

wedge

1. [wedʒ] *n*
 1. клин
to force /to drive/ a wedge - вбивать клин
 2. начало перемены, поворота, важных событий
 3. что-л. клинообразное
a wedge of cake [of cheese] - треугольный кусок торта [сыра]
a wedge of geese - стая летящих клином гусей
 4. **радио** линейчатый клин
 5. **воен.** боевой порядок углом вперед (*тж.* wedge formation)
 6. **метеор.**
 - 1) клин, язык, гребень
a cold wedge - клин /язык/ холодного воздуха
a wedge of high pressure - гребень /язык/ высокого давления
 - 2) барический гребень; отрог высокого давления
 7. **мат.** треугольная призма
 8. клинышек (*женская стрижка*)
◇ the thin end of the wedge - первый шаг (*к чему-л.*); скромное, но многообещающее начало (*часто ирон.*)
2. [wedʒ] *v*
 1. закреплять клином, заклинивать (*тж.* wedge in, wedge on, wedge up)
 2. раскалывать с помощью клина, расклинивать (*тж.* wedge apart, wedge asunder, wedge open)
 3. 1) втискивать; загонять (*в тесное помещение*)
2) вклиниться, протиснуться (*куда-л.*)
to wedge one's way through - проложить себе путь через (*толпу и т. п.*)
 4. **горн.**
 - 1) выклиниваться (*о жиле, пласте*) (*обыкн.* wedge out)
 - 2) подклинивать, забивать клинья, заклинивать (*обыкн.* wedge up)

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wedge [wedge wedges wedged wedging] **noun, verb** BrE [wedʒ] ¹ NAmE

[wedʒ] ¹
noun



1. a piece of wood, rubber, metal, etc. with one thick end and one thin pointed end that you use to keep a door open, to keep two things apart, or to split wood or rock
 - He hammered the wedge into the crack in the stone.
 - (*figurative*) I don't want to **drive a wedge** between the two of you (= to make you start disliking each other) .
2. something that is shaped like a **wedge** or that is used like a **wedge**
 - a wedge of cake
 - shoes with wedge heels
3. a **golf club** that has the part that you hit the ball with shaped like a **wedge**
see the thin end of the wedge **at** **thin** *adj.*

Word Origin:

Old English wecg (noun), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **wig**.

Example Bank:

- a wedge of cake/cheese/lemon
- He cut a great wedge out of the cake and began to eat it.
- Serve the fish with salad and wedges of lemon.

verb

1. ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to put or squeeze sth tightly into a narrow space, so that it cannot move easily
Syn: †jam
 - The boat was now wedged between the rocks.
 - She wedged herself into the passenger seat.
 - The phone was wedged under his chin.
2. ~ **sth (+ adj.)** to make sth stay in a particular position, especially open or shut, by placing sth against it
 - to wedge the door open

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wedge
	BrE /wɛdʒ/
	NAmE /wɛdʒ/
he / she / it	wedges
	BrE /wɛdʒɪz/
	NAmE /wɛdʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	wedged
	BrE /wɛdʒd/
	NAmE /wɛdʒd/
-ing form	wedging
	BrE /wɛdʒɪŋ/
	NAmE /wɛdʒɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- She wedged a chair firmly under the door handle.
- Someone had wedged the door open with a brick.

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I. wedge¹ /wɛdʒ/ BrE¹ AmE¹ noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wecg]

1. a piece of wood, metal etc that has one thick edge and one pointed edge and is used especially for keeping a door open or for splitting wood

2. a piece of food shaped like a wedge:

Garnish with lemon wedges.

wedge of

a wedge of cheese

3. drive a wedge between somebody to make the relationship between two people or groups worse:

Their divorce has driven a wedge between the two families.

⇒ the thin end of the wedge at ↑thin¹(11)

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THESAURUS

- **piece** an amount of something that has been cut or separated from the main part: Could I have another piece of cake? | a piece of broken glass | Emma cut the pie into eight pieces.
- **bit** a piece. **Bit** is more informal than **piece** and is often used about smaller pieces: The notes were written on bits of paper. | He threw a bit of wood onto the fire.
- **lump** a small piece of something solid or firm that does not have a regular shape: two lumps of sugar | a lump of coal | a lump of clay
- **scrap** a small piece of paper, cloth etc that is no longer needed: I wrote the phone number on a scrap of paper. | The dog was eating scraps of food off the floor.
- **strip** a long narrow piece of cloth, paper etc: a strip of cloth | The leather had been cut into strips.
- **sheet** a thin flat piece of something such as paper, glass, or metal: a blank sheet of paper | a sheet of aluminium
- **slice** a thin flat piece of bread, cake, meat etc cut from a larger piece: a slice of pizza | Cut the tomatoes into thin slices.
- **chunk** a piece of something solid that does not have a regular shape – used especially about food, rock, or metal: The fruit was cut into large chunks. | a chunk of bread
- **hunk** a large piece with rough edges, which has been cut or has broken off a bigger piece of food, rock etc: a big hunk of cheese | hunks of concrete
- **block** a piece of something solid, which has straight sides: concrete blocks | a block of cheese | a block of ice
- **slab** a thick flat piece of stone, or of cake, meat etc: The floor had been made from stone slabs. | a slab of beef
- **cube** a piece that has six square sides – used especially about food: a cube of sugar | ice cubes
- **wedge** a piece that has a thick end and a pointed end, and is shaped like a ↑triangle – used especially about food and metal: a wedge of cheese
- **bar** a block of soap, chocolate, candy, or metal, which has straight sides: a chocolate bar | a bar of soap | gold bars worth more than £26 million
- **rasher** *British English* a slice of bacon: I usually have two rashers of bacon for breakfast.

II. wedge² BrE² AmE² verb [transitive always + adverb/preposition]

1. to force something firmly into a narrow space:

The phone was wedged under his chin.

Victoria wedged herself into the passenger seat.

2. wedge something open/shut to put something under a door, window etc to make it stay open or shut

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