

**ham**

I

1. [hæm] *n*
  1. окорок; ветчина  
ham and eggs - яичница с ветчиной
  2. 1) бедро, ляжка  
2) *pl прост.* зад  
ham cases - *прост.* штаны, портки  
to squat on one's hams - сидеть на корточках
  3. *амер. сл.*
    - 1) актёр, бьющий на дешёвый эффект  
ham actress - бездарная /переигрывающая/ актриса
    - 2) наигрыш, игра на публику
  4. любитель *особ.* радиолучитель(-коротковолнови)
2. [hæm] *v театр. разг.*  
переигрывать; играть с нажимом (*тж.* ham it up)  
he hams all his parts - во всех ролях он переигрывает

II

[hæm] *n арх., уст.*  
селение

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ham** [ham hams hammed hamming] *noun, verb* *BrE* [hæm] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [hæm] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>  
*noun*

1. **countable, uncountable** the top part of a pig's leg that has been **cured** (= preserved using salt or smoke) and is eaten as food; the meat from this
  - The hams were cooked whole.
  - a slice of ham
  - a ham sandwich**compare** ↑bacon, ↑gammon, ↑pork
2. **countable** a person who sends and receives radio messages as a hobby rather than as a job
  - a radio ham
3. **countable (informal)** (often used as an adjective) an actor who performs badly, especially by exaggerating emotions
  - a ham actor
4. **countable, usually plural (informal)** the back part of a person's leg above the knee  
**see also** ↑hamstring

Word Origin:

*n. sense 1* and *n. sense 4* Old English ham hom Germanic 'be crooked'  
*v.* and *n. senses 2 to 3* late 19th cent. ↑amateur hamfatter 'inexpert performer'

Example Bank:

- We had boiled ham on the bone for dinner.
- cold ham and salad

Idiom: ↑ham it up

*verb* (-mm-)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ham
	BrE /hæm/
	NAmE /hæm/
he / she / it	hams
	BrE /hæmz/
	NAmE /hæmz/
past simple, past participle	hammed
	BrE /hæmd/
	NAmE /hæmd/
-ing form	hamming
	BrE /hæmɪŋ/
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[Sense 1: Language: Old English; Origin: hamm]  
[Sense 2: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: Perhaps from amateur]

[Sense 3: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ham-fatter '*bad actor*' (19-20 centuries), from the song 'The Ham-fat Man'. ]

1. [uncountable and countable] the upper part of a pig's leg, or the meat from this that has been preserved with salt or smoke ⇒

**gammon** :

- " a ham sandwich
- " a seven-poundham

2. [countable] someone who receives and sends radio messages for fun rather than as their job

3. [countable] *informal* an actor who performs with too much false emotion

II. **ham**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* (past tense and past participle **hammed** , present participle **hamming** )

**ham it up** *informal* to perform with too much false emotion when acting

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **7025**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **4622**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** HAM<sup>3736</sup>

ham<sup>3408</sup>

hams<sup>328</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1869 **9513**<sup>3304</sup> *nn1*

76 **85105**<sup>80</sup> *jj*

16 **161463**<sup>24</sup> *np1*

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