

**cleave**

I

[kli:v] *v* (clove, cleft, cleaved [-{kli:v}d], *арх.* *clave; cloven, cleft, cleaved, clove*)

1. 1) **раскалывать**

the earthquake has cleft great chasms in the rocks - землетрясение образовало в скалах глубокие расселины  
 the sections into which society is cleft - группы, на которые разделено общество  
 the ground was cloven by frost - земля растрескалась от мороза

2) **раскалываться**

this wood cleaves easily - это дерево легко раскалывается /колется/  
 every society cleaves along class lines - любое общество расколото на классы

2. 1) **рассекать (воду, воздух и т. п. - о птице, судне, пловце и т. п.)**

the vessel will soon cleave her way through the strait - корабль скоро пройдёт через пролив  
 the plane was cleaving the clouds - самолёт пронзал облака

2) **прорубать, просекать**

to cleave a path through the wilderness - прорубить дорогу через заросли

II

[kli:v] *v* (cleaved [-{kli:v}d], *арх.* *clave; cleaved*)

1. **оставаться верным (кому-л., чему-л.)**

to cleave to a principle - оставаться верным принципу  
 the tribes clove to their old beliefs - племена упорно держались своих старых верований

2. **прилипнуть**

he was so frightened that his tongue cleaved to the roof of his mouth - он так испугался, что у него язык к горлу присох /прилип/

II

[kli:v] *n* *урл.*

корзина

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**cleave** [cleave cleaves clove cleft cleaved cleaving cloven] *BrE* [kli:v] *AmE*

*NAme* [kli:v] *verb* (cleaved, cleaved Less commonly, cleft /[kleft] / and clove /[kləʊv] / / [kloʊv] / are used for the past tense, and cleft and cloven /['kləʊvən] / / ['kloʊvən] / for the past participle.)

1. **transitive ~ sth** (old-fashioned or literary) to split or cut sth in two using sth sharp and heavy

- She cleaved his skull (in two) with an axe.
- (figurative) His skin was cleft with deep lines.

2. **intransitive, transitive** (old-fashioned or literary) to move quickly through sth

- ~ **through sth** a ship cleaving through the water
- ~ **sth** The huge boat cleaved the darkness.
- to cleave a path through the traffic

3. **intransitive ~ to sth/sb** (literary) to stick close to sth/sb

- Her tongue clove to the roof of her mouth.

4. (cleaved, cleaved) **intransitive ~ to sth** (formal) to continue to believe in or be loyal to sth

- to **cleave to a belief/idea**

**see** be (caught) in a cleft stick **at** ↑ **cleft**

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	cleave
	BrE /kɪ:v/
	NAme /kli:v/
he / she / it	cleaves
	BrE /kɪ:vz/
	NAme /kli:vz/
past simple, past participle	cleaved
	BrE /kɪ:vəd/
	NAme /kli:vəd/
-ing form	cleaving
	BrE /'kli:vɪŋ/
	NAme /'kli:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:

senses 1 to 2 Old English clēofan Germanic Dutch **klieven** German **klieben**

senses 3 to 4 Old English cleofian clifian clifan West Germanic Dutch **kleven** German **kleben** ↑ **climb**

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**cleave** /kli:v/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (past tense **cleaved**, **clove** /kləʊv \$ kloʊv/ or **cleft** /kleft/,

past participle **cleaved**, **cloven** /'kləʊvən \$ 'kloʊ-/ or **cleft**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: cleofan. cleave to Old English clifian]

1. [I, T always + adv/prep] **literary** to cut something into separate parts using a heavy tool, or to be able to be cut in this way:

The wooden door had been cleft in two.

2. [transitive] **formal** to divide something into two completely separate parts:

the racial problems that still cleave American society

3. **cleave the air/darkness etc literary** to move quickly through the air etc:

His fist cleft the air.

**cleave to somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

1. *formal* to continue to think that a method, belief, person etc is true or valuable, even when this seems unlikely:

" John still cleaves to his romantic ideals.

2. *literary* to stick to someone or something, or seem to surround them

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71 **89356**<sup>73</sup> *vvi*

40 **121822**<sup>40</sup> *vv0*

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