

oyster

[ˈɔɪstə] *n*

1. *зоол.* устрица (*Ostrea*)
2. нежное птичье мясо
3. замкнутый, неразговорчивый человек; молчун
close /dumb/ as an oyster - ≅ нем как рыба; умеет держать язык за зубами
4. «золотая жила», то, из чего можно извлекать пользу
◇ the world is my oyster, the world's mine oyster - ≅ я могу завоевать весь мир; моё (блестящее) будущее в моих руках

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

oys-ter [oyster oysters] *BrE* [ˈɔɪstə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈɔɪstər] ^ˈ **noun**



a large flat **↑shellfish**. Some types of **oyster** can be eaten and others produce shiny white **↑jewels** called **↑pearls**
 • Oyster beds, on the mudflats, are a form of fish farming.
see the world is your oyster **at** **↑world**

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *oistre*, via Latin from Greek *ostreon*; related to *osteon* 'bone' and *ostrakon* 'shell or tile'.

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1. a type of **↑shellfish** that can be eaten cooked or uncooked, and that produces a jewel called a **↑pearl**
2. **the world is your oyster** used to tell someone that they can achieve whatever they want

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