me your hand** (= hold my hand) while we cross the road.
- The crowd **threw up their hands** (= lifted them into the air) in dismay.
- He killed the snake **with his bare hands** (= using only his hands) .
- a **hand towel** (= a small towel for drying your hands on)
- a **hand drill** (= one that is used by turning a handle rather than powered by electricity)



see also ↑left-hand, ↑right-hand

-HANDED

2. (in adjectives) using the **hand** or number of **hands** mentioned
- a one-handed catch
 - left-handed scissors (= intended to be held in your left hand)

HELP

3. a **hand singular** (informal) help in doing sth
- Let me **give you a hand** with those bags (= help you to carry them) .
 - Do you **need a hand** with those invoices?
 - The neighbours are always willing to **lend a hand** .

ROLE IN SITUATION

4. **singular ~ in sth** the part or role that sb/sth plays in a particular situation; sb's influence in a situation
- Early reports suggest the hand of rebel forces in the bombings.
 - Several of his colleagues **had a hand in** his downfall.
 - This appointment was an attempt to **strengthen her hand** in policy discussions.

ON CLOCK/WATCH

5. **countable** (usually in compounds) a part of a clock or watch that points to the numbers
- see also ↑hour hand, ↑minute hand, ↑second hand

WORKER

6. **countable** a person who does physical work on a farm or in a factory
- see also ↑chargehand, ↑farmhand, ↑hired hand, ↑stagehand

SAILOR

7. **countable** a sailor on a ship
- All hands on deck!
- see also ↑deckhand

HAND-

8. (in compounds) by a person rather than a machine
- hand-painted pottery
 - hand-knitted
 - This item should be hand washed.
- see also ↑handmade

IN CARD GAMES

9. **countable** a set of ↑playing cards given to one player in a game
- to be dealt a **good/bad hand**
10. **countable** one stage of a game of cards
- I'll have to leave after this hand.

WRITING

11. **singular** (old use) a particular style of writing
- see also ↑freehand

MEASUREMENT FOR HORSE

12. **countable** a unit for measuring the height of a horse, equal to 4 inches or 10.16 centimetres

see also ↑dab hand, ↑old hand, ↑second-hand, ↑underhand

more at give sb/get a big hand **at** ↑big *adj.*, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush **at** ↑bird, bite the hand that feeds you **at** ↑bite *v.*, have sb's blood on your hands **at** ↑blood *n.*, cap in hand **at** ↑cap *n.*, cash in hand **at** ↑cash *n.*, change hands **at** ↑change *v.*, close at hand **at** ↑close ² *adv.*, take your courage in both hands **at** ↑courage, the dead hand of sth **at** ↑dead *adj.*, the devil makes work for idle hands **at** ↑devil, eat out of your/sb's hand **at** ↑eat, a firm hand **at** ↑firm *adj.*, fold your hands **at** ↑fold *v.*, force sb's hand **at** ↑force *v.*, get, have, etc. a free hand **at** ↑free *adj.*, go hat in hand (to sb) **at** ↑hat, heavy hand **at** ↑heavy, give/lend a helping hand **at** ↑help *v.*, an iron fist/hand (in a velvetglove) **at** ↑iron *adj.*, join hands **at** ↑join *v.*, know sb/sth like the back of your hand **at** ↑know *v.*, take the law into your own hands **at** ↑law, take your life in your hands **at** ↑life, not lift/raise a finger/hand (to do sth) **at** ↑lift *v.*, live from hand to mouth **at** ↑live ¹, make/lose money hand over fist **at** ↑money, offer your hand **at** ↑offer *v.*, overplay your hand **at** ↑overplay, a pair of hands/l've only got one pair of hands. **at** ↑pair *n.*, have sb in the palm of your hand **at** ↑palm *n.*, putty in sb's hands **at** ↑putty, raise a/your hand against/to sb **at** ↑raise *v.*, in safe hands/in the safe hands of sba safe pair of hands **at** ↑safe *adj.*, a show of hands **at** ↑show *n.*, show your hand/cards **at** ↑show *v.*, sleight of hand **at** sleight, stay your hand **at** ↑stay *v.*, have time on your hands **at** ↑time *n.*, try your hand **at** ↑try *v.*, gain, get, have, etc. the upper hand **at** ↑upper *adj.*, wait on sb hand and foot **at** ↑wait *v.*, wash your hands of sb/sth **at** ↑wash *v.*, have/hold, etc. the whip hand **at** ↑whip *n.*, win (sth) hands down **at** ↑win *v.*, wring sb's hand/wring your hands **at** ↑wring

Word Origin:

Old English hand, hond, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **hand** and German **Hand**.

