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#### "wedge" in American English

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# wedge

noun [C] • US  /wedʒ/

 a piece of wood, metal, or other material with a pointed edge at one end and a wide edge at the other, used to keep two things apart or, when forced between two things, to break them apart:

*A wedge under the door kept it open.*

> wedge

verb [T] US  /wedʒ/

*He wedged the window open with a screwdriver.*



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## noun

1. a piece of hard material with two principal faces meeting in a sharply acute angle, for raising, holding, or splitting objects by applying a pounding or driving force, as from a hammer.

Compare machine (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/machine>) (def 3b).

2. a piece of anything of like shape:

*a wedge of pie.*

3. a cuneiform character or stroke of this shape.

4. *Meteorology.* (formerly) an elongated area of relatively high pressure.

5. something that serves to part, split, divide, etc.:

*The quarrel drove a wedge into the party organization.*

6. *Military.* (formerly) a tactical formation generally in the form of a V with the point toward the enemy.

7. *Golf.* a club with an iron head the face of which is nearly horizontal, for lofting the ball, especially out of sand traps and high grass.

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verb (used with object), **wedged, wedging.**

12. to separate or split with or as if with a wedge (often followed by *open, apart, etc.*):  
*to wedge open a log.*

13. to insert or fix with a wedge.

14. to pack or fix tightly:  
*to wedge clothes into a suitcase.*

15. to thrust, drive, fix, etc., like a wedge:  
*He wedged himself through the narrow opening.*

16. *Ceramics.* to pound (clay) in order to remove air bubbles.

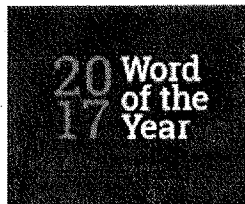
17. to fell or direct the fall of (a tree) by driving wedges into the cut made by the saw.

verb (used without object), **wedged, wedging.**

18. to force a way like a wedge (usually followed by *in, into, through, etc.*):  
*The box won't wedge into such a narrow space.*

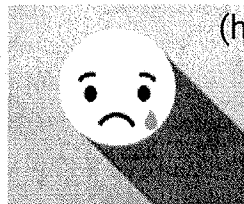
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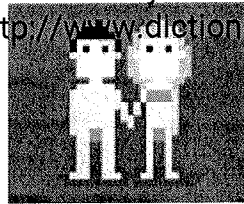
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**wedge**<sup>1</sup>



NOUN

1 A piece of wood, metal, etc. having one thick end and tapering to a thin edge, that is driven between two objects or parts of an object to secure or separate them.

*'the door was secured by a wedge'*

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1.1 An object or piece of something shaped like a wedge.

*'a wedge of cheese'*

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1.2 A formation of people or animals in the shape of a wedge.

*'the wedge of horsemen crashed forward'*

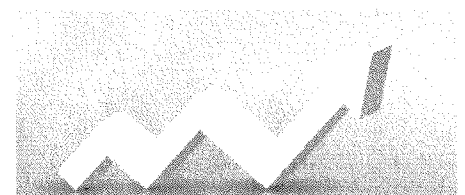
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2 A golf club with a low, angled face for maximum loft.

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- 2.1 A shot made with a wedge.  
*'Davies hit a wedge to within a yard of the hole'*

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- 3 A shoe with a fairly high heel forming a solid block with the sole.

→ Example sentences

- 3.1 A heel on a wedge shoe.

→ Example sentences

- 4 *British informal [mass noun]* Money or earnings.

*'he invested his wedge in stocks and shares'*

→ More example sentences

## VERB

- 1 *[with object]* Fix in position using a wedge.  
*[with object and complement]* *'the door was wedged open'*

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- 2 *[with object and adverbial]* Force into a narrow space.

*'she wedged her holdall between two bags'*

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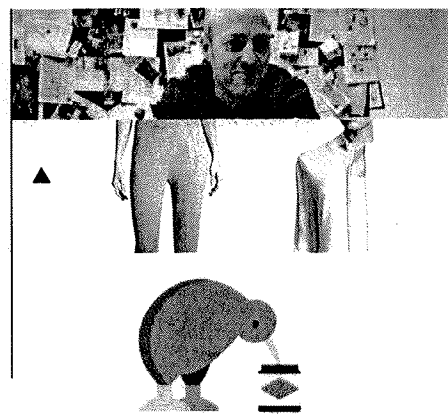
### drive a wedge between

- 1 Separate.

*'the general aimed to drive a wedge between the city and its northern defences'*

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- 1.1 Cause disagreement or hostility between.  
*'I'm not trying to drive a wedge between you and your father'*



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### the thin end of the wedge

*informal* An action or procedure of little importance that is likely to lead to more serious developments.

*'a charge for nursery classes would be the thin end of the wedge and lead to charges for ordinary schooling'*

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### Origin

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

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### Pronunciation

wedge /wɛdʒ/ 

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### VERB

[WITH OBJECT]

Prepare (pottery clay) for use by cutting, kneading, and throwing down to homogenize it and remove air pockets.

→ Example sentences

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### Origin

Late 17th century: of unknown origin.

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