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1. [ʃel] *n*
 1. раковина
snail [mollusc] shell - раковина улитки [моллюска]
 2. 1) скорлупа; шелуха
shell egg - яйцо (в отличие от яичного порошка)
chickens in the shell - невылупившиеся птенцы
as a writer he is still in the shell - как писатель он ещё не вылупился из яйца /не сформировался/
 - 2) кожура; створка (боба)
 3. 1) панцирь, щит (черепахи и т. п.)
 - 2) черепаха (материал), черепаховый рог
shell hairpin [comb] - черепаховая шпилька [гребёнка]
shell button - а) обтяжная пуговица; б) черепаховая пуговица
 4. 1) оболочка, личина
to be a mere shell of smth. - быть лишь оболочкой чего-л.
his humbleness is a shell for his ambition - смирением он лишь прикрывает своё честолюбие
 - 2) «скорлупа», некоммуникабельность; скрытность
to go /to retire/ into one's shell - уйти в свою скорлупу, замкнуться в себе
to come out of one's shell - выйти из своей скорлупы
 5. каркас (здания); остов (здания, корабля)
the shell of a plan - костяк плана
 6. длинная женская блуза без рукавов и воротника; жилет
 7. *амер.* шелл, гоночная восьмёрка
 8. гроб
 9. *геол.*
 - 1) земная кора (*тж.* earth shell)
 - 2) тонкий твёрдый прослойка
 10. *тех.*
 - 1) кожух; оболочка; обшивка
 - 2) обечайка
 11. *тех.* корпус
 12. *тех.* стакан, гильза
 13. *тех.* вкладыш (подшипника)
 14. *эл.* юбка изолятора
 15. *физ.* оболочка
 16. *редк.* чешуйка (рыбы и т. п.)
 17. *р/ сл.* деньги
 18. *амер.* малый пивной стакан
 19. *кул.* ракушка (фигурное печёное изделие)
pastry shell - ракушка для пирожного (заполняется кремом и т. п.)
water shells - «ракушки» (сорт вафель)

2. [ʃel] *v*
 1. 1) очищать (от скорлупы); чистить; лущить; шелушить
to shell an egg - очистить яйцо
to shell peas [beans, seeds, grain] - лущить горох [бобы, семечки, зерно]
 - 2) лущиться; шелушиться
nuts which shell in falling - орехи, которые разбиваются при падении
 2. *зоол.* линять, сбрасывать покров; сбрасывать раковину (о моллюсках и т. п.)
 3. заключать в оболочку; окружать оболочкой
 4. собирать раковины (на берегу)

II

1. [ʃel] *n*
 1. снаряд (артиллерийский)
shell cap [fragment] - наконечник [осколок] снаряда
shell dressing - комплектование снарядов
shell attack - артиллерийский обстрел
 2. мина
 3. патрон (дробового ружья)
 4. гильза (патрона, снаряда)
2. [ʃel] *v*
 - 1) обстреливать (артиллерийским огнём)
to shell a town [a trench, a road] - обстреливать город [траншею, дорогу]
to shell the enemy out of a town [out of trenches, out of a fortress] - выбить противника из города [из окопов, из крепости]
 - 2) вести артиллерийский или миномётный огонь
the troops were shelling unceasingly - войска вели непрерывный артиллерийский огонь

shell [shell shells shelled shelling] noun, verb *BrE* [ʃel] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ʃel] ^ˈ
 noun

Gastropods



1. countable, uncountable the hard outer part of eggs, nuts, some seeds and some animals

- We collected shells on the beach.
- snail shells
- walnut shells
- earrings made out of coconut shell

see also ↑eggshell, ↑nutshell, ↑seashell, ↑tortoiseshell

2. countable any object that looks like the shell of a ↑snail or sea creature

- pasta shells

3. countable a metal case filled with ↑explosive, to be fired from a large gun

- A shell burst only yards away from us.

4. (NAmE) = ↑cartridge

5. countable the walls or outer structure of sth, for example, an empty building or ship after a fire or a bomb attack

- The house was now a shell gutted by flames.
- (figurative) My life has been an empty shell since he died.

6. countable any structure that forms a hard outer frame

- the body shell of a car

7. singular the outer layer of sb's personality; how they seem to be or feel

- She had developed a shell of indifference.