Collocations:

Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**
deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**
small/beady/sparkling/tinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**
piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**
bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**
bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**
long/dark/thick/curlly/false **eyelashes** /lashes

Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**
a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**
full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**
dry/chapped/cracked **lips**
flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**
soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**
white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**
a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**
a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**
a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**
a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil **moustache** / (*especially US*) **mustache**

Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned **skin**
dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled **skin**
a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear **complexion**
deep/fine/little/facial **wrinkles**
blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(*BrE*) ginger/grey **hair**
straight/curlly/wavy/frizzy/spiky **hair**
thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning **hair**
dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny **hair**
long/short/shoulder-length/cropped **hair**
a bald/balding/shaved **head**
a receding **hairline**
a bald **patch/spot**
a side/centre/(*US*) center (*BrE*) **parting** / (*NAmE*) **part**

Body

a long/short/thick/slender/(*disapproving*) scrawny **neck**
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched **shoulders**
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large **chest**
a flat/swollen/bulging **stomach**
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch **waist**
big/wide/narrow/slim **hips**
a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy **back**
thin/slender/muscular **arms**

big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved hands

long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony fingers

long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(both informal, often disapproving) skinny/spindly legs

muscular/chubby/(informal, disapproving) flabby thighs

big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare feet

a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass figure

be of slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky build

Language Bank:

contrast

Highlighting differences

- This survey **highlights a number of differences in** ▪ the way that teenage boys and girls in the UK spend their free time.
- One of the main differences between** ▪ the girls **and** ▪ the boys who took part in the research was the way in which they use the Internet.
- Unlike** ▪ the girls, who use the Internet mainly to keep in touch with friends, the boys questioned in this survey tend to use the Internet for playing computer games.
- The girls **differ from** ▪ the boys **in that** ▪ they tend to spend more time keeping in touch with friends on the telephone or on social networking websites.
- Compared to** ▪ the boys, the girls spend much more time chatting to friends on the telephone.
- On average the girls spend four hours a week chatting to friends on the phone. **In contrast** ▪, very few of the boys spend more than five minutes a day talking to their friends in this way.
- The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, **whereas** ▪ / **while** ▪ the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.
- When the girls go shopping, they mainly buy clothes and cosmetics. The boys, **on the other hand** ▪, tend to purchase computer games or gadgets.

Language Banks at ↑generally, ↑illustrate, ↑proportion, ↑similarly, ↑surprising

Vocabulary Building:

Using your hands

Touch

These verbs describe different ways of touching things:

feel	I felt the bag to see what was in it.
finger	She fingered the silk delicately.
handle	Handle the fruit with care.
rub	She rubbed her eyes wearily.
stroke	The cat loves being stroked.
pat	He patted my arm and told me not to worry.
tap	Someone was tapping lightly at the door.
squeeze	I took his hand and squeezed it.

Hold

You can use these verbs to describe taking something quickly:

grab	I grabbed his arm to stop myself from falling.
snatch	She snatched the letter out of my hand.

These verbs describe holding things tightly:

clasp	Her hands were clasped behind her head.
clutch	The child was clutching a doll in her hand.
grasp	Grasp the rope with both hands and pull.
grip	He gripped his bag tightly and wouldn't let go.

Example Bank:

- A heavy hand clamped over her mouth.
- A large hand descended on his shoulder.
- A strong hand reached out and caught hold of her arm.
- A surgeon needs a good eye and a steady hand.
- At harvest time all the locals lend a hand.
- Beth grasped the rope with both hands.
- Can you give me a hand with loading the van?
- Clive ran a hand through his hair.
- Delicate clothes should be washed by hand.
- Eager hands reached out to help him.
- Guards made sure that the food supplies didn't fall into the wrong hands.
- Hannah grasped her hand.
- He beat his hands on the steering wheel in frustration.
- He clutched the cane in his clammy hand.
- He grabbed my hand and motioned for me to follow him.
- He had his hands clasped behind his head.
- He holds out a bony hand for her to shake.
- He killed the lion with his bare hands.
- He laid a gentle hand on his brother's shoulder.
- He laid a hand on her arm.
- He lifted his hand to her face.
- He offered a limp hand to shake.
- He put a friendly hand on his friend's knee.
- He put out a hand as if to touch her.

