

**pearl**

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1. [pɜ:əl] *n*
  - 1) жемчуг  
cultured pearl - культивированный жемчуг  
Venetian pearl - искусственный жемчуг
  - 2) жемчужина, перл
  2. перламутр
  3. нечто изысканное, великолепный образец  
he is the very pearl of courtesy - он воплощённая вежливость
  4. капля росы; слезинка
  5. крупинка; зёрнышко  
fine pearl - перловая крупа (*мелкая*)
  6. бледный голубовато-серый цвет
  7. бугорок на роге оленя
  8. *полигр.* перл (*шрифт кегля 5*)
  9. *тех.* гранула
  10. *мед.* капсула, ампула  
◇ to cast pearls before swine - метать бисер перед свиньями

2. [pɜ:əl] *a*
  1. жемчужный  
pearl beads - жемчужные бусы
  2. перламутровый
  3. голубовато-серый
  4. зерновидный, зёрнёный, гранулированный

3. [pɜ:əl] *v*
  1. 1) осыпать, украшать жемчугом  
2) покрывать каплями *и т. п.*  
pearled with dew - покрытый жемчужными каплями росы
  - 3) выступать жемчужными каплями  
perspiration pearled his brow - на его лбу выступили жемчужины пота
  - 4) окрашивать в перламутровые, жемчужные тона  
the dawn pearled the sky - заря окрасила небо в перламутровые тона
  2. добывать жемчуг
  3. глазировать (*конфеты, пирожные*)
  4. рушить (*ячмень и т. п.*)

II

[pɜ:əl] *n редк.*  
зубчик (*на кружеве и т. п.*)

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**pearl** [pearl pearls pearled pearling] *BrE* [pɜ:əl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [pɜ:ɑ:l] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

1. **countable** a small hard shiny white ball that forms inside the shell of an ↑oyster and is of great value as a ↑jewel
  - a string of pearls
  - a pearl necklace
  - She was wearing her pearls (= a ↑necklace of ↑pearls) .

**see also** ↑seed pearl
2. **countable** a copy of a **pearl** that is made artificially
3. **uncountable** = ↑mother-of-pearl
  - pearl buttons
4. **countable, usually singular** a thing that looks like a **pearl** in shape or colour
  - pearls of dew on the grass
5. **countable** a thing that is very highly valued
  - She is a pearl among women.
  - The ski resort is known as the Pearl of the Alps.

↓ idiom cast/throw pearls before swine ▪ ↑pearl of wisdom

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **perle**, perhaps based on Latin **perna** 'leg', extended to denote a leg-of-mutton-shaped bivalve

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: perle, from Vulgar Latin pernula, from Latin perna 'mussel']

1. **JEWEL** [countable] a small round white object that forms inside an ↑oyster, and is a valuable jewel:
  - a pearl necklace
  - a string of pearls (= a ↑necklace made of pearls)
2. **HARD SUBSTANCE** [uncountable] a hard shiny substance of various colours formed inside some ↑shellfish, which is used for making buttons or to make objects look attractive **SYN** mother-of-pearl

3. **pearls of wisdom** wise remarks – used especially when you really think that someone’s remarks are slightly stupid:  
 " Thank you for those pearls of wisdom, Emma.
4. **cast/throw pearls before swine** *formal* to give something valuable to someone who does not understand its value
5. **LIQUID** [countable] *literary* a small round drop of liquid:  
 " the pearls of the morning dew
6. **EXCELLENT THING/PERSON** [countable usually singular] *old-fashioned* someone or something that is especially good or valuable  
 pearl among  
 " She’s a pearl among women.

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