

clout

I

1. [klaʊt] *n*
 1. сильный удар (*особ. рукой*); затрещина
 2. *преим. амер.* ударная или пробивная сила; большое влияние (*особ. политическое*)
to exercise diplomatic clout - осуществлять дипломатический нажим
he had a lot of clout with the governor- он имел большое влияние на губернатора
 3. *амер. разг.* сильный удар по мячу (*бейсбол*)
 4. *ист.*
 - 1) мишень для стрельбы из лука (*из белой ткани*)
 - 2) попадание в цель при стрельбе из лука
2. [klaʊt] *v*
 1. *сл.* сильно ударить (*рукой или кулаком*); дать затрещину
 2. *амер. разг.* сильно бить по мячу (*бейсбол*)

II

- [klaʊt] *n*
1. *диал.* комок земли
 2. дурень

II

- [klaʊt] *n*
1. *обыкн. pl диал.* пелёнки
swaddling clouts - свивальник
 2. *арх.* лоскут; тряпка; заплата
filthy clout - *презр.* грязная тряпка

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clout [clout clouts clouted clouting] **noun, verb** BrE [klaʊt] ¹ NAmE [klaʊt] ¹

- noun**
1. **uncountable** power and influence
 - **political/financial clout**
 - I knew his opinion carried a lot of clout with them.
 2. **countable, usually singular (informal)** a blow with the hand or a hard object
 - You're not too big for a clout round the ear!

Word Origin:

Old English clūt (in the sense 'a patch or metal plate'); related to Dutch kluit 'lump, clod', also to ↑cleat and ↑clot. The shift of sense to 'heavy blow', which dates from late Middle English, is difficult to explain; possibly the change occurred first in the verb (from 'put a patch on' to 'hit hard').

Example Bank:

- The companies used their clout to influence policy.
- This movie is an opportunity to increase his clout in Hollywood.
- a politician with enormous clout
- the growing political clout of the army
- I knew his opinion carried a lot of clout.
- The government cannot ignore the growing political clout of the security forces.
- You're not too big for a clout round the ear!

verb ~ sb (informal)

to hit sb hard, especially with your hand

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | clout |
| | BrE /klaʊt/ |
| | NAmE /klaʊt/ |
| he / she / it | clouts |
| | BrE /klaʊts/ |
| | NAmE /klaʊts/ |
| past simple, past participle | clouted |
| | BrE /klaʊtɪd/ |
| | NAmE /klaʊtɪd/ |
| -ing form | clouting |
| | BrE /klaʊtɪŋ/ |
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Example Bank:

- He started to clout me round the head, yelling at the top of his voice.
- Something clouted me on the left shoulder.

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I. **clout**¹ /klaʊt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: clout 'heavy hit' (14-21 centuries)]

1. [uncountable] *informal* power or the authority to influence other people's decisions

political/economic etc clout

people with financial clout

the clout to do something

Few companies have the clout to handle such large deals.

An official protest could carry considerable clout.

2. [countable] *British English informal* a hard blow given with the hand:

He gave him a clout round the ear.

II. **clout**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

informal to hit someone or something hard:

She clouted the boy across the face.

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