

# cramp

I

1. [kræmp] *n*
  1. судорога, спазм  
cramp in the calf muscles - *мед.* тоническая судорога в икрах
  2. *pl амер.* колики
2. [kræmp] *v обыкн. pass*  
вызывать судорогу, спазм

II

1. [kræmp] *n*
  1. *тех.* зажим, тиски; скоба  
cramp frame - струбцинка
  2. *горн.* целик
  3. перекося
  4. помеха, ограничение
2. [kræmp] *a редк.*
  1. узкий, тесный; ограниченный
  2. трудный для понимания, непонятный, странный  
cramp reason - непонятная/странная/ причина  
cramp hand - неразборчивый почерк
3. [kræmp] *v*
  1. стеснять, ограничивать (*рост, движение и т. п.*)  
to be cramped for room /for space/ - жить *или* работать в тесноте ≅ повернуться негде  
to cramp science by superstition - из-за суеверий мешать развитию науки  
all these things cramped his progress - всё это мешало его успеху
  2. *тех.* скреплять скобой  
◇ to cramp smb.'s style - помешать кому-л. развернуться

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**cramp** [cramp cramps cramped cramping] **noun, verb** *BrE* [kræmp] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [kræmp] <sup>u</sup>

**noun**

1. **uncountable, countable** (*NAmE* also **'charley horse**) a sudden pain that you get when the muscles in a particular part of your body contract, usually caused by cold or too much exercise: (*BrE*) to get a cramp in your leg  
• (*NAmE*) to get a cramp in your leg  
**see also** ↑writer's cramp
2. **cramps plural** severe pain in the stomach

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Middle Low German and Middle Dutch *krampe*; sense 1 of the noun is via Old French *crampe*.

Example Bank:

- I was beginning to get cramp in my leg.
- I was suddenly seized by an attack of cramp.
- She had a sudden painful cramp in her left leg.

Idiom: ↑cramp somebody's style

**verb ~ sth**

to prevent the development or progress of sb/sth

**Syn:** ↑restrict

- Tighter trade restrictions might cramp economic growth.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cramp
	<i>BrE</i> /kræmp/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kræmp/
he / she / it	cramps
	<i>BrE</i> /kræmps/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kræmps/
past simple, past participle	cramped
	<i>BrE</i> /kræmpt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kræmpt/
-ing form	cramping
	<i>BrE</i> /kræmpɪŋ/
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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: crampe, perhaps from Low German krampe; ⇒ ↑**cramp**<sup>2</sup>]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** a severe pain that you get in part of your body when a muscle becomes too tight, making it difficult for you to move that part of your body:

- Several players were suffering from cramp.
- muscle cramps

**have/get (a) cramp**

- One of the swimmers got cramp and had to drop out of the race. ⇒ **WRITER'S CRAMP**

2. **(stomach) cramps** **[plural]** severe pains in the stomach, especially the ones that women get when they ↑**menstruate**

**II. cramp**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Partly from ⇒ ↑**cramp**<sup>1</sup>; partly from cramp '*tool for holding things together*' (14-21 centuries), from Low German krampe '*hook*']

1. **[transitive]** to prevent the development of someone or something **SYN hinder, restrict**

Stricter anti-pollution laws may cramp economic growth.

2. **cramp sb's style** *informal* to prevent someone from behaving in the way they want to:

- Paul said he didn't want Sarah to come along because she cramps his style.

3. **[intransitive and transitive] (also cramp up)** to get or cause cramp in a muscle:

- He cramped in the last 200 metres of the race.
- Sitting still for so long had cramped her muscles.

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