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- I had become a hollow shell.
- Male crabs shed their shells twice a year.
- Remove the mussels from their shells.
- She had built up a protective shell around herself.
- The fire reduced the school to a hollow shell.
- The garden was littered with empty snail shells.
- The snail went back into its shell.
- The telltale sound of an incoming shell was heard.
- They braved heavy shell fire to rescue the wounded.
- Two shells hit the roof.
- a heap of spent brass shells from a machine gun
- creatures that have shells
- soldiers suffering from shell shock
- tank-busting guns that fired depleted uranium shells

Idioms: ↑come out of your shell ▪ go/retreat into your shell

Derived ↑shell out ▪ ↑shell something out

verb

1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) to fire shells at sth

- They shelled the city all night.
- Just as they were leaving the rebels started shelling.

2. transitive ~ sth to remove the shell or covering from nuts, ↑peas, etc.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shell
	BrE /ʃel/
	NAmE /ʃel/
he / she / it	shells
	BrE /ʃelz/
	NAmE /ʃelz/
past simple, past participle	shelled
	BrE /ʃeld/
	NAmE /ʃeld/
-ing form	shelling
	BrE /ʃelɪŋ/
	NAmE /ʃelɪŋ/

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I. **shell**¹ **S3 W3** /ʃel/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: sciell]



1.

a) the hard outer part that covers and protects an egg, nut, or seed:

- Never buy eggs with cracked shells.
- peanuts roasted in their shells

b) the hard protective covering of an animal such as a **snail**, **mussel**, or **crab**:

- a snail shell
- The children were collecting shells on the beach. ⇒ **seashell**

2. a metal container, like a large bullet, which is full of an explosive substance and is fired from a large gun:

- We ran for cover as shells dropped all around us.
- an exploding **mortar shell**

3. *especially American English* a metal tube containing a bullet and an explosive substance **cartridge**

4. the outside structure of something, especially the part of a building that remains when the rest of it has been destroyed

shell of

- the burnt-out shell of a nightclub

5. **out of your shell** becoming less shy and more confident and willing to talk to people:

- I had hoped that university would **bring** him **out of** his **shell**.
- She's started to **come out of** her **shell** a little.

II. **shell**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

1. to fire shells from large guns at something:

- The army has been shelling the town since yesterday.

2. to remove something such as beans or nuts from a shell or **pod**:

- Josie was **shelling** peas in the kitchen.

shell out (something) *phrasal verb informal*

to pay a lot of money for something, especially unwillingly:

- If you want the repairs done right, you'll have to shell out at least \$800.

shell out (something) for

- She ended up shelling out for two rooms.

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THESAURUS

- **shoot** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] to use a gun to fire bullets, or to kill or injure someone using a gun: He ordered his men to stop shooting. | The guards shot the man as he was trying to escape. | President Kennedy was shot by a lone gunman.
- **fire** *verb* [intransitive and transitive] to shoot bullets from a gun, or send an explosive object towards someone or something:

Soldiers fired into the crowd. | Helicopters fired rockets at several buildings. | He regained his balance, took aim, and fired. | The police fired into the air to make the crowd break up. | As soon as we crossed the border, enemy troops started firing at us. | Kendrick fired three shots at the President's car. | Suddenly the car stopped, and the passenger got out and fired a Kalashnikov rifle at the police car.

- **launch** *verb* [transitive] to send a large rocket or ↑**missile** into the air: American warships launched cruise missiles. | The guerrillas launched their rockets from densely populated towns.
- **open fire** to start shooting: Nineteen students were injured after a gunman opened fire. | Troops opened fire on a group of unarmed demonstrators. | The colonel gave the order for the soldiers to open fire.
- **shell** *verb* [transitive] to fire shells (=metal containers filled with an explosive substance) at enemy soldiers, cities etc in a war, using large guns: Border towns have been shelled by enemy aircraft for the past two months. | British warships began shelling German positions along the coast.
- **bombard** *verb* [transitive] to attack a place for a long time with shells or bombs: Allied forces bombarded the coast prior to the invasion. | Troops bombarded the area with shells. | The allied forces bombarded the enemy trenches for weeks. | Cromwell's men had been bombarding the fort with their artillery for several days.
- **take a potshot at somebody/something** to shoot at someone or something without aiming very carefully: Someone tried to take a potshot at him, but hit the man behind instead.

shell

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5 **387591**⁵ *nnu*