

hold

I

[həʊld] *n мор.*

трюм

after [forward, main] hold - кормовой [носовой, главный] трюм

hold cargo - трюмный груз

hold ladder - трюмный трап

II

1. [həʊld] *n*

1. удерживание; захват; хватка

to have hold of smth. - держать что-л.; держаться за что-л.

the climber had hold of the rope - альпинист держался за верёвку

to take /to get, to catch, to seize, to grip, to lay/ hold of smth. - а) брать; хватать; хвататься за что-л.; catch hold of this rope! - хватайся за эту верёвку!; б) добывать; завладевать чем-л.

where did you get hold of that book? - где ты достал эту книгу?

it's hard to get hold of him - его очень трудно застать

to get hold of a secret - узнать тайну, овладеть тайной

to keep hold of /on/ smth. - не выпускать чего-л. из рук

keep hold of my hand - держись за мою руку

to relax one's hold - ослабить свою хватку

to let go /to leave, to lose, to release/ one's hold of /on/ smth. - выпустить что-л. из рук

to lose one's hold on reality - оторваться от жизни; потерять чувство реальности

2. (*часто on, over, upon*) власть; влияние

to get hold of smb. - приобрести власть над кем-л.

after a moment of panic he got hold of himself - после минутной растерянности он овладел собой

he has a great hold over his young brother - он имеет огромное влияние на своего младшего брата

his wife has a firm hold over him - жена крепко держит его в руках

the law has no hold on him - по закону с ним ничего нельзя сделать; закону он не подвластен

to keep a tight hold upon oneself - крепко держать себя в руках, владеть собой; не давать себе распускаться

my plan had taken hold upon his fancy - мой план овладел его воображением

3. то, за что можно ухватиться; опора; захват, ушко

the rock gives no hold for hand or foot - на скале не за что ухватиться и некуда поставить ногу

4. хранилище, вместилище

5. *арх.* тюрьма, место заключения; тюремная камера

6. 1) убежище, укрытие, приют

2) логово, берлога

7. заказ, требование

to put a hold on a library book - заказать книгу в библиотеке

8. *арх.* арест, заключение в тюрьму9. *арх.* крепость10. *спорт.*1) захват (*борьба*)

double hold - двойной захват

double body hold - обхват туловища

painful hold - болевой приём

standing holds - захваты в стойке

head scissors hold - захват головы ножницами

no holds barred - а) все захваты разрешены (*борьба*); б) все средства хороши

2) держание мяча

11. *кино жарг.* «холд», удавшаяся часть съёмки, произведённой в течение съёмочного дня12. *муз.* фермата13. *спец.* фиксация14. 1) *ав.* задержка (*вылета*)

there will be a hold on all takeoffs until the fog has dispersed - все вылеты отменяются (до тех пор), пока не рассеется туман

2) *косм.* задержка при предпусковой подготовке

scheduled [unscheduled] hold - плановая [внеплановая/непредвиденная] задержка в операциях по предпусковой подготовке

◇ to keep a good hold of the land - *мор.* держаться близ берегаto get hold of the land - *мор.* привязываться к берегу; опознавать берега2. [həʊld] *v (held; held, уст. holden)*

I

1. держать

to hold a pen [a brush, a spade] - держать перо [кисть, лопату]

to hold smb. in one's arms - а) обнимать, держать кого-л. в своих объятиях; б) держать кого-л. на руках

he held a pipe between his teeth - в зубах у него была трубка

the girl was holding her father's hand - девочка держала отца за руку

they held hands - они держались за руки

to hold fast to smth. - крепко держаться за что-л., вцепиться во что-л. [*ср. тж.* 4 и ◇]

the wounded man was holding fast to the railings - раненый крепко держался за ограду

only the goalkeeper may hold the ball in soccer - в футболе только вратарь может брать мяч в руки /касаться мяча руками/
to hold a threat of disclosure over smb.'s head - держать кого-л. под угрозой разоблачения

2. удерживать, сдерживать; задерживать; останавливать

the driver could scarcely hold the horses - возница с трудом сдерживал лошадей
to hold smb. from a rash venture - удерживать кого-л. от необдуманного поступка
to hold one's breath - затаить/сдерживать/ дыхание, не дышать
to hold fire - **воен.** не открывать огонь; воздерживаться от ведения огня
will they hold (up) the bus till we get there? - они задержат автобус до нашего прихода?
we were held (up) by the traffic - нас задержал сплошной поток машин
there's no holding him - его невозможно удержать /остановить/; он не знает удержу

3. владеть, иметь; быть владельцем, держателем

to hold land - владеть землёй
to hold shares in a company - быть владельцем акций компании
the grandson now holds the estate and the title - теперь имение и титул перешли к внуку, теперь внук является владельцем имени и носителем титула

4. удерживать; сохранять контроль (*над чем-л.*)

to hold a fort [position] against the enemy - удерживать форт[позицию] от наступающего противника [**см. тж.** ◇]
the farmers are holding their wheat - фермеры придерживают своё зерно
to hold the record - **спорт.** держать рекорд
to hold (the) pace - **спорт.** держать скорость шага
to hold fast - **воен.** стойко держаться [**ср. тж.** 1 и ◇]

5. вмещать, содержать в себе

this room holds a hundred persons - эта комната вмещает сто человек
this box holds all his securities - в этой шкатулке все его ценные бумаги
this jug holds a quart - ёмкость этого кувшина - одна кварта
will this suit-case hold all your clothes? - поместится ли вся твоя одежда в этот чемодан?
the evening held a lot of surprises for us all - вечер был полон неожиданностей для всех нас
to eat as much as one can hold - наесться до отвала
sea-water holds many salts in solution - в морской воде содержится много солей в растворённом виде

6. держать, хранить (*что-л. где-л.*)

my money is held at the bank - мои деньги хранятся в банке; я держу свои деньги в банке
we're holding the tinned food in reserve - мы держим консервы про запас

7. 1) полагать, считать, находить

I hold it good - я считаю, что это хорошо
I hold him to be wrong [responsible for it] - я считаю, что он не прав [что он за это отвечает]
we hold him (to be) a fool - мы считаем его дураком
to hold in esteem /in respect/ - уважать, относиться с почтением
to be held in esteem /in respect/ - пользоваться уважением
to hold in contempt - презирать
to hold in abhorrence - гнушаться; питать отвращение, омерзение
to hold a thing to be impossible - считать что-л. невозможным
we hold these truths to be self-evident - мы почитаем само собой разумеющимися следующие истины
Plato held that the soul is immortal - по мнению Платона душа бессмертна
to be held worthy of smth. - считаться достойным чего-л.