- He reached for her hand and held it tightly .
- He retired feeling confident that his company was in safe hands.
- He rubbed his hands together in satisfaction.
- He sat with his head in his hands.
- He shook Blake's hand as if they were long lost friends.
- He shook hands with all of us before leaving
- He slid his hands into his pockets .
- He threw up his hands in despair when he saw the damage.
- He was on his hands and knees, looking for a contact lens.
- He was sobbing and wringing his hands by the grave
- He wiped his greasy hands on the front of his overalls.
- Her busy hands had transformed the tiny room into a work of art.
- Her hand flew to her mouth. 'Oh no!'
- Her hand lifted to place a cigarette in her mouth.
- Her hand moved to cover his.
- Her hand ran over the surface, feeling the different textures .
- Her hand shook as she lifted the glass to her lips.
- His hand brushed against hers.
- His hand eventually found the light switch .
- His hand froze in mid-gesture.
- His hand rested on her shoulder.
- His hand, when she shook it, was cool and firm.
- His hands clawed at the muddy earth.
- His hands cupped her face.
- His hands dropped to his sides and he fell to the floor.
- His hands roamed over her shoulders.
- I cupped my hand over the mouthpiece of the phone so they couldn't hear me.
- I desperately need to lay my hands on some money by Monday.
- I don't work in that department any more, so the problem is out of my hands.
- I felt a hand on my shoulder.
- Jimmy slapped his hand over his mouth.
- Mail for hand delivery is put in a separate tray.
- Muriel's hand crept to her neck to hold her pearls.
- My hand groped for the door handle.
- My hand hovered over the switch for a moment.
- My hands clenched together tightly.
- My hands fumbled with the key.
- Now the EU has revealed its hand.
- Operate the gears with your left hand.
- Purée with a hand blender or food processor.
- Several students put up their hands to answer the question.
- She asked for a show of hands.
- She clenched her hands in her lap to hide their trembling.
- She felt that life had dealt her a bad hand.
- She filled our glasses with a generous hand.
- She folds her hands in prayer.
- She gained a reputation as a safe pair of hands.
- She gestured to the window with an open hand.
- She had a piece of paper in her hand.
- She had large rings on both hands.
- She held on to my hand as I tried to leave.
- She held up her hand in farewell.
- She pressed his hand. 'I know, ' she said softly.
- She put her hands to her cheeks in embarrassment.
- She rested her chin in her cupped hand.
- She shivered, rubbing her hands together fiercely.
- She shrugged and spread her hands. 'That's all I can tell you.'
- She smiled and extended a hand in welcome.
- She stood in the doorway, hands on hips.
- She stood up and went over to him, her hands outstretched.
- She studied the object in the palm of her hand.
- She took the child's hand and helped him climb the steps.
- She walked towards him with her hand outstretched to take his.
- She warned her brother to keep his hands off her bag.
- Slowly Ruth withdrew her hand from his.
- The farmer would bring in hired hands to help him harvest the crop.
- The party leadership overplayed its hand.
- The policeman kept a firm hand clamped on his shoulder.
- The rocks looked like they had been shaped by human hands.
- The strategic alliance served to strengthen the country's hand in the region.

- There's plenty of work for willing hands
- They walked along, holding hands.
- They walked hand in hand along the path.
- We were all clapping our hands in time to the music.
- Who dealt the last hand?
- With a practised hand he motioned a waiter to bring a fresh pot of coffee.
- With his free hand he took hold of the knife.
- You can take your laptop on the plane as hand luggage.
- a hand recount of the vote for governor
- the invisible hand of the market
- Early reports suggest the hand of rebel forces in the bombings.
- He knew that he would never be anything more than a hired hand.
- This appointment was an attempt to strengthen her hand in policy discussions.

