

hem

I

1. [hem] *n*
 1. 1) подрубочный шов; рубец
I must take up [let down] the hem of my skirt - мне нужно укоротить [удлинить] юбку
 - 2) кайма; кромка
2. *архит.* выступающее ребро на волюте ионической капители
2. [hem] *v*
 1. подрубить
to hem a handkerchief - подрубить носовой платок
 2. окаймлять, украшать каймой
all the skirt was hem med with golden fringe - весь подол юбки был украшен золотой каймой

II

1. [hem] *n*
произнесение «гм»; покашливание
we ignored his hems - мы не обращали внимания на все его «гм»
2. [hem] *v*
 - 1) произносить «гм», откашливаться, покашливать
 - 2) запинаться
to hem and haw - а) запинаться, мямлить, колебаться; б) увливать, уклоняться от прямого ответа
3. [hm, hem] *int*
 - 1) гм! (*выражает сомнение, сарказм*)
 - 2) гм! (*употребляется для привлечения внимания*)

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hem [hem hems hemmed hemming] *noun, verb* *BrE* [hem] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* [hem] [Ⓜ]

noun

the edge of a piece of cloth that has been folded over and sewn, especially on a piece of clothing
• to take up the hem of a dress (= to make the dress shorter)

Word Origin:

Old English border of a piece of cloth, of West Germanic origin. The verb senses date from the mid 16th cent.

Idiom: ↑hem and haw

Derived ↑hem somebody in

verb (-mm-) ~ **sth**

to make a ↑hem on sth

- to hem a skirt

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hem
	BrE /hem/
	NAmE /hem/
he / she / it	hems
	BrE /hemz/
	NAmE /hemz/
past simple, past participle	hemmed
	BrE /hemd/
	NAmE /hemd/
-ing form	hemming
	BrE /hemɪŋ/
	NAmE /hemɪŋ/

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See also: ↑hum and haw

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I. **hem** 1 /hem/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English]

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THESAURUS

- **edge** the part of something that is furthest from its centre or nearest the place where it ends: He got up quickly, knocking his plate off the edge of the table. | the outer edge of the village
- **side** the part of something that is near its left or right edge: On the left side of the garden there was an old stone wall. | They parked by the side of the road.
- **rim** the edge of something circular, especially the top of a cup or glass, or the outside edge of a pair of glasses: a white cup with a gold rim | She was looking at me over the rim of her spectacles.
- **margin** the empty space at the side of a page that has writing on it: My teacher had marked my essay and made some

comments in the margin. | Leave wide margins on both sides of the page.

- **hem** the edge of a piece of cloth that is turned under and stitched down, especially the lower edge of a skirt, trousers etc: If you want the dress a bit shorter, I can easily turn up the hem.
- **kerb** *British English*, **curb** *American English* the edge of the pavement (=raised path) at the side of a road: A big black car was parked at the kerb.
- **outskirts** the areas of a city that are furthest away from the centre: The new station was built on the outskirts of the city.
- **perimeter** the outside edge around an enclosed area of land such as a military camp or a prison: Security guards patrol the perimeter night and day.

II. **hem** ² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *verb* (past tense and past participle **hemmed**, present participle **hemming**)

1. [transitive] to turn under the edge of a piece of material or clothing and stitch it in place

2. **hem and haw** *American English* to keep pausing before saying something, and avoid saying it directly

hem somebody/something ↔ *in phrasal verb*

1. to surround someone or something closely:

* They were hemmed in on all sides by the soldiers and the dogs.

* The market place is hemmed in by shops and banks.

2. to make someone feel that they are not free to do what they want to do:

* They hem in the child with endless rules and restrictions.

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Frequency Pack

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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27 **131443**³⁵ *vv0*