2) **юр.** признавать, решать; выносить (судебное) решение

the court held that ... - суд признал /решил, нашёл/, что ...
the judge held that he was guilty - судья признал его виновным
he was held not guilty - он был признан невиновным

8. содержать под стражей; держать в тюрьме

he was held 36 days - он просидел (в тюрьме) 36 дней
he was held on a charge of theft - он был задержан по обвинению в воровстве
to hold prisoner [hostage] - держать в плену [заложником]
to hold captive - а) держать в плену; б) привязывать (**авиация и т. п.**)

9. (of, from) **уст.** зависеть (*от кого-л.*); быть обязанным (*кому-л. - правом, титулом*)

10. **уст.** подвергаться (*чему-л.*); терпеть, выносить (*что-л.*)

11. **уст.** обязывать; вынуждать

II A

1. 1) выдерживать (*тяжесть, напряжение*)

will the rope [the ice] hold? - выдержит ли верёвка [лёд]?
this wall won't hold a hook bearing a heavy picture - на эту стену нельзя вешать тяжёлую картину на крюке

2) поддерживать, держать; нести (*тяжесть чего-л.*)

the roof is held by pillars - крыша опирается на колонны

2. продолжаться, держаться, стоять (*о погоде и т. п.*)

the fair weather is holding - стоит/держится/ ясная погода
if the frost holds we shall have skating tomorrow - если мороз удержится, завтра можно будет кататься на коньках
the wind held from the north - всё время дул северный ветер
if your good luck holds - если вам опять повезёт

3. (**тж.** to hold good, to hold true) иметь силу (*о законе*); оставаться в силе (*о принципе, обещании*)

the promise still holds - обещание остаётся в силе

does the principle still hold good? - остаётся ли этот принцип в силе?
the rule holds of /in/ all cases - правило применимо ко всем случаям
to hold good in law - иметь законную силу, быть юридически обоснованным

4. занимать (*пост и т. п.*)

to hold a rank - иметь звание /чин/
to hold office - а) занимать пост; б) быть у власти (*о партии*)
to hold two offices at the same time - одновременно занимать два поста
the Liberals held office at that time - в то время у власти были либералы

5. овладевать (*вниманием*)

to hold the attention of one's audience - заставить себя слушать, завладеть вниманием аудитории
to hold an audience spellbound - приковать к себе внимание слушателей, зачаровать слушателей
he held the guests with his story - гости внимательно слушали его рассказ

6. хранить, удерживать (*в памяти*)

I cannot hold all these details in my head /in my memory/ at once - я не могу сразу запомнить все эти подробности
hold the traditions which you have been taught - *библ.* держите предания, которым вы научены

7. придерживаться (*взглядов, убеждений*)

to hold a theory - придерживаться теории
to hold strange views - держаться странных взглядов; иметь странные убеждения
to hold no prejudice - не питать предубеждения

8. резервировать (*места, билеты и т. п.*)

we asked them to hold a room for us - мы просили их оставить для нас номер

9. провести, устроить, организовать (*мероприятие*)

to hold a meeting [an election] - проводить собрание [выборы]
the election was held in November - в ноябре прошли /состоялись/ выборы
to hold a discussion [negotiations] - вести дискуссию [переговоры]
to hold a reception [a press conference] - устроить приём [пресс-конференцию]
to hold an examination - экзаменовывать, проводить экзамен
to hold correspondence - вести переписку, переписываться
to hold sittings - заседать
to hold a feast - пировать; устраивать пир
to hold an inspection - инспектировать, проводить инспекцию
to hold a service - *церк.* отправлять службу
the college will hold classes today - в колледже сегодня будут (проводиться) занятия
to hold an anniversary - отмечать /праздновать/ годовщину

10. не пропускать (*жидкость*), быть непроницаемым

to hold water - не протекать, не пропускать воду (*о лодке и т. п.*) [*см. тж.* ◇]
a leather bag will hold water but not petrol - в кожаном мешке можно держать воду, но не бензин

11. зажимать, затыкать (*нос, уши*)

to hold one's nose - зажимать нос
when I spoke she held her ears - когда я говорил, она затыкала уши

12. *уст.* биться об заклад, ставить (*ставку*)

13. зачать, понести (*о самке*)

II Б

1. *to hold smb., smth. in a position* держать кого-л., что-л. в каком-л. положении

to hold one's head straight - прямо держать голову
hold your head on one side - поверните голову
to hold oneself upright /erect/ - держаться прямо
he holds himself like a soldier - у него военная выправка
hold yourself still - не шевелитесь, не двигайтесь
to hold oneself ready /in readiness/ (for smth.) - быть (всегда) готовым (к чему-л.)
to hold one's head high - а) высоко держать голову; hold your head (up)! - выше голову!; б) задирать нос, важничать, заноситься
to hold the banner aloft - высоко держать знамя
to hold a shield in front of one - прикрываться щитом
to hold in place - прикреплять, держать
to be held in place by smth. - держаться на чём-л.
the veil was held in place by a comb - вуаль была приколотата гребнем
to hold in check - сдерживать, не пускать
to hold the enemy in position /to his ground/ - *воен.* сковывать противника
to hold on a point - *спец.* устанавливать в данной точке

2. *to hold back from smth. /from doing smth./, to hold off from smth. /from doing smth./, to hold back on smth. /on doing smth./* воздерживаться от чего-л.