Idioms: ↑all hands on deck ▪ ↑at hand ▪ ↑at somebody's hands ▪ ↑at the hands of somebody ▪ ↑by hand ▪ ↑fall into somebody's hands ▪ ↑the hands of somebody ▪ ↑first hand ▪ ↑get your hands dirty ▪ ↑good with your hands ▪ ↑hand in glove ▪ ↑hand in hand ▪ ↑hand something to somebody on a plate ▪ ↑hands down ▪ ↑hands off ▪ ↑hands up! ▪ ↑have to hand it to somebody ▪ ↑have your hands full ▪ ↑have your hands tied ▪ ↑hold somebody's hand ▪ ↑in hand ▪ in somebody's capable/safe hands ▪ ↑in somebody's hands ▪ ↑in the hands of somebody ▪ ↑keep your hand in ▪ ↑lay your hands on somebody ▪ ↑lay your hands on something ▪ ↑many hands make light work ▪ ↑not do a hand's turn ▪ ↑off your hands ▪ ↑on every hand ▪ ↑on hand ▪ ↑on the other ... ▪ ↑on your hands ▪ ↑out of hand ▪ ↑out of your hands ▪ ↑play into somebody's hands ▪ ↑put your hand in your pocket ▪ second/third hand ▪ ↑somebody's hand ▪ ↑take somebody in hand ▪ ↑take something into your own hands ▪ ↑throw your hand in ▪ ↑tie somebody hand and foot ▪ ↑turn your hand to something

Derived ↑hand over ▪ ↑hand somebody off ▪ ↑hand somebody over ▪ ↑hand somebody over to somebody ▪ ↑hand something back ▪ ↑hand something down ▪ ↑hand something in ▪ ↑hand something on ▪ ↑hand something out ▪ ↑hand something over ▪ ↑hand something round

verb

to pass or give sth to sb

- ~ **sth to sb** She handed the letter to me.
- ~ **sb sth** She handed me the letter.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hand
	BrE /hænd/
	NAme /hænd/
he / she / it	hands
	BrE /hændz/
	NAme /hændz/
past simple, past participle	handed
	BrE /hændɪd/
	NAme /hændɪd/
-ing form	handing
	BrE /hændɪŋ/
	NAme /hændɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English hand, hond, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch [hand](#) and German [Hand](#).

Thesaurus:

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- My aunt handed me the letter.

give • • **hand sb/sth over** • • **pass** •

hand/give/hand over/pass sth to sb

just hand/give/hand over/pass sth

hand/give/hand over/pass sth **immediately /promptly**

Hand, give or pass? Give is the most frequent, especially in spoken English. **Hand** and **pass** are used especially in written, literary, English; **pass** is also often used in polite spoken requests.

Example Bank:

- He grudgingly handed me the money.
- He handed the book to Sally.
- Keith gently handed me the little baby girl.
- She handed out the exam papers.
- She wanted to hand the petition to the president personally.
- The court is getting ready to hand down a potentially historic decision.
- They would simply hand her over to the magistrate as a thief.
- formally handing over power to the new government

See also: ↑all hands to the pump ▪ ↑give something in ▪ ↑stiff-arm ▪ ↑straight-arm

II. to 'hand idiom

that you can reach or get easily

- I'm afraid I don't have the latest figures to hand.
- Keep a pen and paper to hand for details of this week's competition.

Main entry: ↑hand_{idiom}

hand

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I. hand¹ S1 W1 /hænd/ BrE¹ AmE¹ noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑hand, ↑handful; adjective: ↑underhand, ↑handy; verb: ↑hand; adverb: ↑handily]

[Language: Old English]



1. **PART OF BODY** [countable] the part of your body at the end of your arm, including your fingers and thumb, that you use to hold things:

- Steve gripped the steering wheel tightly with both hands.
- In her hand was a tattered old photograph.

2. **HELP a hand** help with something – used in the following phrases

need/want a hand

- Do you need a hand packing?

give/lend (somebody) a hand

- Can you give me a hand to lift this?
- If you get stuck, Denise is always willing to lend a hand.

I could do with a hand/use a hand (=it would be useful to have some help)

- We could certainly do with a hand. ⇒ **a helping hand** at ↑help¹(9)

3. **CONTROL** [singular, uncountable] control, power, or influence that someone has:

- The President has strengthened the hand of the gun lobby.
- This matter is too important to be left in the hands of (=in the control of) an inexperienced lawyer.
- a manager with a firm hand (=who controls things strictly)

4. **get out of hand** if a situation or person gets out of hand, they become impossible to control any longer:

- The demonstration was getting out of hand.

