

1. [pit] *n*

1. 1) яма, ямка; впадина; углубление  
air pit - воздушная яма
- 2) **воен.** ровик, одиночный окоп; ячейка; гнездо  
machine-gun pit - пулемётный окоп, пулемётная ячейка
2. 1) шахта; рудник; шахтный ствол; карьер, разрез; копь  
stone pit - каменоломня  
to work in the pits - работать на шахте
- 2) выемка; котлован
- 3) колодец; шурф
- 4) **метал.** литейная яма
- 5) **тех.** смотровая канава; ремонтная яма
3. 1) яма для хранения овощей (**тж.** storage pit)
- 2) силосная яма
- 3) выгребная яма
- 4) яма для сжигания древесного угля
- 5) парник
- 6) гурт
- 7) (братская) могила
4. (the pit) **часто pl авт.** заправочно-ремонтный пункт (на автогонках)
5. 1) волчья яма, западня
- 2) ловушка, западня; неожиданная или непредвиденная опасность
6. (the pit) преисподняя, ад (**тж.** the pit of hell, the bottomless pit)  
the yawning pit - зияющая бездна, ад
7. **анат.** ямка, углубление  
the pit of the stomach - подложечная ямка  
(a queer feeling) in the pit of the stomach - (сосёт) под ложечкой
8. 1) оспина, рябина  
a few pits of the smallpox - несколько оспинок  
a surface marked by raindrop pits - на поверхности следы дождевых капель
- 2) **метал.** раковина  
pit corrosion - **метал.** точечная коррозия
9. партер, **особ.** задние ряды за креслами  
the pit applauded loudly - партер громко аплодировал
10. оркестровая яма (**тж.** orchestra pit)
11. арена петушиных, собачьих боёв
12. **амер.** часть биржевого зала, отведённая для торговли определённым товаром  
wheat pit - пшеничная биржа
13. **арх.** тюрьма; темница
14. **бот.** пора
15. **спорт.** яма для прыжков (в длину, в высоту, с шестом)
16. игровой зал (в казино)
17. род шумной карточной игры
18. 1) площадка, куда скатываются (сбитые) кегли
- 2) **тех.** загрузочный бункер или воронка  
◇ to fly /to shoot/ the pit - а) струсить; б) сбежать  
to dig a pit for smb. - рыть кому-л. яму  
he who digs a pit for others falls in himself - **посл.** не рой яму другому, сам в неё попадёшь

2. [pit] *v*

1. класть, складывать, закладывать в яму для хранения (**особ.** овощи)  
to pit potatoes - закладывать картофель в ямы
2. 1) рыть ямы
- 2) делать ямки; оставлять следы, отметины  
her face was pitted with smallpox - её лицо было изрыто оспой  
ground pitted by erosion - земля со следами эрозии
3. 1) стравливать (**особ.** петухов)
- 2) натравливать  
to pit smb. against smb. - натравливать одного на другого
- 3) выставлять кого-л., что-л. против кого-л., чего-л.  
to pit one boxer [wrestler] against another - выставить одного боксёра [борца] против другого  
the old man pitted his brains against the big man's strength - силе огромного детины старик противопоставил свой ум
4. бороться; противостоять  
to pit oneself against smb. - помериться силами с кем-л.  
to pit oneself against heavy odds - быть вынужденным преодолевать огромные трудности  
two armies were pitted against each other - две армии противостояли друг другу
5. **мед.** оставлять след на коже (от нажатия пальцем и т. п.)
6. останавливаться на заправочно-ремонтном пункте (автогонки)

II

1. [pit] *n* *амер.*

фруктовая косточка

to remove the pits - вынимать косточки

2. [pit] *v* *амер.*

ВЫНИМАТЬ КОСТОЧКИ

to pit cherries - чистить вишню

to pit peaches - вынимать косточки из персиков

pit

pit [pit pits pitted pitting] *noun, verb* *BrE* [pit] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [pit] <sup>ˈ</sup>*noun*

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## DEEP HOLE

1. *countable* a large deep hole in the ground

• We dug a deep pit in the yard.

• The body had been dumped in a pit.

2. *countable* (especially in compounds) a deep hole in the ground from which minerals are dug out• a **chalk/gravel pit**

## MINE

3. *countable* = ↑coal mine

• pit closures

• (*BrE*) He went down the pit (= started work as a ↑miner) when he left school.

