

**jam**

I

**1. [dʒæm] n**

1. 1) сжатие, сжимание; сдавливание
- 2) защемление
2. давка; затор; загромождение  
traffic jam - «пробка», затор (в уличном движении)
3. **амер. разг.** тяжёлое положение  
to be in a jam - попасть в переделку  
to pull smb. out of a jam - выручить кого-л. из беды
4. **тех.** заедание; застревание
5. **тех.** перебои в работе
6. **радио, тлв.**
  - 1) помеха при приёме и передаче
  - 2) создание радиотехнических помех; глушение передач

**2. [dʒæm] v**

1. 1) сжимать, зажимать; сдавливать, стискивать  
he jammed on the brakes - он надавил на тормоза  
a ship jammed in the ice - судно, затёртое льдами  
I was jammed in and could not move - меня стиснули, и я не мог двинуться  
she jammed the top of the box down - она захлопнула крышку ящика  
the two sheets of carbon paper always jam together - два листка копирки всегда слипаются
- 2) защемлять, прищемлять  
he jammed his fingers in the door - он прищемил пальцы дверью
2. 1) загромождать, запруживать, забивать; набивать битком  
the river was jammed with logs - река была запружена брёвнами  
crowds jam the doors - толпа создаёт пробку в дверях
- 2) набиваться битком
3. (into, on, through) проходить или протаскивать силой; впихивать, втискивать  
to jam one's clothes into a small box - запихнуть свои платья в маленькую коробку  
to jam one's hands into one's pockets - (за)сунуть руки в карманы  
to jam coins into a slot - совать монеты в щель автомата  
we were jammed into the bus - нас втиснули в автобус  
to jam one's way through an exit - протиснуться через выход  
he jammed his hat on - он нахлобучил шляпу  
to jam a bill through - **амер.** протащить законопроект
4. **тех.** заедать, застревать  
the window has jammed, I can't open it - окно заело, не открывается
5. **тех.** останавливаться (о машине, орудии и т. п.)
6. **радио, тлв.** исказить передачу, мешать работе другой станции; создавать радиотехнические помехи, глушить

II

**1. [dʒæm] n**

1. варенье; джем
2. сладость; что-л приятное  
real jam - удовольствие, наслаждение; ≅ пальчики оближешь  
money for jam - верные деньги; лёгкая нажива

**2. [dʒæm] v**

варить варенье

III

**1. [dʒæm] n муз. жарг.**

импровизация (в джазе)  
jam session - исполнение джазом импровизаций и экспромтов

**2. [dʒæm] v муз. жарг.**

импровизировать (в джазе)

IV

[dʒæm] n **амер. сл.** = heterosexual

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**jam** [jam jams jammed jamming] noun, verb **BrE** [dʒæm] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **NAmE** [dʒæm] <sup>ⓘ</sup>

noun

**SWEET FOOD**

1. **uncountable, countable** a thick sweet substance made by boiling fruit with sugar, often sold in ↑jars and spread on bread
    - strawberry jam
    - recipes for jams and preserves
    - (BrE) a jam doughnut
- compare** ↑jelly, ↑marmalade

**MANY PEOPLE/VEHICLES**

2. **countable** a situation in which it is difficult or impossible to move because there are so many people or vehicles in one particular place

- The bus was delayed in a five-mile jam.
- As fans rushed to leave, jams formed at all the exits.

**see also** ↑traffic jam

## MACHINE

3. **countable** a situation in which a machine does not work because sth is stuck in one position

- There's a paper jam in the photocopier.

**more at** money for jam/old rope **at** ↑money

### Word Origin:

v. and n. **senses 2 to 3** early 18th cent. ↑cram

n. **sense 1** mid 18th cent. ↑jam

### Example Bank:

- We were stuck in a jam for an hour.

**Idioms:** ↑in a jam ▪ ↑jam on the brake ▪ ↑jam the brake on ▪ ↑jam tomorrow

verb (-mm-)

## PUSH WITH FORCE

1. **transitive** ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to push sth somewhere with a lot of force

- He jammed his fingers in his ears.
- A stool had been jammed against the door.

## STOP MOVING/WORKING

2. **intransitive, transitive** to become unable to move or work; to make sth do this

- ~ **(up)** The photocopier keeps jamming up.
- ~ **sth (up)** There's a loose part that keeps jamming the mechanism.
- + **adj.** The valve has jammed shut.
- ~ **sth + adj.** He jammed the door open with a piece of wood.

