

clam

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1. [klæm] *n*
 - 1) съедобный морской моллюск (*разинька, венерка и т. п.*)
 - 2) *ком., кул.* клем (*промысловый моллюск, кроме устрицы, мидии и гребешка*)
canned clams - консервы из клемов
 2. *амер. пренебр.* скупец, скряга
 3. *амер. сл.* рот
 4. *разг.* скрытный, необщительный человек; ≅ улитка
he is a clam about his business dealings - он никогда не говорит о своих деловых операциях
 5. = clamshell
 6. *амер. сл.* доллар
 7. *амер. сл.*
 - 1) ошибка, промах
 - 2) *муз.* фальшивая нота
to hit a clam - сфальшивить; взять неверную ноту
◇ close as a clam - скупой; ≅ скряга
as happy as a clam - ≅ рад-радешенек, рад без памяти
he was happy as a clam in his modest house - в своём скромном домике он жил припеваючи
2. [klæm] *v амер.*
собирать *или* выкапывать съедобных моллюсков
they went clamming - они пошли собирать моллюсков /клемов/

II

[klæm] = *clamp*¹ I

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1. [klæm] *n*
удар в колокола
2. [klæm] *v*
 - 1) ударить, зазвонить вместе (*о колоколах*)
 - 2) ударить в колокола

IV

[klæm] = *clamminess*

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clam [clam clams clammed clamming] *BrE* [klæm]¹ *NAmE* [klæm]¹

noun



- a ↑shellfish that can be eaten. It has a shell in two parts that can open and close
- clam chowder/soup
 - The moment I mentioned the children he closed up like a clam (= became silent and refused to discuss the topic).

Word Origin:
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Derived ↑clam up

verb (-mm-)

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	clam
he / she /it	clams
past simple, past participle	clammed
-ing form	clamming

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clam ¹ /klæm/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *noun* [countable]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Origin:** clam 'two-part fastener' (14-20 centuries), from Old English clamm 'chain, rope, etc. for tying something up'; from the tight shutting of a clam shell]



1. a ¹shellfish you can eat that has a shell in two parts that open up:
 - ² clam chowder (=a type of soup)
 2. **as happy as a clam** *American English informal* very happy
 3. *American English informal* someone who does not say what they are thinking or feeling
- II. **clam** ² *BrE* ³ *AmE* ⁴ *verb* (past tense and past participle **clammed** , present participle **clamming**)
- clam up** *phrasal verb*
- informal* to suddenly stop talking, especially when you are nervous or shy:
- ⁵ A sensitive child is likely just to clam up.

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