## IN SKIN

4. *countable* a small shallow hole in the surface of sth, especially a mark left on the surface of the skin by some disease, such as

↑chickenpox

**see also** ↑pitted

## IN FRUIT

5. *countable* (especially *NAmE*) = ↑stone <sup>(5)</sup>

• a peach pit

## IN MOTOR RACING

6. **the pits plural** (*BrE*) (*NAmE* **the pit countable**) a place near the track where cars can stop for fuel, new tyres, etc. during a race**see also** ↑pit stop

## IN THEATRE

7. *countable* = ↑orchestra pit

## PART OF BODY

8. *countable* (*NAmE*, informal) = ↑armpit

## IN BUSINESS

9. *countable* (*NAmE*) the area of a ↑stock exchange where a particular product is traded

• the corn pit

**compare** ↑floor <sup>(6)</sup>**see also** ↑sandpit**more at** a bottomless pit (of sth) **at** ↑bottomlessWord Origin:*n.* senses 1 to 4 and *n.* senses 6 to 9 *v.* sense 1 Old English pytt West Germanic Dutch put German Pfütze Latin puteus 'well, shaft'*n.* sense 5 and *v.* sense 2 mid 19th cent. Dutch ↑pithExample Bank:

- Most boys in the town worked in the pits.
- There's no more work in these pit villages.
- They extract the mineral from open pits and underground mines.
- a disused gravel pit
- The human mind is a dark, bottomless pit.
- cherry/peach pits

Idioms: ↑pit of the stomach ▪ ↑the pitsDerived ↑pit somebody against something

## MAKE HOLES

### 1. ~ **sth** to make marks or holes on the surface of sth

- The surface of the moon is pitted with craters.
- Smallpox scars had pitted his face.

## FRUIT

### 2. (BrE also **stone**) ~ **sth** to remove the stone from the inside of a fruit

- pitted olives

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pit
	BrE /pɪt/
	NAmE /pɪt/
he / she / it	pits
	BrE /pɪts/
	NAmE /pɪts/
past simple, past participle	pitted
	BrE /pɪtɪd/
	NAmE /pɪtɪd/
-ing form	pitting
	BrE /pɪtɪŋ/
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See also: ↑stone

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### I. **pit**<sup>1</sup> /pɪt/ BrE <sup>n</sup> AmE <sup>n</sup> noun [countable]

[Sense 1-5,7-13: Language: Old English; Origin: pytt]

[Sense 6: Date: 1800-1900; Language: Dutch]

#### 1. HOLE

##### a) a hole in the ground, especially one made by digging:

" The female digs a pit in which to lay the eggs.

" a five-foot-deep pit ⇒ ↑sandpit

##### b) a large hole in the ground from which stones or minerals are obtained by digging

grave/sand/chalk pit

#### 2. **MINE** especially British English a coal mine:

" Dad first went down the pit (=worked in a coal mine) when he was 15 years old.

" a national strike against pit closures

#### 3. **MARK** a small hollow mark in the surface of something, especially on your skin as the result of a disease:

" the deep pits left by smallpox

#### 4. **UNTIDY PLACE** [usually singular] informal a house or room that is dirty, untidy, or in bad condition

#### 5. **be the pits** informal to be extremely bad:

" The company refused to pay – I think it's the pits.

#### 6. **in/at the pit of your stomach** if you have a feeling in the pit of your stomach, you have a sick or tight feeling in your stomach, usually because you are nervous or afraid:

" I had a feeling in the pit of my stomach that something terrible was going to happen.

#### 7. **CAR RACING the pits** the place beside the track in a car race where cars can come in for petrol, new tyres etc ⇒ ↑pit stop

#### 8. **IN A THEATRE** an ↑orchestra pit

#### 9. **IN A GARAGE** a hole in the floor of a garage that lets you get under a car to repair it:

" an inspection pit

#### 10. **a/the pit of something** literary a situation which makes you feel very bad:

" Just thinking about the future plunged her into a pit of despair.

#### 11. **IN FRUIT** especially American English the single large hard seed in some fruits **SYN stone** British English:

" a peach pit

#### 12. **BODY PART** informal an ↑armpit

#### 13. **BUSINESS** American English the area of a ↑stock exchange where people buy and sell shares **SYN floor** British English

### II. **pit**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>v</sup> AmE <sup>v</sup> verb (past tense and past participle **pitted**, present participle **pitting**)

#### 1. [transitive usually passive] to put small marks or holes in the surface of something

be pitted with something

" The whole street was pitted with potholes.

#### 2. [transitive] especially American English to take out the single hard seed inside some fruits **SYN stone**:

" Peel and pit two avocados.

#### 3. [intransitive] American English to stop in a car race to get petrol or have your car repaired

⇒ ↑pitted

**pit somebody/something against somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

to test someone's strength, ability, power etc in a competition or fight against someone or something else:

" We'll be pitting our team against the champions.

**pit your wits against somebody** (=compete against someone using your intelligence or knowledge)

" Pit your wits against family or friends!

**pit yourself against something/somebody**

" The men had to pit themselves against the forces of nature.

**pit out** *phrasal verb American English informal*

to ↑sweat so much that your clothes become wet under your arms

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**pit**

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RANGE: **2k** PIT<sup>9918</sup>

pit 6139

pitted 1347

pitting 536

pits 1896

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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258 **44850**<sup>272</sup> *vvi*

122 **65441**<sup>133</sup> *vv0*

13 **165709**<sup>23</sup> *np1*

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