

**squeeze**

1. [skwi:z] *n*
- 1) сжатие, сжимание, сдавливание
  - 2) пожатие  
to give smb.'s hand a squeeze - крепко пожать кому-л. руку
  - 3) объятие  
he gave me a friendly squeeze - он дружески обнял меня
2. *разг.*
- 1) теснота, давка  
we all got in, but it was a tight squeeze - мы все поместились, но было очень тесно
  - 2) *сл.* тусовка, сборище  
dinner, card parties and squeezes - обеды, карточные и другие сборища
  3. *разг.*
  - 1) давление, принуждение  
to put a squeeze on smb. - прижать кого-л., оказать нажим на кого-л.
  - 2) вымогательство, шантаж
  4. 1) выжатый сок  
a squeeze of lemon - немного лимонного сока
  - 2) выжимки
  5. оттиск (*монеты и т. п.*)
  6. *разг.* тяжёлое положение, затруднение, «узкое место»  
manpower [housing] squeeze - недостаток рабочей силы [жилья]
  7. *фин., бирж.* дорогие деньги, стеснённый кредит, ограничение кредита; высокая стоимость займов (*на покупку домов и т. п.*)
  8. комиссионные  
all the middlemen get a squeeze - все посредники получают комиссионные
  9. *горн.* осадка кровли
  10. *австрал. разг.* женская талия
2. [skwi:z] *v*
1. сжимать, сдавливать, стискивать  
to squeeze smb.'s hand - крепко пожать кому-л. руку  
to squeeze one's finger - прищемить палец (*дверью и т. п.*)  
he was squeezed to death in the crowd - его раздавили в толпе
  2. выжимать, выдавливать (*мж. squeeze out*)  
to squeeze a sponge [wet clothes] - выжимать губку [мокрую одежду]  
to squeeze juice from a lemon - выжимать сок из лимона  
to squeeze out a tear - выдавить слезу  
to squeeze dry - а) выжать досуха (*полотенце и т. п.*); б) выжать до конца (*лимон и т. п.*)  
cheese and meat paste can now be squeezed out of tubes - сыр и мясной паштет сейчас выжимают из тюбиков
  3. 1) заставлять, вынуждать  
to squeeze a confession from smb. - вынудить признание у кого-л.
  - 2) вымогать  
to squeeze money from /out of/ smb. - вымогать деньги у кого-л.
  4. (out of) выколачивать (*налоги и т. п.*); выжимать (*из кого-л.*)  
to squeeze every penny out of the taxpayer - выжимать последний грош из налогоплательщика
  5. притеснять, эксплуатировать  
the boss squeezed his men unmercifully - хозяин выжимал из рабочих все соки /беспощадно эксплуатировал рабочих/
  6. (*мж. squeeze in*)
  - 1) втискивать, впихивать, пропихивать  
to squeeze one's way through a crowd - протискиваться /пробиваться/ сквозь толпу  
to squeeze oneself into a room - протиснуться в комнату  
to squeeze three suits into a small suitcase - втиснуть три костюма в маленький чемодан  
to squeeze things forcibly into a trunk - с силой впихивать вещи в сундук  
to squeeze one's hand into a glove - с трудом натянуть перчатку  
he squeezed his hand through the opening - он с трудом просунул руку в отверстие  
I was squeezed in between two stout men - я оказался зажатым /стиснутым/ между двумя толстяками
  - 2) втискиваться, впихиваться, протискиваться  
to squeeze through a door [into a crowded room] - протиснуться в дверь [в забитую людьми комнату]  
the bus was full but I managed to squeeze in - автобус был полон, но мне удалось втиснуться  
we can all three squeeze into the front seat - мы троём усядемся на переднем сиденье
  7. тесниться (*обыкн. squeeze up*)  
to squeeze up against smb., smth. - прижиматься к кому-л., чему-л.  
squeeze up a bit more and let the others sit down - потеснитесь немного и дайте другим сесть  
several hundreds were squeezed up against each other in one corner of the stand - несколько сот зрителей стояли прижавшись друг к другу /плечом к плечу/ в одном углу трибуны
  8. делать оттиск (*монеты и т. п.*)
  9. *карт.* лишить контрапартнёра заручек в длинной масти (*бридж*)
  10. *тех.* обжимать, уплотнять; выпрессовывать  
◇ to squeeze off a fish - *воен. жарг.* подорвать торпеду

**squeeze****squeeze** [squeeze squeezes squeezed squeezing] verb, noun BrE [skwiːʒ]

NAme [skwiːʒ]

verb

**PRESS WITH FINGERS****1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to press sth firmly, especially with your fingers

- to squeeze a tube of toothpaste
- to squeeze the trigger of a gun (= to fire it)
- He squeezed her hand and smiled at her.
- Just take hold of the tube and squeeze.

