

sham

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1. [ʃæm] n

1. 1) подделка, подлог

are those real diamonds or only shams? - это настоящие бриллианты или только подделка?

2) обман, трюк

a transparent sham - явный обман

a mere clumsy sham - неуклюжая попытка обмануть

2. притворство, симуляция

his pain is no sham - ему на самом деле /действительно/ больно

3. притворщик, симулянт

he is not in pain, he is a sham - ему не больно, он просто притворяется /симулирует/

4. мошенник; шарлатан; обманщик

he cheated you, he is a sham and a coward as well - он обманул тебя, он мошенник и к тому же трус

5. **амер.** декоративный чехол, накидка, салфетка **и т. п.**

pillow sham - подушка в пёстром чехле

2. [ʃæm] a

1. 1) поддельный, подложный, фальшивый

sham pearls [jewellery] - поддельные жемчуга [драгоценности]

sham papers - подложные /фальшивые/ документы

2) бутафорский

sham flowers - искусственные цветы

2. притворный

sham illness - притворная болезнь, симуляция болезни

sham simplicity [tears] - притворная простота [-ые слёзы]

sham learning [indifference] - напускная учёность [-ое равнодушие]

3. **воен.** учебный, показательныйsham battle - показательный бой (*на манёврах*)

sham fight - а) ложный удар, демонстрация; б) учения, манёвры

4. фиктивный

sham marriage - фиктивный брак

sham plea - **юр.** апелляция, поданная для того, чтобы оттянуть время

5. притворяющийся, прикидывающийся; мнимый

sham doctor - врач-шарлатан

3. [ʃæm] v

притворяться, прикидываться; симулировать

to sham ill [dead, asleep] - притвориться больным [мёртвым, спящим]

to sham illness [a faint, a fit, madness] - симулировать болезнь [обморок, припадок, сумасшествие]

to sham modesty - прикидываться скромником

to sham one's glass - делать вид, что пьёшь

to sham stupid - разыгрывать /строить/ из себя дурачка

he is not ill, he is shamming - он не болен, он притворяется

stop sham ming! - перестань разыгрывать комедию!

◇ to sham Abra(ha)m /**воен. жарг.** the doctor/ - притворяться больным, симулировать болезнь

II

[ʃæm] n (**сокр. от champagne**) **разг.**

шампанское

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sham [sham shams shammed shamming] **noun, adjective, verb** BrE [ʃæm] ¹NAme [ʃæm] ¹**noun** (disapproving)

- singular** a situation, feeling, system, etc. that is not as good or true as it seems to be
 - The latest crime figures are a complete sham.
 - She felt trapped in a sham of a marriage.
- countable, usually singular** a person who pretends to be sth that they are not
 - The article exposes him for the sham that he really is.
- uncountable** behaviour, feelings, words, etc. that are intended to make sb/sth seem to be better than they really are
 - Their promises turned out to be full of sham and hypocrisy.
 - His intellectual pretensions are all sham.

Word Origin:

late 17th cent.: perhaps a northern English dialect variant of the noun ↑shame.

adjective only before noun (usually disapproving)

not genuine but intended to seem real

Syn: ↑false

- a sham marriage

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Example Bank:

- She soon realized she was trapped in a sham marriage.

verb (-mm-) intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) | + adj.

to pretend sth

- Is he really sick or is he just shamming?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sham
	BrE /jæm/
	NAmE /jæm/
he / she / it	shams
	BrE /jæmz/
	NAmE /jæmz/
past simple, past participle	shammed
	BrE /jæmd/
	NAmE /jæmd/
-ing form	shamming
	BrE /jæmɪŋ/
	NAmE /jæmɪŋ/

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I. sham¹ /jæm/ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Perhaps from sham 'shame' (13-17 centuries), from shame]

1. [singular] someone or something that is not what they are claimed to be – used to show disapproval:
The elections were a complete sham.
2. [uncountable] literary when someone tries to make something or someone seem better than they really are:
It all turned out to be sham and hypocrisy.
3. [countable] a cover for a ↑pillow, especially one used for decoration

II. sham² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ adjective [only before noun]

made to appear real in order to deceive people SYN false:

a sham marriage

III. sham³ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **shammed**, present participle **shamming**) [intransitive and transitive] especially British English old-fashioned

to pretend to be upset, ill etc to gain sympathy or an advantage SYN feign:

She's not ill, she's only shamming.

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