

**cuddle**

1. ['kʌdl] *n*  
объятие
2. ['kʌdl] *v*
  - 1) прижимать к себе, крепко обнимать  
to cuddle a baby in one's arms - прижать ребёнка к себе /к груди/
  - 2) обниматься  
Jane and John were cuddling in the back row of the cinema - Джейн и Джон сидели обнявшись в последнем ряду кинотеатра
2. прижиматься друг к другу (*часто* cuddle up, cuddle together)  
the children cuddled up /together/ under the blanket - дети жались друг к другу под одеялом
3. свернуться калачиком в постели

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**cud·dle** [cuddle cuddles cuddled cuddling] *verb, noun* BrE ['kʌdl] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> NAmE

['kʌdl] <sup>Ⓜ</sup>

*verb intransitive, transitive*

to hold sb/sth close in your arms to show love or affection

**Syn:** ↑hug

- A couple of teenagers were kissing and cuddling on the doorstep.
- ~ **sth (+ adj.)** The little boy cuddled the teddy bear close.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	cuddle
	BrE / 'kʌdl/
	NAmE / 'kʌdl/
he / she /it	cuddles
	BrE / 'kʌdlz/
	NAmE / 'kʌdlz/
past simple, past participle	cuddled
	BrE / 'kʌdlɪd/
	NAmE / 'kʌdlɪd/
-ing form	cuddling
	BrE / 'kʌdlɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kʌdlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 16th cent. (rare before the 18th cent.): of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- a young couple kissing and cuddling on the sofa

Derived ↑cuddle up

*noun usually singular*

the action of holding sb close in your arms to show love or affection

**Syn:** ↑hug

- to give sb a cuddle

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Example Bank:

- Give Mummy a big cuddle.
- He gave her a big cuddle and told her not to worry.
- He just wants a comforting kiss and a cuddle and he'll be all right.
- They were having a cuddle on the sofa.
- She gave him a cuddle.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **cud·dle** <sup>1</sup> /'kʌdl/ BrE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> AmE <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from cull, coll 'to hug' (14-18 centuries), from Old French coler, from col 'neck']

to hold someone or something very close to you with your arms around them, especially to show that you love them ⇨ **hug**:

" Dawn and her boyfriend were cuddling on the sofa.

**cuddle up** *phrasal verb*

to lie or sit very close to someone or something

**cuddle up to/together**

" The children cuddled up to each other for warmth.

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**THESAURUS**

- **hug** (also **give somebody a hug**) to put your arms around someone and hold them tightly to show love or friendship: Mother

hugged him and tucked him into bed. | Come here and give me a big hug.

- **embrace** to put your arms around someone and hold him or her in a caring way. **Embrace** is more formal than **hug**: Jason warmly embraced his son. | The two leaders embraced each other.
- **cuddle** to put your arms around someone or something as a sign of love, especially a child or a small animal: She sat on a chair, cuddling her daughter. | He cuddled the puppy.
- **put your arms around somebody** to hold someone closely to your body, especially to comfort them or show that you love them: The woman put her arms around the sobbing boy.
- **cradle** *written* to hold someone very gently in your arms, like you would hold a baby: She held the baby in her arms. | She cradled his head in her hands and kissed him on the forehead

II. **cuddle**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [singular]

an act of cuddling someone ⇒ **hug**:

<sup>1</sup> Come over here and let me give you a cuddle.

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