## PUT INTO SMALL SPACE

3. **transitive, intransitive** to put sb/sth into a small space where there is very little room to move

**Syn:** ↑squash, **Syn:** ↑squeeze

- ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** Six of us were jammed into one small car.
- We were jammed together like sardines in a can.
- The cupboards were **jammed full** of old newspapers.
- + **adv./prep.** Nearly 1 000 students jammed into the hall.

**see also** ↑jam-packed

## FILL WITH PEOPLE/THINGS

4. **transitive** ~ **sth (up) (with sb/sth)** to fill sth with a large number of people or things so that it is unable to function as it should

**Syn:** ↑block

- Viewers jammed the switchboard with complaints.

## RADIO BROADCAST

5. **transitive** ~ **sth (technical)** to send out radio signals to prevent another radio broadcast from being heard

## PLAY MUSIC

6. **intransitive, transitive** ~ **(sth)** to play music with other musicians in an informal way without preparing or practising first

**Verb forms:**

| verb forms                   |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| present simple               |               |
| I / you / we / they          | jam           |
|                              | BrE /dʒæm/    |
|                              | NAme /dʒæm/   |
| he / she / it                | jams          |
|                              | BrE /dʒæmz/   |
|                              | NAme /dʒæmz/  |
| past simple, past participle | jammed        |
|                              | BrE /dʒæmd/   |
|                              | NAme /dʒæmd/  |
| -ing form                    | jamming       |
|                              | BrE /dʒæmɪŋ/  |
|                              | NAme /dʒæmɪŋ/ |

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- People constantly jammed the street.
- The airport was jammed with people trying to arrange flights.
- The room is jammed tight with furniture.
- The streets were completely jammed with traffic.
- The traffic was jammed solid in the city centre.
- The traffic will just jam up our village.
- We were jammed together shoulder to shoulder.

## jam

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

- I. **'jam** ,**session** *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> (also **jam**) *noun* [countable]  
an occasion when ↑**jazz** or ↑**rock** musicians play music together in an informal way
- II. **jam** <sup>1</sup> **S3** /dʒæm/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*



1. **FOOD** [uncountable and countable] a thick sweet substance made from boiled fruit and sugar, eaten especially on bread ⇒ **jelly**:  
" strawberry jam  
" a jam sandwich  
" jam jars
2. **CARS/PEOPLE** [countable] a situation in which it is difficult or impossible to move because there are so many cars or people:  
" Sorry we're late. We got stuck in a traffic jam.
3. **MACHINE** [countable] a situation in which a machine does not work because something is stopping a part from moving:  
" It caused a jam in the printer.
4. **DIFFICULT SITUATION** [countable usually singular] *informal* a difficult situation  
(**be/get**) **in/out of/into a jam**  
" We became friends after he helped me out of a jam.
5. **MUSIC** [countable]  
a) a ↑**jam session**  
b) a song or piece of music, especially one by a ↑**rap** or ↑**rock** group
6. **kick out the jams** *American English informal* to play ↑**rock music** loudly and with a lot of energy or emotion:  
" Make no mistake – these guys know how to kick out the jams.
7. **jam tomorrow** *British English informal* good things someone promises you, which never happen:  
" There is an element of 'jam tomorrow' about some of the government's policies.
- III. **jam** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **jammed** , present participle **jamming** )  
[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Perhaps copying the action]
1. **PUSH HARD** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to push something somewhere using a lot of force, until it can move no further:  
" He jammed his foot on the accelerator and the car sped off.  
" A chair had been jammed up against the door.
2. **MACHINE** [intransitive and transitive] (also **jam up**) if a moving part of something jams, or if you jam it, it no longer works properly because something is preventing it from moving:  
" The front roller has jammed on the photocopier.
3. **BLOCK** [intransitive and transitive] (also **jam up**) if a lot of people or vehicles jam a place, they fill it so that it is difficult to move
- SYN cram**:  
" Crowds jammed the entrance to the stadium.
- jam into**  
" They all jammed into the car. ⇒ ↑**jammed**(2)
4. **MUSIC** [intransitive] (also **jam out**) to play music in an informal way with other people ⇒ ↑**jam session**
5. **jam on the brakes** to slow down a car suddenly by putting your foot down hard on the ↑**brake**
6. **jam sb's/the switchboard** if telephone calls jam the switchboard of an organization, so many people are phoning the organization that it cannot deal with them all:  
" Viewers jammed the switchboard with complaints.
7. **RADIO** [transitive] to deliberately prevent broadcasts or other electronic signals from being received, by broadcasting signals on the same ↑**wavelength**

8. **somebody is jamming** *American English spoken* used to say that someone is doing something very quickly or well

**jam out** *phrasal verb*

to dance to music

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