to hold back from drinking - воздерживаться от алкоголя
to hold off from beer - воздерживаться от пива, не пить пива
buyers are holding back on purchases - *ком.* покупатели воздерживаются от закупок

3. *to hold to /by/ smth.* твёрдо держаться, придерживаться чего-л.

to hold to a belief [by a principle] - твёрдо держаться какого-л. убеждения [какого-л. принципа]
to hold to one's promise - сдерживать своё обещание
to hold by /to/ an opinion - придерживаться мнения

to hold to a plan - придерживаться плана

to hold by one's decision - придерживаться своего решения

hold to your resolution - держитесь своего решения

I still hold to my former views - я остаюсь при старом мнении, я не изменил своих взглядов

I hold to what I have always said - я не отказываюсь от того, что всегда говорил

they held to the same course of behaviour - их поведение не изменилось

to hold by what N. says - прислушиваться к мнению N.

I hold by my opinion - остаюсь при своём мнении

4. **to hold smb. to smth.** требовать от кого-л. соблюдения чего-л.

to hold smb. to his promise - настаивать на выполнении кем-л. своего обещания

to hold smb. to terms - настаивать на соблюдении условий

5. **to hold (up) with smth.** одобрять что-л.; соглашаться с чем-л.

the political principles that few would hold with - политические принципы, с которыми мало кто согласится

I don't hold with such behaviour - я не одобряю подобного поведения

my father did not hold up with farming - занятие фермерством не нравилось моему отцу

6. **to hold with smb.**

1) соглашаться с кем-л., придерживаться одинаковых взглядов с кем-л.

I hold with you that this author is very talented - я, как и вы, считаю, что этот писатель очень талантлив

2) одобрительно относиться к кому-л.

I can't hold with him, he is insupportable - я его не переношу, он невыносим

7. **to hold in with smb.** дружить с кем-л.

8. **to hold out for smth.** стремиться к чему-л.

to hold out for a higher wage offer [price] - добиваться более высокой зарплаты [цены]

they hold out for self-rule - они стремятся к самоуправлению

9. **to hold on for some place** держать путь куда-л.

they held on for London - они держали путь в Лондон

◇

to hold copy - **полигр.** подчитывать (корректуру)

to hold the sprint - **спорт.** бежать с предельной скоростью

hold the oars! - разобрать вёсла! (команда в гребле)

to hold one's hand - воздержаться (от действий); занять выжидательную позицию

to hold hand - **усл.** а) помогать; б) состязаться; успешно соперничать

hold fast /hard! - а) стой!, подожди!; б) **мор.** стоп; [**ср. тж.** I 1 и 4]

to hold one's own /one's ground/ - а) сохранять свои позиции, не сдаваться; he can hold his own against anyone - он может постоять за себя перед кем угодно; он может дать отпор любому; he can hold his ground with the older boys - он не уступает старшим мальчикам; б) сохранять достоинство, самообладание; не поддаваться (болезни и т. п.)

the patient is holding his own - больной /пациент/ не теряет присутствия духа

to hold water - выдерживать критику; быть убедительным, логичным, обоснованным (о гипотезе, утверждении и т. п.) [**см. тж.** II A 10]

it won't hold water - это не выдерживает никакой критики

hold water! - вёсла на воду! (команда в гребле)

to hold it against smb. - иметь претензии к кому-л., иметь что-л. против кого-л.

he never remembers my birthday but I don't hold it against him - он никогда не помнит о моём дне рождения, но я не обижаюсь на него (за это)

I was left holding the baby - всю ответственность взвалили на меня

to hold at bay **см.** bay2 I 2

to be left holding the bag **см.** bag1 I ◇

to hold a brief **см.** brief I 2

to hold smb. in (the hollow of one's) hand - держать кого-л. в кулаке, подчинить кого-л. полностью

he is neither to hold nor to bind - с ним никто не может справиться, с ним сладу нет

to hold in play - занимать (работой, развлечениями)

hold your horses! - а) ≅ легче на поворотах!; не выходите из себя!; б) подождите!; не торопитесь!

hold it! - а) подождите!; не торопитесь!; б) не двигайтесь!; не шевелитесь!

to hold the stage - а) **театр. жарг.** приковывать к себе внимание зрителей; затмить остальных актёров; б) затмить всё, отодвинуть на второй план всё остальное; в) держаться на сцене, не сходить со сцены (о спектакле)

to hold one's tongue /one's peace/ - молчать, держать язык за зубами, прикусить язык

hold your noise /your row, **сл.** your jaw! - перестань(те) шуметь!, замолчи(те)!

hold, enough! - **усл.** хватит!; замолчите!

to hold the fort - а) занимать твёрдую позицию, не уступать; «держать оборону»; б) поддерживать нормальную жизнь; вести дела (в отсутствие кого-л.); [**см. тж.** I 4]

a skeleton staff was left to hold the fort at the office on Saturdays - по субботам в учреждении оставались лишь немногие сотрудники для ведения необходимых дел

hold the fort! - **амер.** держитесь!

to hold cheap - ни в грош не ставить; не дорожить

to hold smth. lightly - не придавать чему-л. значения

to be held to bail - быть освобождённым (из заключения) под залог

to hold in store - готовить, предвещать

we cannot tell what the future may hold (in store) for us - мы не знаем, что нам сулит будущее

to be able to hold one's drink - уметь пить (не пьянея)

to hold one's sides with laughter - покатываться со смеху; хохотать до упаду
hold the line! - не вешайте трубку!, не кладите трубку! (по телефону)
hold your hat! - *разг.* ≅ ну, теперь держись!

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hold

hold [hold holds held holding] verb, noun BrE [həʊld] * NAmE [hoʊld] *
verb (held, held BrE [held] * ; NAmE [held] *)

IN HAND/ARMS

1. transitive ~ **sb/sth** (+ **adv./prep.**) to carry sth; to have sb/sth in your hand, arms, etc

- She was holding a large box.
- I held the mouse by its tail.
- The girl held her father's hand tightly.
- He was holding the baby in his arms.
- The winning captain held the trophy in the air.
- We were **holding hands** (= holding each other's hands) .
- The lovers held each other close.

