

- cleft**
- [kleft] *n*
 - 1) трещина, расщелина; щель
 - 2) трещина (*на коже*)
 - 3) ямочка (*на подбородке*)
 - [kleft] *a*

расколотый, расщеплённый, раздвоенный

 - cleft lip - расщеплённая /заячья/ губа
 - cleft palate - расщеплённое нёбо, волчья пасть
 - cleft foot = cloven foot [*см.* cloven I]
 - cleft grafting - *с.-х.* прививка дерева в расщеп
 - ◇ in a cleft stick - в затруднительном положении, в тупике
 - [kleft] *past u p. p. om cleave*¹

cleft Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
cleft [cleft clefts] *noun, adjective* *BrE* [kleft] ^u *NAmE* [kleft] ^e
see also ↑cleave _{v.}

noun
 a natural opening or crack, for example in the ground or in rock, or in a person's chin

- a cleft in the rocks
- They walked up a cleft in the hills.

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Example Bank:

- the cleft in his chin

Idiom: ↑in a cleft stick

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 [Language: Old English; Origin: geclyft]
 1. a natural crack in something, especially the surface of rocks or the Earth
 2. an area on the chin or lip that goes slightly inwards
- cleft**² *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^e *adjective*
 [Date: 1300-1400; Origin: ↑cleft³]
be (caught) in a cleft stick *British English* to be in a very difficult situation in which any action or decision you make will cause problems
- cleft**³ *BrE* ^e *AmE* ^e
 a past tense and past participle of ↑cleave

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