# rift

1. трещина, расселина, щель, разрыв

a rift in the clouds - просвет в тучах

- 2. ущелье
- 3. амер. порог, перекат (реки)
- 4. геол. отдельность, спайность, кливаж
- 5. геол. рифт, разлом земной коры
- 6. разрыв (между друзьями); трещина (в отношениях); раскол (в партии и т. п.); конфликт (между странами)
- 2. [rift] v
  - 1) раскалывать, расщеплять
  - 2) раскалываться, расщепляться

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rift [rift rifts rifted rifting] BrE [rift] NAmE [rɪft] noun

1. a serious disagreement between people that stops their relationship from continuing

# Syn: <sup>†</sup>breach, Syn: <sup>†</sup>division

The rift within the party deepened.

- · Efforts to heal the rift between the two countries have failed.
- 2. a large crack or opening in the ground, rocks or clouds
- Through a rift in the clouds we could see a beautiful blue sky.
- The volcano was in a remote area of the northern rift, accessible only by helicopter.

### Word Origin:

Middle English: of Scandinavian origin; compare with Norwegian and Danish rift 'cleft, chink'.

### Collocations:

International relations

Trade

facilitate /regulate trade (with other countries)

form/join a trading bloc

live in/compete in a global/the world economy

support/promote free trade

adopt/call for/oppose protectionist measures

erect/impose/reduce/remove trade barriers

impose/lift/raise/eliminate import tariffs (on sth)

- have/run a huge/large/growing trade surplus/deficit
- embrace/resist/drive globalization

# Politics and law

conduct/handle/talk about/discussforeign policy

pursue an aggressive/a hawkish foreign policy

require/use/conduct diplomacy

establish/break off/sever/restore diplomatic relations

foster/promote/strengthen regional cooperation

facilitate /achieve economic/political integration

exercise/defend/protect/transfer/restore/regain national/state/full/limited sovereignty consolidate/extend/lose/retain your power (in the region)

hold/maintain/change/alter/shift/be a shift in the balance of power (in the region)

cause/create/open/expose/heal/repair a deep/growing/major/serious rift between X and Y Meetings and agreements

have/hold/host/attend an international conference/an economic forum/a G20 summit

launch a new round of global/multilateral/world trade negotiations

send/head/lead/meet a high-level/an official/a trade delegation

begin/start/continue/resume peace talks

be committed to/be opposed to/disrupt/undermine/derail/sabotage the peace process negotiate /achieve a lasting political settlement

broker/sign a peace deal/agreement/treaty

### Conflict

be/constitute/pose a threat to global security

compromise/endanger/protect national security

justify/be in favour of/ (especially US) be in favor of/be against military intervention threaten /authorize /launch/take/support/oppose unilateral/pre-emptive military action impose/enforce/lift/end economic sanctions/an arms embargo/a naval blockade close/protect/secure/patrol the border

lead/be involved in a peacekeeping operation

### Aid

negotiate /announce a \$15 billion aid package/an economic stimulus package send/provide/request/cut off military aid

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bring/provide emergency/humanitarian relief deliver/distribute medical supplies/(*BrE*) food parcels fund/run a foreign/a local/an international NGO reduce/eradicate child/global/world poverty

Example Bank:

- · He tried to heal the rift with his brother.
- His actions only deepened the rift between himself and Congress.
- His actions only deepened the rift between himself and the majority of Congress.
- The debate has succeeded only in widening rifts within the Church.
- a rift over public spending
- · new evidence of a rift between the two countries
- The rift within the party deepens.

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### **rift** /rɪft/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

Date: 1300-1400, Origin: From a Scandinavian language

- 1. a situation in which two people or groups have had a serious disagreement and begun to dislike and not trust each other SYN split rift between/with
  - <sup>\*</sup> Party officials have denied that there is any rift between ministers.

#### rift over

- Today's announcement could lead to a further rift over public spending.
- He set out to <u>heal</u> the <u>rifts</u> in the party.

#### 2. a crack or narrow opening in a large mass of rock, cloud etc

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