2. transitive ~ **sth** to put your hand on part of your body, usually because it hurts

- She groaned and held her head.

IN POSITION

3. transitive to keep sb/sth in a particular position

- ~ **sth** (+ **adv./prep.**) Hold your head up.
- Hold this position for a count of 10.
- The wood is held in position by a clamp.
- I had to hold my stomach in (= pull the muscles flat) to zip up my jeans.
- ~ **sth** + **adj.** I'll hold the door open for you.

SUPPORT

4. transitive ~ **sb/sth** to support the weight of sb/sth

- I don't think that branch will hold your weight.

CONTAIN

5. transitive ~ **sb/sth** to have enough space for sth/sb; to contain sth/sb

- This barrel holds 25 litres.
- The plane holds about 300 passengers.

SB PRISONER

6. transitive to keep sb and not allow them to leave

- ~ **sb** Police are holding two men in connection with last Thursday's bank raid.
- ~ **sb** + **noun** He was **held prisoner** for two years.

CONTROL

7. transitive ~ **sth** to defend sth against attack; to have control of sth

- The rebels held the radio station.

REMAIN

8. intransitive to remain strong and safe or in position

- They were afraid the dam wouldn't hold.

9. intransitive to remain the same

- How long will the fine weather hold?
- If their luck holds, they could still win the championship.

KEEP

10. transitive ~ **sth** to keep sb's attention or interest

- There wasn't much in the museum to hold my attention.

11. transitive ~ **sth** (at **sth**) to keep sth at the same level, rate, speed, etc

- Hold your speed at 70.
- Interest rates have been held at 8% for a year now.

12. transitive ~ **sth** to keep sth so that it can be used later

- records held on computer
- Our solicitor holds our wills.
- We can hold your reservation for three days.

OWN

13. transitive ~ **sth** (rather formal) to own or have sth

- Employees hold 30% of the shares.

JOB

14. transitive ~ **sth** to have a particular job or position

- How long has he held office?
- Mrs Thatcher held the post of Prime Minister longer than anyone else last century.

RECORD/TITLE

15. transitive ~ sth to have sth you have gained or achieved

- Who holds the world record for the long jump?
- She held the title of world champion for three years.

OPINION

16. transitive to have a belief or an opinion about sb/sth

- ~ **sth** He holds strange views on education.
- ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep./adj.** She is **held in high regard** by her students (= they have a high opinion of her).
- firmly-held beliefs

17. transitive (formal) to consider that sth is true

- ~ **that...** I still hold that the government's economic policies are mistaken.
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** Parents will be **held responsible** for their children's behaviour
- **be held to be sth** These vases are held to be the finest examples of Greek art.

MEETING

18. transitive, usually passive ~ sth to have a meeting, competition, conversation, etc

- The meeting will be held in the community centre.
- It's impossible to hold a conversation with all this noise.
- The country is holding its first free elections for 20 years.

ROAD/COURSE

19. transitive ~ the road (of a vehicle) to be in close contact with the road and easy to control, especially when driven fast

20. transitive ~ a course (of a ship or an aircraft) to continue to move in a particular direction

IN MUSIC

21. transitive ~ sth to make a note continue for a particular time

ON TELEPHONE

22. intransitive, transitive to wait until you can speak to the person you have telephoned

- That extension is busy right now. Can you hold?
- ~ **the line** She asked me to hold the line.

STOP

23. transitive ~ sth used to tell sb to stop doing sth or not to do sth

- Hold your fire! (= don't shoot)
- Hold the front page! (= don't print it until a particular piece of news is available)
- (NAmE, informal) Give me a hot dog, but hold the (= don't give me any) mustard.

Rem: Most idioms containing hold are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example hold the fort is at fort.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hold
	BrE /həʊld/
	NAmE /hoʊld/
he / she / it	holds
	BrE /həʊldz/
	NAmE /hoʊldz/
past simple, past participle	held
	BrE /held/
	NAmE /held/
-ing form	holding
	BrE /həʊldɪŋ/
	NAmE /hoʊldɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

hold verb

1. T

- He held the baby gently in his arms.

clutch • • grip • • hold on/hold onto sb/sth • • grasp • • cling • • hang on • • handle • |written clasp •

Opp: drop, Opp: release, Opp: let go of sth

hold/clutch/grip/clasp sth **in your hand/hands/arms**

hold/clutch/grip/hold on to/grasp/cling/hang on to/clasp sb/sth **by/with sth**

hold/clutch/grip/grasp/hang/clasp **on to** sth
hold/clutch/grip/hold onto/grasp/cling on to/clasp sb's **hand**

2. T

- Careful, that branch won't hold your weight!

support • • **hold sb/sth up** • • **bear** • • **carry** • • **prop sth up** •

hold/support/bear/carry the **weight** of sb/sth

Hold or bear? **Bear** is more formal and can also be used figuratively.

- (figurative) He seemed unable to bear the weight of his responsibility.

✗ He seemed unable to hold the weight of his responsibility.