5. **on the other hand** (also **on the one hand ... on the other hand**) used to give another opinion or fact that should be considered as well as the one you have just given:

- I'd like to eat out, but on the other hand I should be trying to save money.

▶ Do not say 'on one hand'. Say **on the one hand**.

6. **hands off** spoken used to say that someone cannot have, take, or touch something:

- Hey! Hands off that CD! It's mine!
- Tell your little brother to keep his hands off my car. ⇒ ↑hands-off

7. **in hand**

a) if something is in hand, it is being done or dealt with:

- Plans are in hand to perform 'Oz' next semester.
- Lisa seemed to have things in hand by the time he returned.

job/task/matter etc in hand

- Our officers have to concentrate 100 per cent on the task in hand.

take somebody in hand (=begin to deal with someone's problems etc)

b) **British English** if you work a week, a month etc in hand, you do not get paid until after you have worked two weeks, two months etc

c) **British English** if you have time, money etc in hand, you have it available:

- I usually have a few days' leave in hand at the end of the year.

d) **British English** if a team or player has a game in hand in a competition, they still have another game to play in which they could gain more points

8. **in the hands of somebody/in sb's hands** being dealt with or cared for by someone:

- The matter is in the hands of the police.

in good/safe/capable etc hands

- You can be sure your children are in good hands.
- The fear is that nuclear secrets could fall into the wrong hands.

▶ Do not say 'in the hand of someone'. Say **in the hands of someone**. ⇒ **a safe pair of hands** at ↑safe¹(11)

9. **hands up**

- a) with your arms straight up in the air – used especially to tell someone to do this as a sign that they will not attack you:
 Hands up! You're under arrest!
 The men emerged from the building with their hands up.
- b) used to tell people to put their arm straight up in the air if they know the answer to a question or want to say something:
 Hands up if you agree with what Eric was saying.
10. **at hand** *formal*
- a) likely to happen soon:
 Recent economic performance suggests that a major crisis is at hand.
- b) close to you and available to be used:
 Don't worry, help is at hand!
- c) needing to be dealt with now:
 Peter turned his attention to the task at hand.
11. **to hand** *British English* something that is to hand is close to you, so that you can reach it easily
12. **on hand** close by and ready when needed:
 Our staff are always on hand to help.
13. **by hand**
- a) done or made by a person rather than a machine:
 We had to wash our clothes by hand.
- b) delivered by someone personally, rather than being sent through the post, emailed etc
14. **(at) first hand** if you know or experience something first hand, you have personal experience of it:
 a chance to view at first hand the workings of the court
15. **(at) second/third/fourth hand** if you know something second, third etc hand, someone tells you about it, but you have no personal experience of it:
 Until now, information has been second or third hand, but this news comes from someone who was there.
16. **at the hands of somebody** caused or done by a particular person – used about something bad or unpleasant that someone does:
 Anyone who suffered at the hands of care workers will be entitled to compensation.
 This is their third defeat at the hands of the world champions.
17. **get your hands on something** *informal* to succeed in getting something:
 She's only marrying him to get her hands on his money.
18. **lay your hands on something** to find or get something:
 I would read any book I could lay my hands on.
19. **come to hand** if something comes to hand, it is there for you to use – used especially about something that is there by chance:
 They ran, picking up whatever weapons came to hand.
20. **get your hands on somebody** *spoken* to catch someone you are angry with:
 Just wait till I get my hands on you!
21. **have a hand in something** to influence or be involved in something:
 He had a hand in both goals.
22. **hand in hand**
- a) **(go) hand in hand** if two things go hand in hand, they are closely connected:
 Wealth and power go hand in hand in most societies.
(go) hand in hand with
 They say that genius often goes hand in hand with madness.
- b) if two people walk, stand etc hand in hand, they walk, stand etc while they are holding each other's hand:
 They walked hand in hand in silence up the path.
23. **have something/somebody on your hands** to have a difficult job, problem, situation etc to deal with:
 I'm afraid we have a murder on our hands, Inspector.
24. **be off your hands** if something or someone is off your hands, you are not responsible for them any more:
 Once this problem is off our hands we can relax for a while.
take somebody/something off sb's hands
 She wants someone to take the kids off her hands occasionally.
25. **try your hand at (doing) something** to try to do something you have not tried before:
 John dreamed of being a writer and had tried his hand at poetry.
26. **turn your hand to (doing) something** to do something well, even if it is the first time you have tried:
 Larry's one of those men who can turn their hand to anything.
27. **out of hand** without even stopping to consider what someone has suggested, asked for etc
reject/dismiss/refuse etc something out of hand
 Aromatherapy was dismissed out of hand by traditional doctors.
28. **hands down** easily
win (something)/beat somebody hands down
 Nigel always won hands down in any argument.
29. **have your hands full** to be very busy or too busy:
 Can't it wait? I already have my hands full.
30. **good with your hands** skilful at making things
31. **on either/every hand** *written* on both sides or in every direction:
 Thick forest stood on either hand.
32. **get your hands dirty**
- a) *informal* to do hard or dirty physical work – usually used in questions or negative statements:
 It's not that the jobs aren't there, it's just that she doesn't want to get her hands dirty.
- b) to get involved in the difficult, dishonest, or unpleasant side of something:

