

**dam**

I

1. [dæm] *n*
  1. дамба, плотина запруда; перемычка, мол  
earth dam - земляная плотина
  2. запруженная /запружённая/ вода, запруда
2. [dæm] *v* (*тж. dam up*)
  1. перегораживать плотиной, подпирать плотиной, запруживать реку
  2. преграждать, задерживать, сдерживать  
to dam a passage - завалить проход  
to dam up one's feelings - сдерживать чувства

II

[dæm] *n*  
матка, производительница (о животных)

II

[dæm] *n шотл.*  
1. шашка (фигура в шашечной игре)  
2. *pl* шашки (игра)

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**dam** [dam dams dammed damming] *noun, verb* *BrE* [dæm] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAme* [dæm] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

*noun*

1. a barrier that is built across a river in order to stop the water from flowing, used especially to make a ↑reservoir (= a lake for storing water) or to produce electricity
  - the Narmada dam in India
  - The dam burst.
2. (*technical*) the mother of some animals, especially horses  
**compare** ↑sire
3. = ↑dental dam

Word Origin:

*n. sense 1* and *v.* Middle English Middle Low German Middle Dutch Dutch **dam** German **Damm** Old English fordemman 'close up'  
*n. sense 2* late Middle English ↑dame

Example Bank:

- The dam burst and the valley was flooded.
- The dam has been breached and there is a danger of flooding.
- The dam holds back the water.
- a large hydroelectric dam on the Colorado River

**verb** (-mm-) ~ **sth (up)**

to build a ↑dam across a river, especially in order to make an artificial lake for use as a water supply, etc

- plans to dam Colorado's South Platte River

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dam
	BrE /dæm/
	NAme /dæm/
he / she / it	dams
	BrE /dæmz/
	NAme /dæmz/
past simple, past participle	dammed
	BrE /dæmd/
	NAme /dæmd/
-ing form	damming
	BrE /dæmɪŋ/
	NAme /dæmɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Locals strongly opposed plans to dam the river.
- They formed artificial lakes by damming up a natural stream.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Dutch]

1. a special wall built across a river or stream to stop the water from flowing, especially in order to make a lake or produce electricity

2. *technical* the mother of a four-legged animal, especially a horse

II. **dam** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **dammed**, present participle **damming**) [*transitive*] (also **dam up**)

1. to stop the water in a river or stream from flowing by building a special wall across it

2. to stop something from being expressed or continuing:

" Once she allowed her anger to show, it could not be dammed up again.

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Freakuency Pack

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15000 **3305**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k DAM** 7301

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1532 **7944**<sup>4256</sup> *nn1*

285 **32566**<sup>482</sup> *vv0*

82 **66553**<sup>129</sup> *np1*

79 **84042**<sup>82</sup> *vvi*

8 **262809**<sup>10</sup> *nnu*