

**gambit**['gæmbɪt] *n*

1. 1) шахм. гамбит
- 2) жертва, уступка для получения преимущества в дальнейшем
2. 1) первый шаг (в предприятии, действии и т. п.); пробный шар
- 2) (любой) целенаправленный манёвр

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**gam·bit** ['gæmbɪt] *n* **BrE** ['gæmbɪt] *n* **NAmE** ['gæmbɪt] *n* **noun**

1. a thing that sb does, or sth that sb says at the beginning of a situation or conversation, that is intended to give them some advantage
  - an **opening gambit** (= the first thing you say)
  - The opposition have dismissed promises of tax cuts as a pre-election gambit.
  - His idea of a brilliant conversational gambit is 'What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?'
2. a move or moves made at the beginning of a game of ↑chess in order to gain an advantage later

Word Origin:mid 17th cent.: originally **gambett**, from Italian **gambetto**, literally 'tripping up', from **gamba** 'leg'.Example Bank:

- It looks as if their gambit has paid off.
- It was a clever publicity gambit that ended in tragedy.
- The long silences were a gambit to make him talk.

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Italian; Origin: gambetto 'act of making someone fall over', from gamba 'leg']

1. something that you do or say which is intended to give you an advantage in an argument:
  - a clever debating gambit
  - These questions are often an **opening gambit** (=the thing you say first) for a negotiation.
2. a planned series of moves at the beginning of a game of ↑chess

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