

**clay****1. [kleɪ] n**

1. глина, глинозём
2. ил, тина, грязь
3. *возвыш.* человеческое тело, плоть
4. *поэт.* прах
5. глиняная трубка  
to smoke a short clay - курить короткую глиняную трубку
6. = clay court  
◇ to moisten /to wet/ one's clay - *шутл.* выпить, промочить горло

**2. [kleɪ] v**

- 1) обмазывать глиной
- 2) *спец.* отбеливать глиной

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**clay** [clay clays] BrE [kleɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [kleɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup> noun uncountable

a type of heavy, sticky earth that becomes hard when it is baked and is used to make things such as pots and bricks

see have feet of clay at ↑foot <sub>n.</sub>Word Origin:Old English clææg, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch **klei**, also to ↑cleave 'to stick fast' and ↑climb.Synonyms:**soil**

mud • dust • clay • land • earth • dirt • ground

These are all words for the top layer of the earth in which plants grow.

**soil** • the top layer of the earth in which plants grow: ▪ Plant the seedlings in damp soil.**mud** • wet soil that is soft and sticky: ▪ The car wheels got stuck in the mud.**dust** • a fine powder that consists of very small pieces of rock, earth, etc: ▪ A cloud of dust rose as the truck set off.**clay** • a type of heavy sticky soil that becomes hard when it is baked and is used to make things such as pots and bricks: ▪ The tiles are made of clay.**land** • an area of ground, especially of a particular type: ▪ an area of rich, fertile land**earth** • the substance that plants grow in. **Earth** is often used about the soil found in gardens or used for gardening ▪ She put some earth into the pot.**dirt** • (*especially NAmE*) soil, especially loose soil: ▪ Pack the dirt firmly around the plants.**ground** • an area of soil: ▪ The car got stuck in the muddy ground. ◇▪ They drove across miles of rough, stony ground.**Ground** is not used for loose soil: a handful of dry ground**good/rich** soil/land/earth**fertile/infertile** soil/land/groundto **dig** the soil/mud/clay/land/earth/groundto **cultivate** the soil/land/groundExample Bank:

- She moulded the clay into the shape of a head.
- a figure made of clay
- plants that grow in damp clay
- Clay tends to dry out and crack in the summer months.
- Digging the heavy clay soil gave me backache.
- Not much can grow in the wet clay here.
- The cups are made from the finest china clay.
- The tiles are made of clay.
- You'll need a lump of modelling clay.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: clæg]

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⇒ **feet of clay** at ↑foot<sup>1</sup>(27)**clay**

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