3. T

- He was held prisoner for two years.

send sb to prison • • **intern** • • **detain** • • **imprison** • |informal **lock sb up/away** • |formal **incarcerate** • |especially **journalism jail** •

Opp: release

hold/send to prison/intern/lock up/detain/imprison/jail sb **for** sth

hold/lock up/detain/imprison/incarcerate sb **in** sth

hold/detain/imprison/jail sb **without** trial/charge

4. T

- Your personal records are held on computer.

keep • • **store** • |formal **retain** •

hold/keep/store/retain **information/data**

hold/keep **a record/records**

still/no longer hold/keep/store/retain sth

5. T, often passive

- The conference was held in Oregon.

have • • **host** • • **give** • • **call** • |informal **throw** • |formal **convene** •

hold/have/host/give/call/convene a **conference**

hold/have/call/convene a **meeting**

hold/have/host/give/throw a **party**

hold/have a **conversation/debate/discussion**

Synonyms:

hold

hold on • cling • clutch • grip • grasp • clasp • hang on

These words all mean to have sb/sth in your hands or arms.

hold • to have sb/sth in your hand or arms: ▫ She was holding a large box. ▫ I held the baby gently in my arms.

hold on (to sb/sth) • to continue to hold sb/sth; to put your hand on sb/sth and not take your hand away: ▫ Hold on and don't let go until I say so.

cling • to hold on to sb/sth tightly, especially with your whole body: ▫ Survivors clung to ▫ pieces of floating debris.

clutch • to hold sb/sth tightly, especially in your hand; to take hold of sth suddenly: ▫ She stood there, the flowers still clutched in her hand. ▫ He felt himself slipping and ▫ clutched at ▫ a branch.

grip • to hold on to sth very tightly with your hand: ▫ Grip the rope as tightly as you can.

grasp • to take hold of sth firmly: ▫ He grasped my hand and shook it warmly.

The object of **grasp** is often sb's **hand** or **wrist**.

clasp • (formal) to hold sb/sth tightly in your hand or in your arms: ▫ They clasped hands ▫ (= held each other's hands) ▫. ▫ She clasped the children in her arms.

The object of **clasp** is often your **hands**, sb else's **hand** or another person.

hang on (to sth) • to hold on to sth very tightly, especially in order to support yourself or stop yourself from falling: ▫ Hang on tight. We're off!

to hold/clutch/grip/clasp sth **in your hand/hands**

to hold/catch/clasp sb/sth **in your arms**

to hold/clutch/grip/grasp/clasp/hang **on to** sth

to hold/cling/hang **on**

to hold/clutch/clasp sb/sth **to** you

to hold/hold on to/cling to/clutch/grip/grasp/clasp/hang on to sb/sth **tightly**

to hold/hold on to/cling to/clutch/grip/grasp/clasp sb/sth **firmly**

to hold/hold on to/clutch/grip/clasp/hang on to sb/sth **tight**

Example Bank:

- This view is not widely held.
- deeply held religious beliefs
- privately held views
- Applicants must hold a full driving licence.
- Eight people were held hostage for four months.
- Employees do not have access to personal records held on computer.
- He has very firmly-held religious beliefs.
- He held her by the shoulders.
- He was born in South Africa but he holds a British passport.
- I don't think that branch will hold your weight.

- I held the baby gently in my arms.
- I still hold that the government's economic policies are mistaken.
- It's impossible to hold a conversation with all this noise.
- Parents will be held responsible for their children's behaviour
- Police are holding two men in connection with last Thursday's bank raid.
- She is held in high regard by her students.
- She was held captive in a castle.
- The captain held the trophy in the air.
- The company has held the advertising contract since 2005.
- The girl held her father's hand tightly.
- The next conference will be held in Ohio.
- They walked along the street, holding hands.

Idioms: catch/get/grab/take hold of somebody ▪ ↑get hold of somebody ▪ ↑get hold of something ▪ ↑hold good ▪ ↑hold it ▪ ↑no holds barred ▪ ↑on hold ▪ ↑take hold ▪ ↑there is no holding somebody

Derived ↑hold back ▪ ↑hold forth ▪ ↑hold off ▪ ↑hold on ▪ ↑hold on to somebody ▪ ↑hold on to something ▪ ↑hold onto something ▪ ↑hold out ▪ ↑hold out for something ▪ ↑hold out on somebody ▪ ↑hold out something ▪ ↑hold somebody back ▪ ↑hold somebody down ▪ ↑hold somebody off ▪ ↑hold somebody to something ▪ ↑hold somebody up ▪ ↑hold something against somebody ▪ ↑hold something back ▪ ↑hold something down ▪ ↑hold something in ▪ ↑hold something on ▪ ↑hold something out ▪ ↑hold something over ▪ ↑hold something over somebody ▪ ↑hold something together ▪ ↑hold together ▪ ↑hold up ▪ ↑hold up something ▪ ↑hold with something

noun

WITH HAND

1. **singular, uncountable** the action of holding sb/sth; the way you are holding sb/sth

Syn: ↑grip

- His hold on her arm tightened.
- She tried to **keep hold of** the child's hand.
- Make sure you've got a steady hold on the camera.

IN SPORT

2. **countable** a particular way of holding sb, especially in a sport such as ↑wrestling or in a fight

- The wrestler put his opponent into a head hold.
- The exercise called for the recruits to get out of various holds.

POWER/CONTROL

3. **singular ~ (on/over sb/sth)** influence, power or control over sb/sth

- What she knew about his past gave her a hold over him.
- He struggled to get a hold of his anger.

see also ↑stranglehold

IN CLIMBING

4. **countable** a place where you can put your hands or feet when climbing

- She put her foot firmly in the hold and pulled herself up.

see also ↑foothold, ↑handhold, ↑toehold

ON SHIP/PLANE

5. **countable** the part of a ship or plane where the goods being carried are stored



more at get (hold of) the wrong end of the stick **at** ↑wrong adj.

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Example Bank:

- He kept a firm hold on my hand.
- He lost his hold on the rock and was swept away by the tide.

- He no longer had any hold over her.
- He still had me in a tight hold.
- He still has a firm hold on the party.
- He tightened his hold on her.
- Her hold on power was now quite tenuous.
- She finally released her hold on me.
- Take hold of the handle and give it a hard pull.
- The allies lost their hold on northern France.
- The allies lost their hold on the south of the country.
- This had weakened his hold on power.
- an attempt to break the hold of the Church
- She tried to keep hold of the child's hand.

hold

I. **hold**¹ **S1 W1** /həʊld \$ hoʊld/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **held** /held/)

[Word Family: noun: ↑hold, ↑holder, ↑holding; verb: ↑hold]

[Language: Old English; Origin: healdan]



1. IN YOUR HAND/ARMS

a) [transitive] to have something in your hand, hands, or arms:

Could you hold my bag for me?

hold something in your hand/arms

He was holding a knife in one hand.