He nevertalked to the media or got his hands dirty in any way.

33. **keep your hand in** to do something that you used to do a lot, so you do not forget how to do it:

" You should at least work part-time, just to keep your hand in.

34. **hand in glove** closely connected with someone, especially in an illegal activity:

" Far from being independent, the government and media work hand in glove.

35. **hand over fist** *informal* if you gain or lose something hand over fist, you gain or lose it very quickly:

" Five years ago, the company was losing money hand over fist.

36. **a big hand** *spoken* used to tell the people who are watching a performance to ↑clap or ↑cheer loudly:

" Let's all give the girls a big hand.

37. **all hands on deck** (*also all hands to the pumps British English*) *informal* used to say that everyone is needed to help in a particular situation:

" With only half an hour to get everything ready, it was all hands on deck.

38. **the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing** used to say that two parts of an organization that should be doing the same thing are each doing different things without the other knowing

39. **WORKER** [countable] someone who does physical work on a farm, factory, ship etc:

" farm hands

40. **CARDS** [countable]

a) the playing cards given to one person in a game:

" a winning hand

b) a single game of cards

41.



CLOCK [countable] a long thin piece of metal that points at the numbers on a clock

hour/minute/second hand

42. **WRITING** [singular] *old-fashioned* someone's ↑handwriting

43. **sb's hands are tied** if someone's hands are tied, they cannot help in a particular situation because of rules, laws etc:

" The bank claims its hands are tied by federal regulators.

44. **tie/bind somebody hand and foot**

a) to tie up someone's hands and feet

b) to make it very difficult or impossible for someone to do what they think is best

45. **can do something with one hand (tied) behind your back** *spoken* used to say that you can do something very easily

46. **not do a hand's turn** *British English old-fashioned informal* to do no work at all

47. **sb's hand (in marriage)** *old-fashioned* permission for a man to marry a particular woman:

" He asked for her hand in marriage.

48. **HORSE** [countable] a unit for measuring the height of a horse, equal to about ten centimetres

⇒ ↑cash-in-hand, ↑freehand, ↑hands-on, ↑left-hand, ↑right-hand, ⇒ **be an old hand (at something)** at ↑old(17), ⇒ **bite the hand**

that feeds you at ↑bite¹(15), ⇒ **have blood on your hands** at ↑blood¹(2), ⇒ **have your hands/fingers in the till** at ↑till²(3), ⇒

force sb's hand at ↑force²(7), ⇒ **overplay your hand** at ↑overplay(2), ⇒ **shake sb's hand/shake hands with somebody** at

↑shake¹(4), ⇒ **wash your hands of something** at ↑wash¹(5)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

▪ **sb's right/left hand** She held the book in her right hand.

▪ **somebody's free hand** (=the hand someone is not already using) Amy was stroking the dog with her free hand.

▪ **a gloved hand** (=covered with a glove) He stretched out a gloved hand.

▪ **an outstretched hand** (=stretched out towards someone or something) She took her father's outstretched hand and began to walk from the room.

▪ **somebody's cupped hand** (=in the shape of a cup) Hamil shook the dice in his cupped hand.

■ verbs

▪ **wave your hand** Marta waved a hand to attract his attention.

▪ **clap your hands** They were singing and clapping their hands.

▪ **wash your hands** Go wash your hands before dinner.

▪ **hold hands (with somebody)** Joanne and Kevin held hands on the sofa.

