cradle

1. ['kreidl] *n*

1. 1) колыбель, люлька

from the cradle - с колыбели, прирождённый orator from the cradle - прирождённый оратор the cradle of the deep - *поэт*. море

2) истоки, начало; колыбель

Greece, the cradle of European culture - Греция, колыбель европейской культуры

from the cradle to the grave - от колыбели до могилы, всю жизнь

the cradle of civilization - истоки цивилизации

the sea was the cradle of life - жизнь зародилась в море

2. рычаг (телефона)

he dropped the receiver into its cradle - он положил трубку на рычаг

3. тех. рама, опора

- 4. горн. лоток для промывки золотоносного песка
- 5. мор. спусковые салазки
- 6. *мед.* шина, поддержка

7. *воен.* люлька

⊘ to rob the cradle - а) жениться на молоденькой; б) выйти замуж за человека значительно моложе себя

2. ['kreidl] v

1. качать в люльке; убаюкивать

to cradle a child in one's arms - качать /убаюкивать/ ребёнка на руках

2. воспитывать с раннего детства, с младенчества

to be cradled in luxury - вырасти /быть воспитанным/ в роскоши

- 3. класть на рычаг (телефонную трубку)
- to cradle the telephone receiver положить трубку
- 4. горн. промывать (золотой песок)

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cra·dle [cradle cradles cradled cradling] noun, verb BrE ['kreɪdl] * NAmE ['kreɪdl]

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- 1. a small bed for a baby which can be pushed gently from side to side
- She rocked the baby to sleep in its cradle.
- 2. usually singular ~ of sth the place where sth important began
- Greece, the cradle of Western civilization
- 3. (BrE) a small platform that can be moved up and down the outside of a high building, used by people cleaning windows, etc.

4. the part of a telephone on which the [†]receiver rests

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Word Origin:

Old English cradol, of uncertain origin; perhaps related to German Kratte 'basket'. Idiom: †from the cradle to the grave

verb~ sb/sth

to hold sb/sth gently in your arms or hands

- $\ensuremath{\cdot}$ The old man cradled the tiny baby in his arms.
 - Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	cradle
	BrE / 'kread∀
	NAmE / kresdl/
he / she /it	cradles
	BrE / 'kreadlz/
	NAmE / kresdlz/
past simple, past participle	cradled
	BrE / 'kreidld/
	NAmE / kresdld/
-ing form	cradling
	BrE / 'kreidlin/
	NAmE / kresdlag/

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Example Bank:

• She sat with the child cradled against her.

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- I. cra dle¹ /'kreɪdl/ BrE^{*} AmE^{*} noun
 - [Language: Old English; Origin: cradol]
 - 1. [countable] a small bed for a baby, especially one that moves gently from side to side ⇒ cot: She <u>rocked</u> the <u>cradle</u> to quieten the child.
 - 2. the cradle of something *formal* the place where something important began: Athens is often regarded as the cradle of democracy.
 - 3. from (the) cradle to (the) grave all through your life: From cradle to grave, the car marks every rite of American passage.
 - **4**. [singular] the beginning of something:
 - Like most Catholic children, he had heard stories of Ireland from the cradle.
 - 5. [countable] a structure that is used to lift something heavy up or down:
 - a window-cleaner's cradle
 - 6. [countable] the part of a telephone where you put the [↑]receiver when you are not using it: ^{*} She replaced the receiver on the cradle.
 - \Rightarrow CAT'S CRADLE, \Rightarrow rob the cradle at \uparrow rob(5)

II. cradle ² BrE ^{*} AmE ^{*} verb [transitive]

- 1. to hold something gently, as if to protect it:
 - John cradled the baby in his arms.
- 2. to hold a telephone [†]receiver by putting it between your ear and your shoulder:
 - She hunched over the desk, telephone cradled at her neck.

THESAURUS

• hug (also give somebody a hug) to put your arms around someone and hold them tightly to show love or friendship: Mother hugged him and tucked him into bed. | Come here and give me a big hug.

• embrace to put your arms around someone and hold him or her in a caring way. Embrace is more formal than hug: Jason warmly embraced his son. | The two leaders embraced each other.

- cuddle to put your arms around someone or something as a sign of love, especially a child or a small animal: She sat on a chair, cuddling her daughter. | He cuddled the puppy.

• put your arms around somebody to hold someone closely to your body, especially to comfort them or show that you love them: The woman put her arms around the sobbing boy.

• cradle *written* to hold someone very gently in your arms, like you would hold a baby: She held the baby in her arms. | She cradled his head in her hands and kissed him on the forehead

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