I held the baby in my arms.

hold hands (=hold each other's hands)

They sat holding hands under a tree.

hold somebody close/tightly (=with your arms around someone)

Max held her close and wiped away her tears.

b) [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to move your hand or something in your hand in a particular direction

hold something out/up etc

He held out his hand to help her to her feet.

Hold the picture up so we can see it.

2. **EVENT** [transitive] to have a meeting, party, election etc in a particular place or at a particular time:

This year's conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel.

A thanksgiving ceremony was held to mark the occasion.

The funeral was held on a grey day in November.

In April, the President held talks with Chinese leaders.

3. **KEEP SOMETHING IN POSITION** [transitive] to make something stay in a particular position

hold something open/up etc

We used rolled-up newspapers to hold the windows open.

Remember to hold your head up and keep your back straight.

hold something in place/position

A couple of screws should hold it in place.

Lift your head off the floor and hold this position for five seconds.

4. **JOB/TITLE** [transitive]

a) to have a particular job or position, especially an important one:

Do you really think he's capable of holding such a responsible position?

hold the post/position/office etc (of something)

She was the first woman to hold the office of Australian state premier.

The governor had held the post since 1989.

Whoever is elected will hold office (=have an important political position) for four years.

b) to have a particular title or record, because you have won a competition, are the best at something etc:

The programme still holds the record for the longest running TV series.

The last Briton to hold the title was Bert Nicholson.

5. **KEEP/STORE** [transitive] to keep something to be used when it is needed:

Further copies of the book are held in the library.

Weapons were held at various sites.

6. KEEP SOMETHING AVAILABLE FOR SOMEBODY [transitive] to agree not to give something such as a ticket, a place at a restaurant, a job etc to anyone except a particular person:

" We can hold the reservation for you until next Friday.

hold something open

" You can't expect them to hold the job open for much longer – you'll have to decide whether you want it or not.

7. KEEP SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE [transitive] to keep someone somewhere, and not allow them to leave:

" Police are holding two men in connection with the robbery.

hold somebody prisoner/hostage/captive

" A senior army officer was held hostage for four months.

hold somebody incommunicado (=keep someone somewhere and not allow them to communicate with anyone)

8. OPINION [transitive not in progressive] to have a particular opinion or belief:

" Experts hold varying opinions as to the causes of the disease.

be widely/generally/commonly held (=be the opinion of a lot of people)

" This view is not widely held.

be held to be something

" She was held to be one of the most talented actors of her time.

hold that

" The judge held that the child's interests in this case must come first.

9. hold somebody responsible/accountable /liable (for something) to say or decide that someone should accept the responsibility for something bad that happens:

" If anything happens to her, I'll hold you personally responsible.

" He may have had a terrible childhood, but he should still be held accountable for his own actions.

10. OWN SOMETHING [transitive] to officially own or possess money, a document, a company etc:

" He holds shares in ICI.

" Do you hold a valid passport?

" a privately held company

11. CONTAIN A PARTICULAR AMOUNT [transitive not in progressive] to have the space to contain a particular amount of something:

" The movie theater holds 500 people.

" The tank should hold enough to last us a few days.

12. SUPPORT [intransitive and transitive] to be strong enough to support the weight of something or someone:

" Careful! I'm not sure that branch will hold you.

" The bridge didn't look as though it would hold.

13. STAY AT SAME LEVEL [intransitive and transitive] to stay at a particular amount, level, or rate, or to make something do this:

" The bank is holding interest rates at 4%.

" Since then, the pound has held steady against the dollar.

hold sb's interest/attention (=make someone stay interested)

" Colourful pictures help hold the students' interest.

14. NOT CHANGE [intransitive] to continue to be true, good, available etc:

" What I said yesterday holds.

" Does your invitation still hold?

hold true/good

" Twenty years on, his advice still holds good.

weather/luck holds (out) (=continues to be good)

" If our luck holds, we could reach the final.

15. STOP/DELAY [transitive] *spoken* used in particular phrases to tell someone to wait or not to do something:

" I'll have a tuna fish sandwich please – and hold the mayo (=do not give me any).

hold it!

" Hold it! We're not quite ready.

hold your horses! (=used to tell someone to do something more slowly or carefully)

16. hold your head up (also **hold your head high**) to behave as if you are proud of yourself or respect yourself:

" They may have lost the game, but I still think they've earned the right to hold their heads high today.

17. hold your breath

a) to deliberately not breathe out for a short time:

" Hold your breath and count to ten.

b) to not breathe out and try not to make a sound because you do not want to be noticed:

" Julie shrank back against the wall and held her breath.

c) **not hold your breath** *spoken* used to say that you do not expect something to happen, even though someone has said it will:

" He promised he'd phone, but I'm not holding my breath.

18. hold (your) fire

a) to not shoot at someone when you were going to

b) to not criticize, attack, or oppose someone when you were going to:

" The President urged his party to hold fire on the issue a few days longer.

19. TELEPHONE [intransitive] (also **hold the line**) *spoken* to wait until the person you have telephoned is ready to answer:

" Mr Stevens is busy at the moment – would you like to hold?

" Please hold the line while I transfer you.

20. ARMY [transitive] if an army holds a place, it controls it or defends it from attack:

" The French army held the town for three days.