**GET LIQUID OUT****2. transitive** to get liquid out of sth by pressing or twisting it hard

- ~ **sth out of/from sth** to squeeze the juice from a lemon
- (figurative) She felt as if every drop of emotion had been squeezed from her.
- ~ **sth (out)** He took off his wet clothes and squeezed the water out.
- freshly squeezed orange juice
- ~ **sth + adj.** Soak the cloth in warm water and then squeeze it dry.

**INTO/THROUGH SMALL SPACE****3. transitive, intransitive** to force sb/sth/yourself into or through a small space

- ~ **sb/sth into, through, etc. sth** We managed to squeeze six people into the car.
- It's a pretty town, squeezed between the mountains and the ocean.
- (figurative) We managed to squeeze a lot into a week (= we did a lot of different things) .
- ~ **into, through, etc. sth** to squeeze into a tight dress/a parking space
- to squeeze through a gap in the hedge
- ~ **through, in, past, etc.** If you move forward a little, I can squeeze past.

**THREATEN****4. transitive ~ sb (for sth) (informal)** to get sth by putting pressure on sb, threatening them, etc

- He's squeezing me for £500.

**LIMIT MONEY****5. transitive ~ sb/sth** to strictly limit or reduce the amount of money that sb/sth has or can use

- High interest rates have squeezed the industry hard.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	squeeze
	BrE /skwi:z/
	NAme /skwi:z/
he / she / it	squeezes
	BrE /skwi:zɪz/
	NAme /skwi:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	squeezed
	BrE /skwi:zd/
	NAme /skwi:zd/
-ing form	squeezing
	BrE /skwi:zɪŋ/
	NAme /skwi:zɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from earlier squise, from obsolete queise, of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:**squeeze** verb T, I

- He slowly squeezed the trigger.

**press** • • **push** •squeeze/press/push **on** sthsqueeze/press/push (sth) **hard/gently****Which word?** **Press** is the most general word. You can **press** sth with your finger, hand or foot. **Push** is mostly used with the word **button**. You **squeeze** sth by bending your finger(s) around it.

### Example Bank:

- 'I know,' she said, squeezing his hand gently.
- His legs were squeezed together.
- I squeezed the last bit of toothpaste out of the tube.
- squeezing the juice from a lemon
- By squeezing the bulb you will be pumping air into the jar.
- He slowly squeezed the trigger.
- It's a pretty town, squeezed between the mountains and the ocean.
- She squeezed on the reins and the cart came to a halt.
- Squeeze the juice of half a lemon over each fish.
- They were able to squeeze through a gap in the fence.
- We managed to squeeze a lot into a week.

**Idioms:** ↑put the squeeze on somebody ▪ ↑squeeze somebody dry

**Derived** ↑squeeze somebody in ▪ ↑squeeze somebody out ▪ ↑squeeze somebody up ▪ ↑squeeze something out of somebody ▪ ↑squeeze up

noun

### PRESSING WITH FINGERS

**1. countable, usually singular** an act of pressing sth, usually with your hands

- He gave my hand a little squeeze.
- Give the tube another squeeze.

### OF LIQUID

**2. countable** a small amount of liquid that is produced by pressing sth

- a squeeze of lemon juice

### IN SMALL SPACE

**3. singular** a situation where it is almost impossible for a number of people or things to fit into a small or restricted space

- It was a **tight squeeze** but we finally got everything into the case.
- Seven people in the car was a bit of a squeeze.

### REDUCTION IN MONEY

**4. countable, usually singular** a reduction in the amount of money, jobs, etc. available; a difficult situation caused by this

- a **squeeze on** profits
- We're really **feeling the squeeze** since I lost my job.
- a **credit squeeze**

### BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND

**5. singular** (informal, especially NAmE) a boyfriend or girlfriend

- Who's his **main squeeze** ?

### Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from earlier *squise*, from obsolete *queise*, of unknown origin.

### Example Bank:

- All manufacturers are feeling the squeeze.
- He gave her hand a gentle squeeze.
- He gave his mother a comforting squeeze as he left.
- Hospitals have been in a squeeze for some time.
- The government is trying to put the squeeze on high earners.
- There were seven of us in the car and it was a tight squeeze.
- We can get six in the car at a squeeze.
- a squeeze on spending

## squeeze

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**I. squeeze** <sup>1</sup> **S3** /skwiːz BrE " AmE " verb

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: *quease* 'to press, squeeze' (15-17 centuries), from Old English *cwysan*]

**1. PRESS [transitive]** to press something firmly together with your fingers or hand:

- " She smiled as he squeezed her hand.
- " He squeezed the trigger, but nothing happened.

**2. PRESS OUT LIQUID [transitive]** to get liquid from something by pressing it:

- " Squeeze the oranges.

**squeeze something out**

- " Try to squeeze a bit more out.

**squeeze something on/onto something**

- " Squeeze a bit of lemon juice onto the fish.

3. **SMALL SPACE** [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to try to make something fit into a space that is too small, or

to try to get into such a space **SYN squash**

**squeeze into**

Five of us squeezed into the back seat.

**squeeze through/past**

He had squeezed through a gap in the fence.

**squeeze somebody/something in**

We could probably squeeze in a few more people.

4. **squeeze your eyes shut** to close your eyes very tightly

5. **JUST SUCCEED** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to succeed, win, or pass a test by a very small amount so that you only just avoid failure:

Greece just squeezed through into the next round.

6. **LIMIT MONEY** [transitive] to strictly limit the amount of money that is available to a company or organization:

The government is squeezing the railways' investment budget.

**squeeze somebody/something** ↔ **in** (also **squeeze something into something**) *phrasal verb*

to manage to meet someone or do something although you are very busy:

How do you manage to squeeze so much into one day?

I can squeeze you in at four o'clock.

**squeeze something** ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

1. to do something so that someone or something is no longer included or able to continue:

If budgets are cut, vital research may be squeezed out.

2. to squeeze something wet in order to remove the liquid from it:

Squeeze the cloth out first.

3. **squeeze something out of somebody** to force someone to tell you something:

See if you can squeeze more information out of them.

**squeeze up** *phrasal verb British English*

to move close to the person next to you to make space for someone else

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## THESAURUS

▪ **press** to push something down or against a surface with your fingers or foot: The doctor gently pressed her stomach. | To move forward, press the accelerator. | I pressed 'delete' and started again.

▪ **squeeze** to press something inwards from both sides: It's one of those balls that make a funny noise when you squeeze it. | Squeeze the lemon and add the juice to the sauce.

▪ **squash** to press something against a surface accidentally and damage it by making it flat: Don't squash the tomatoes. | He sat on my hat and squashed it.

▪ **crush** to press something very hard so that it breaks into very small pieces, or is very badly damaged: Crush two cloves of garlic. | The front of the car was completely crushed in the crash.

▪ **mash** to press cooked vegetables or fruit until they are soft and smooth: Mash the potatoes while they are warm. | Babies love mashed bananas.

▪ **grind** to press something solid until it becomes a powder, using a machine or tool: the machine that grinds the corn | freshly ground coffee

II. **squeeze** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [countable]

1. **a (tight) squeeze** a situation in which there is only just enough room for things or people to fit somewhere:

It'll be a squeeze with six people in the car.

2.



an act of pressing something firmly with your fingers or hand:

Marty gave her hand a little squeeze.

3. **squeeze of lemon/lime etc** a small amount of juice obtained by squeezing a piece of fruit

4. a situation in which wages, prices, borrowing money etc are strictly controlled or reduced

**squeeze on**

cuts due to the squeeze on public sector spending

a credit squeeze

All manufacturers are feeling the squeeze (=noticing the effects of a difficult financial situation).

5. **put the squeeze on somebody** *informal* to try to persuade someone to do something

6. **sb's (main) squeeze** *especially American English informal* someone's ↑boyfriend or ↑girlfriend

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