▪ **shake sb's hand** (*also shake hands with somebody*) 'Nice to meet you,' he said, as they shook hands.

▪ **take sb's hand** (=hold someone's hand) He reached across the table and took her hand in his.

▪ **take somebody by the hand** (=hold someone's hand in order to take them somewhere) She took the boy by the hand and led him across the street.

▪ **join hands** (=take hold of the hands of people on either side of you) They stood in a circle and joined hands.

- **clasp your hands** (=hold them together tightly) Emily clasped her hands together and stood there nervously.
- **fold your hands** (=put your hands together and rest them on something) Lily folded both hands on her stomach.
- **raise your hand** (also **put your hand up**) (=lift your hand, especially when you want to ask or answer a question) If you know the answer, raise your hand.
- **somebody's hands shake/tremble** His hands trembled as he lifted the cup.
- **somebody's hand holds something** His other hand was holding his mobile phone.
- **somebody's hand touches something** Daniel's hand touched mine.
- **somebody's hand grips something** (=hold something firmly) Her hands gripped the steering wheel very tightly.
- **somebody's hand grabs/grasps something** (=take and hold something firmly) He felt Connor's hand grasp his shoulder.
- **somebody's hand tightens** Her hand tightened on the knife handle.

nouns

- **a hand movement** The disease means she has trouble controlling her hand movements.
- **a hand gesture/signal** (=a movement of your hand to show what you mean) He made a rude hand gesture at the other driver.

phrases

- **in sb's hand** He had a suitcase in his hand.
- **on your hands and knees** (=in a crawling position) They got down on their hands and knees to search.
- **the palm of your hand** (=the inside surface of your hand) The phone could fit into the palm of his hand.
- **the back of your hand** (=the outside surface of your hand) Let a dog sniff the back of your hand, rather than your fingers.
- **with your bare hands** (=without using a tool, weapon, machine etc) With his bare hands he forced the doors apart.

II. hand² S2 W2 BrE^u AmE^u verb [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑hand, ↑handful; adjective: ↑underhand, ↑handy; verb: ↑hand; adverb: ↑handily]

1. to give something to someone else with your hand

hand somebody something

▪ He handed the teacher a slip of paper.

hand something to somebody

▪ He lit a cigarette and handed it to her.

▪ This form must be handed to all employees.

2. you have to hand it to somebody spoken used to say that you admire someone:

▪ You have to hand it to her. She's really made a success of that company.

hand something ↔around (also **hand something round** British English) phrasal verb

to offer something to each person in a group:

▪ Willie helped hand the mugs around.

hand something ↔back phrasal verb

1. to give something back to the person who gave it to you, with your hand

hand something ↔back to

▪ Kurt examined the document and handed it back to her.

hand somebody something ↔back

▪ She handed him his pen back.

2. to give something back to the person who used to own it

hand something ↔back to

▪ The land was handed back to its original owner.

hand somebody something ↔back

▪ The government has promised to hand investors back their money.

hand something ↔down phrasal verb

1. to give or leave something to people who will live after you

hand something ↔down to

▪ The ring was handed down to her from her grandmother.

▪ stories handed down by word of mouth ⇒ ↑hand-me-down

2. hand down a decision/ruling/sentence etc to officially announce a decision, punishment etc

hand something ↔in phrasal verb

to give something to someone in authority:

▪ Tom has handed in his resignation.

▪ Did you hand your homework in on time?

hand something ↔on phrasal verb

to give something to someone:

▪ He was accused of handing on government secrets.

hand something ↔out phrasal verb

to give something to each person in a group **SYN distribute**:

▪ Could you start handing these books out please?

hand something ↔out to

▪ He was handing out leaflets to members of the audience.

⇒ ↑handout

hand over phrasal verb

1. hand something ↔over to give something to someone with your hand, especially because they have asked for it or should have it:

▪ The soldiers were ordered to hand over their guns.

hand something ↔over to

He handed the phone over to me.

2. to give someone power or responsibility over something which you used to be in charge of

hand something ↔ over (to somebody)

On his retirement, he handed the business over to his son.

Political control has been handed over to religious leaders.

hand over to

Now she feels the time has come to hand over to someone else.

hand

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8 **294827**⁸ *pphs1*

6 **349690**⁶ *pph1*

4 **425429**⁴ *ddq*