

**crux** [krʌks] *n* (*pl* *mж.* *cruces*)

1. главный, основной, решающий вопрос  
the **crux** of the matter - самая суть дела  
we have now reached the **crux** of our negotiations - в наших переговорах мы теперь подошли к самому существу /к самому существенному моменту/
2. затруднение, трудный вопрос, случай; загадка, заговздка
3. *гeрaльд* крест

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**crux** [krʌks *cruxes* *cruces*] *BrE* [krʌks] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [krʌks] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *noun* singular the ~ (of sth)

the most important or difficult part of a problem or an issue

**Syn:** ↑nub

- Now we come to **the crux of the matter** .

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (denoting a representation of a cross, chiefly in *crux ansata* 'ankh', literally 'cross with a handle'): from Latin, literally cross.

Example Bank:

- This is the real **crux** of the issue to me.
- Now we come to the **crux** of the matter.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** ⇒ ↑cross<sup>2</sup>]

**the crux** the most important part of a problem, question, argument etc

**the crux of**

- <sup>Ⓜ</sup> The crux of the matter is how do we prevent a flood occurring again?
- <sup>Ⓜ</sup> The crux of the problem lay in the lack of equipment.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **7856**<sup>MCW</sup>

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RANGE: **6k** **CRUX** <sup>722</sup>

crux <sup>715</sup>

cruxes <sup>7</sup>

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589 **27147**<sup>659</sup> *nn1*

22 **115410**<sup>45</sup> *np1*

8 **250273**<sup>11</sup> *vv0*