

knuckle

1. ['nʌk(ə)] *n*

1. сустав пальца, межфаланговый сустав, «костяшка»
the knuckles - костяшки (*пальцев рук*)
2. *кул.* голяшка, ножка (*телячья, свиная, баранья*)
3. = knuckle-duster
4. 1) *тех.* шарнир, кулак
- 2) *авт.* поворотный кулак
- 3) *ж.-д.* кулак, зуб (*автосцепки*)
5. *мор.* перегиб обшивки; срез кормы

◇ knuckle part of the glove - ударная часть перчатки (*бокс*)

to give a rap on /over/ the knuckles, to rap smb.'s knuckles - дать нагоняй кому-л.; осадить, обрезать кого-л.; ≅ дать по рукам
to get a rap on /over/ the knuckles - получить нагоняй

near the knuckle - на грани неприличного, не совсем пристойный; скабрёзный

2. ['nʌk(ə)] *v*

1. ударить, постучать костяшками пальцев
2. сжать руку в кулак (*так что видны костяшки пальцев*)
3. упереться костяшками пальцев в землю (*при игре в шарики; часто knuckle down*)

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knuckle [knuckle knuckles knuckled knuckling] *noun, verb* BrE ['nʌkɪ] ¹ NAmE

['nʌkɪ] ²

noun

1. **countable** any of the joints in the fingers, especially those connecting the fingers to the rest of the hand



2. (*also hock especially in NAmE*) **uncountable, countable** a piece of meat from the lower part of an animal's leg, especially a pig
• knuckle of pork

more at (give sb/get) a rap on/over/across the knuckles **at** ↑rap *n.*, rap sb on/over the knuckles rap sb's knuckles **at** ↑rap *v.*

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- She clenched the phone till her knuckles were white.
- She was rapped over the knuckles by her boss for criticizing the company in the press.

Idiom: ↑near the knuckle

Derived ↑knuckle down ▪ ↑knuckle under

verb

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | knuckle |
| | BrE / 'nʌkɪ/ |
| | NAmE / 'nʌkɪ/ |
| he / she / it | knuckles |
| | BrE / 'nʌkɪz/ |
| | NAmE / 'nʌkɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | knuckled |
| | BrE / 'nʌkɪd/ |
| | NAmE / 'nʌkɪd/ |
| -ing form | knuckling |
| | BrE / 'nʌkɪŋ/ |
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See also: ↑hock

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Low German; Origin: knökel 'small bone, knuckle']

1. your knuckles are the joints in your fingers, including the ones where your fingers join your hands:

Her knuckles whitened as she gripped the gun.

2. a piece of meat around the lowest leg joint of a pig:

a knuckle of pork

3. **near the knuckle** *British English informal* rude, or likely to give offence:

Some of his jokes are a bit near the knuckle.

⇒ a rap on/over the knuckles at ↑rap¹(6), ⇒ rap somebody on/over the knuckles at ↑rap²(5)II. **knuckle**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb***knuckle down** *phrasal verb informal*to suddenly start working or studying hard **SYN get down to**:

If he doesn't knuckle down soon, he'll never get through those exams.

knuckle down to

He is clearly ready to knuckle down to the task.

knuckle under *phrasal verb informal*

to accept someone's authority or orders although you do not want to

knuckle

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