21. MUSICAL NOTE [transitive] to make a musical note continue for a particular length of time

22. **FUTURE** [transitive] *formal* if the future holds something, that is what may happen:
 Thousands of workers are waiting to see what the future holds.
23. **HAVE A QUALITY** [transitive] *formal* to have a particular quality
 hold (little) interest/appeal/promise etc
 Many church services hold little appeal for modern tastes.
24. **hold your own (against somebody)** to successfully defend yourself or succeed in a difficult situation, competition etc:
 He was a good enough player to hold his own against the Americans.
25. **not hold a candle to somebody/something** to be much worse than someone or something else
26. **be left holding the baby** *British English*, **be left holding the bag** *American English* to be left as the only person responsible for dealing with a difficult situation, especially something someone else started:
 He was left holding the financial baby when his musical partner joined another band.
27. **hold sway** to have a lot of influence or power:
 Among people here, traditional values still hold sway.
28. **hold court** to get the attention of everyone while you are talking, especially when you are trying to entertain people:
 Joey would walk into the bar and hold court all night.
29. **hold your tongue** *spoken* used to tell someone to stop talking or to not tell someone about something:
 I reckon you've just got to learn to hold your tongue.
30. **hold all the cards** to have all the advantages in a situation in which people are competing or arguing:
 'There's not much we can do. They seem to hold all the cards,' said Dan gloomily.
31. **hold fast (to something)** to keep believing strongly in something
32. **hold a conversation** to have a conversation
33. **hold the fort** to be responsible for something while the person usually responsible for it is not there:
 She's holding the fort while the manager's on holiday.
34. **hold the lead/advantage** to be winning in a competition, game etc:
 Celtic held the lead in the first half.
35. **there's no holding somebody (back)** *spoken* used to say that someone is so determined to do something that you cannot prevent them from doing it
36. **can hold your drink/liquor/alcohol etc** to be able to drink a lot of alcohol without getting drunk or ill
37. **not hold water** if an excuse, a statement etc does not hold water, it does not seem to be true or reasonable
38. **hold something/somebody dear** *formal* to care about something or someone a lot:
 We were facing the loss of everything we held dear.
39. **hold the road** if a car holds the road well, you can drive it quickly around bends without losing control
 ⇒ **hold a course** at ↑course¹(8)

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THESAURUS

- **hold** to have something in your hand, hands, or arms: Maria came in holding a letter. | Can I hold the baby?
- **grip** to hold something very tightly and not let it go: He gripped her arm so she couldn't walk away. | Jenny gripped the side of the boat to steady herself.
- **clutch** to hold something tightly, especially because you do not want to drop or lose it: A businessman hurried past, clutching his briefcase. | The little girl clutched onto his hand.
- **clasp** *written* to hold someone or something tightly, closing your fingers or arms around them: She was clasping a bunch of small summer flowers. | He clasped her in his arms and kissed her.
- **get/take hold of something** to take something in your hand or hands and hold it: I took hold of the handle and pulled as hard as I could. | Quickly – try and get hold of that frog!
- **grasp** *written* to take hold of something firmly, especially in a determined way: She grasped the lowest branch and pulled herself up into the tree.
- **grab** to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: He grabbed my bag and ran off with it. | The other man grabbed hold of (=suddenly took hold of) my arms and threatened me with a knife.
- **seize** /siːz/ *written* to take hold of something suddenly and often violently: A police officer ran after him and seized the gun.
- **hang on (to something)** to hold on to something or someone tightly to support yourself: He hung on to the rail at the back of the motorbike. | Hang on tight!
- **keep hold of something** to continue to hold something: Greg was struggling to keep hold of the dog. | She tried to take her hand away but he kept hold of it.

hold something against somebody *phrasal verb*

to continue to dislike someone or not forgive them because of something bad they have done in the past:

You can't still hold that against him, surely?

hold back *phrasal verb*

1. **hold somebody/something ↔back** to make someone or something stop moving forward:
 Police in riot gear held back the demonstrators.
2. **hold something ↔back** to stop yourself from feeling or showing a particular emotion:
 She struggled to hold back her tears.
 Anger flooded through her. She couldn't hold it back.
3. **hold somebody/something ↔back** to prevent someone or something from making progress:
 They felt the British economy was being held back by excessive government controls.
4. **hold (somebody) back** to be unwilling to do something, especially because you are being careful, or to make someone unwilling to do something:
 In the current situation many investors are holding back.
 She wanted to tell him but pride held her back.
5. **hold something ↔back** to keep something secret:

Tell me all about it – don't hold anything back!

hold somebody/something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

1. to make someone or something stay on something, and stop them from moving away or escaping:
 - We had to hold the tent down with rocks to stop it blowing away.
 - It took three strong men to hold him down.
2. to prevent the level of something such as prices from rising:
 - We will aim to hold down prices.
3. **hold down a job** to succeed in keeping a job for a period of time:
 - He's never held down a job for longer than a few weeks.
4. to keep people under control or limit their freedom:
 - The people were held down for centuries by their conquerors.

hold forth *phrasal verb*

to give your opinion on a subject, especially for a long time

hold forth on

▪ The speaker was holding forth on the collapse of modern society.

hold off *phrasal verb*

1. to delay doing something:

▪ Buyers have been holding off until the price falls.

hold off (on) doing something

▪ Hold off making your decision until Monday.

2. **hold somebody** ↔ **off**

a) to prevent someone who is trying to attack or defeat you from succeeding:

▪ Not even a gun could hold him off forever.

b) to prevent someone from coming towards you or succeeding in speaking to you:

▪ There's already a crowd of reporters outside – I'll try to hold them off for a while.

3. if rain or bad weather holds off, it does not start, although it looked as if it would:

▪ The rain held off until after the game.

hold on *phrasal verb*

1. *spoken*

a) to wait for a short time:

▪ Hold on, I'll just get my coat.

b) used when you have just noticed, heard, or remembered something interesting or wrong:

▪ Hold on a minute! Isn't that your brother's car over there?

c) used to ask someone on the telephone to wait until the person they want to talk to is available:

▪ Can you hold on? I'll try to find her.

2. to have your hands or arms tightly around something:

▪ Hold on tight!

hold on to

▪ Hold on to my arm.

3. to continue doing something that is very difficult to do:

▪ San Francisco held on to win 4–2.

hold on to somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to keep something rather than losing it, selling it, or giving it to someone else:

▪ The soldiers held on to the bridge for three more days.

▪ I think I'll hold on to these old records for now.

hold out *phrasal verb*

1. **hold out something** to think or say that something is possible or likely to happen, especially something good

not hold out much hope/hold out little hope

▪ Negotiators aren't holding out much hope of a peaceful settlement.

hold out the prospect/promise of something

▪ alternative methods which hold out the promise of improved health

2. if a supply of something holds out, there is still some left:

▪ Water supplies won't hold out much longer.

3. to continue to successfully defend a place that is being attacked:

▪ The rebels held out for another night but then fresh forces arrived.

4. to try to prevent yourself from doing something that someone is trying to force you to do

hold out against

▪ I didn't know how much longer I could hold out against their relentless questioning.

hold out for something *phrasal verb*

to not accept anything less than you have asked for:

▪ Transport workers are holding out for a 20% pay rise.

hold out on somebody *phrasal verb informal*

to not tell someone about something important:

▪ She must have been holding out on him all these years.

hold something over *phrasal verb*

1. [usually passive] *formal* to do or deal with something at a later time:

▪ The matter was held over for further review. ⇒ ↑ **holdover**

2. **hold something over somebody** to use something bad that you know about someone to make them do what you want:

▪ He knows I've been in prison and is holding it over me.

3. **be held over** *especially American English* if a play, film, concert etc is held over, it is shown for longer than planned because it is very popular

hold to something *phrasal verb*

1. if you hold to a belief, principle, promise etc, you believe it or behave according to it:

" He admitted he did not hold to the traditional view of God.

2. **hold somebody to something** to make someone do what they have promised:

" 'I'll ask him tomorrow.' 'OK, but I'm going to hold you to that.'

3. **hold somebody to something** *British English* to prevent your opponent in a sports game from getting more than a particular number of points:

" Norway held Holland to a 2–2 draw.

hold together *phrasal verb*

1. if a group or an organization holds together, or if something holds it together, it stays strong and does not separate into different parts or groups:

" Against all expectations, the coalition held together well.

hold something ↔ together

" In those days the Church held the community together.

2. to remain whole and good enough to use, or to make something do this:

" Incredibly, the raft held together till we reached the opposite shore.

hold something ↔ together

" I wondered how the structure was held together.

hold up *phrasal verb*

1. **hold something ↔ up** to support something and prevent it from falling down:

" The roof is held up by massive stone pillars.

2. **hold somebody/something ↔ up** [usually passive] to delay someone or something:

" Sorry I'm late – I was held up at work.

3. **hold up something** to rob or try to rob a place or person by using violence:

" Two armed men held up a downtown liquor store last night. ⇒ ↑hold-up

4. to not become weaker:

" His physical condition has held up well.

hold somebody/something up as something *phrasal verb*

to use someone or something as a good example or as proof of something:

" The school is held up as a model for others.

" This incident will be held up as proof that tougher controls are needed.

hold with something *phrasal verb*

not hold with something *British English* used to say that someone does not approve of something:

" He says he doesn't hold with all this politically correct stuff.

not hold with doing something

" I don't hold with hitting children in any circumstances.

II. **hold**² **S2 W3** *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: noun: ↑hold, ↑holder, ↑holding; verb: ↑hold]

[Sense 1-9, 11: Origin: ⇒ ↑hold¹]

[Sense 10: Origin: hole]

1. **HOLDING SOMETHING** [singular] the action of holding something with your hands **SYN** grip

hold on

" She released her tight hold on the dog.

" He tightened his hold, refusing to let her go.

" Make sure you keep hold of my hand when we cross the road.

" I took hold of her hand and gently led her away.

" Grab hold of the rope and pull yourself up.

2. **get hold of something** (also **get a hold of something** *American English*) to find or borrow something so that you can use it:

" I need to get hold of a car.

" She managed to get a hold of a copy.

3. **get hold of somebody** (also **get a hold of somebody** *American English*) to find and speak to someone about something:

" I must get hold of Vanessa to see if she can babysit.

4. **CONTROL/POWER** [singular] control, power, or influence over something or someone

get/keep a hold on/of something

" He struggled to get a hold of his emotions.

" I've always kept a tight hold on our finances.

" I realized that the woman had a hold over my father.

5. **on hold**

a) if something is on hold, it is going to be done or dealt with at a later date rather than now:

" The plans are on hold until after the election.

" Since having the kids, my career has been put on hold.

b) if you are on hold, you are waiting to talk to someone on the telephone:

" We try not to keep people on hold for more than a couple of minutes.

" The agent put me on hold while she consulted a colleague.

6. **take (a) hold** to start to have a definite effect:

" The fever was beginning to take hold.

7. **get hold of an idea/an impression/a story etc** to learn or begin to believe something:

Where on earth did you get hold of that idea?

8. **FIGHT** [countable] a particular position that you hold an opponent in, in a fight or a sport such as ↑wrestling

9. **CLIMBING** [countable] somewhere you can put your hands or feet to help you climb something:

" The cliff was steep and it was difficult to find a hold.

10. **SHIP** [countable] the part of a ship below the ↑deck¹(1) where goods are stored

11. **no holds barred** when there are no rules or limits on what you are allowed to do:

" It seems there are no holds barred when it comes to making a profit.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a tight/firm hold** Rose had a tight hold of her hand.

■ verbs

- **tighten your hold** Maria winced as Luke tightened his hold on her fingers.
- **loosen/relax your hold** Laughing, he loosened his hold until she could pull her arms free.
- **release your hold** (=stop holding something) As soon as his fingers released their hold, Robyn turned and ran.

■ phrases

- **keep hold of something** (=hold something without letting go) I had to run to keep hold of the leather strap.
- **get/take hold of something** (=start holding something) Wallace took hold of Fred's jacket and pulled him roughly backwards.
- **catch/grab/seize etc hold of something** (=start holding something quickly and firmly) She grabbed hold of the letter and tore it open.
- **have hold of something** (=be holding something) Nathan had hold of her hand again.

hold

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