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clip verb (1)

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clipped; **clipping**

Definition of clip (Entry 1 of 4)

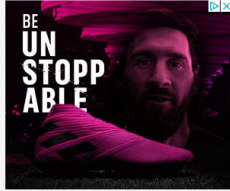
transitive verb

- 1 : ENCOMPASS
- 2 **a** : to hold in a tight grip : CLUTCH
- b** : to clasp, fasten, or secure with a clip

clip noun (1)

Definition of clip (Entry 2 of 4)

- 1 : any of various devices that grip, clasp, or hook
- 2 : a device to hold cartridges for charging the magazines of some rifles
also : a magazine from which ammunition is fed into the chamber of a firearm
- 3 : something (such as a piece of jewelry) that is worn as an ornament or fastener and



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3 . something (such as a piece of jewelry) that is worn as an ornament or fastener and that is held in position by a clip

clip verb (2)

clipped; clipping

Definition of clip (Entry 3 of 4)

transitive verb

- 1 a : to cut or cut off with or as if with shears
// clip a dog's hair
// clip an hour off traveling time
- b : to cut off the distal or outer part of
- c (1) : EXCISE entry 3
(2) : to cut items out of (a publication, such as a newspaper)

- 2 a : CURTAIL, DIMINISH
- b : to abbreviate in speech or writing

- 3 : HIT, PUNCH
especially : to strike in passing
// the car skidded off the road and clipped a lamppost

- 4 : to illegally block (an opposing player) in football

- 5 : to take money from unfairly or dishonestly especially by overcharging
// the nightclub clipped the tourist for \$200

intransitive verb

- 1 : to clip something

2 : to travel especially

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- 2 : to travel or pass rapidly
- 3 : to clip an opposing player in football

clip noun (2)

Definition of clip (Entry 4 of 4)

- 1 a **clips** *plural, Scottish* : SHEARS
 - b : a 2-bladed instrument for cutting especially the nails
- 2 : something that is clipped: such as
 - a : the product of a single shearing (as of sheep)
 - b : a crop of wool of a sheep, a flock, or a region
 - c : a section of filmed, videotaped, or recorded material
 - d : a clipping especially from a newspaper
- 3 : an act of clipping
- 4 : a sharp blow
- 5 : RATE *sense 4a*
// continues at a brisk *clip*
- 6 : a single instance or occasion : TIME
// he charged \$10 a *clip*
—often used in the phrase *at a clip*
// trained 1000 workers at a *clip*

First Known Use of clip

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2 prorogue Johnson asks to suspend Par...

3 the Ohio State files trademark on...

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Verb (1)

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Noun (1)

15th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Verb (2)

13th century, in the meaning defined at transitive sense 1a

Noun (2)

15th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

History and Etymology for clip

Verb (1)

Middle English *clippen*, from Old English *clyppan*; akin to Old High German *klāffra* fathom, Lithuanian *globti* to embrace

Verb (2)

Middle English *clippen*, from Old Norse *klippa*

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clip bond

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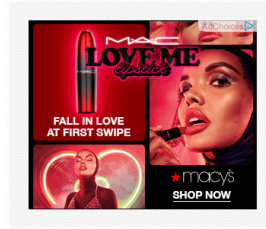
a clip round the ear
clip someone's wings
press clipping

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More Definitions for *clip*

MORE DEFINITIONS FOR *clip*

clip noun

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Kids Definition of *clip* (Entry 1 of 4)

: a device that holds or hooks

clip verb

clipped; clipping

Kids Definition of *clip* (Entry 2 of 4)

: to fasten with a clip

// Remember to *clip* the papers together.

clip verb

clipped; clipping

Kids Definition of *clip* (Entry 3 of 4)

1 : to shorten or remove by cutting

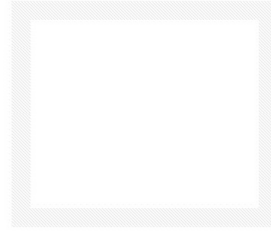
// *clip* a hedge

// We *clipped* a leaf to examine it.

2 : to cut off or trim the hair or wool of

3 : to cut out or off

// He *clipped* articles from the newspaper.



clip noun

Kids Definition of clip (Entry 4 of 4)

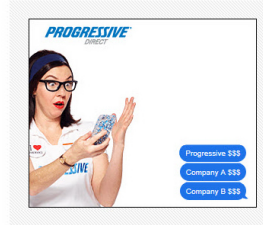
- 1 : a sharp blow
- 2 : a rapid pace
// My horse moved along at a good *clip*.
- 3 : a short section of a recording
// a film *clip*

clip noun

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Medical Definition of clip

: a device used to arrest bleeding from vessels or tissues during operations



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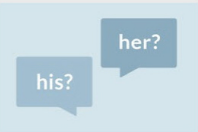
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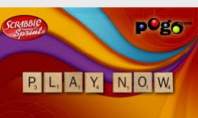
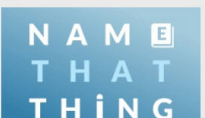


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Word forms: plural, 3rd person singular present tense **clips** , present participle **clipping** , past tense, past participle **clipped**

1. countable noun

A **clip** is a small device, usually made of metal or plastic, that is specially shaped for holding things together.

She took the clip out of her hair.

2. verb

When you **clip** things together or when things **clip** together, you fasten them together using a clip or clips.

He clipped his safety belt to a fitting on the deck. [V n + to/on]

He clipped his cufflinks neatly in place. [VERB noun preposition/adverb]

...an electronic pen which clips to the casing. [VERB + to]

His flashlight was still clipped to his belt. [VERB-ed]

Synonyms: attach, fix, secure, connect **More Synonyms of clip**

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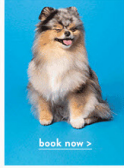
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She will learn to dance with the **troop**.

She will learn to dance with the **troupe**.

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3. countable noun [oft noun NOUN]

A **clip** from a film or a radio or television programme is a short piece of it that is broadcast separately.

...an historical film clip of Lenin speaking
...a clip from the movie 'Shane'. [+ from]

Synonyms: extract, scene, selection, excerpt [More Synonyms of clip](#)



4. verb

If you **clip** something, you cut small pieces from it, especially in order to shape it.

I saw an old man out clipping his hedge. [VERB noun]
He had already clipped his hair close to the skull. [VERB noun]

Synonyms: trim, cut, crop, dock [More Synonyms of clip](#)

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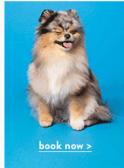
Give hedges a last clip.

5. verb

If you **clip** something out of a newspaper or magazine, you cut it out.

Kids in his neighborhood clipped his picture from the newspaper and carried it around. [V n + from/out of]

Synonyms: cut out, remove, extract [More Synonyms of clip](#)



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vendage

the harvest of grapes

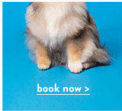
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6. verb

If something **clips** something else, it hits it accidentally at an angle before moving off in a different direction.

The lorry clipped the rear of a tanker and then crashed into a second truck. [VERB noun]

7. countable noun

If you give someone a **clip** round the ear, you hit their head fairly lightly with the palm of your hand, usually as a punishment.

The boy was later given a clip round the ear by his father.

Synonyms: smack, strike, box, knock [More Synonyms of clip](#)

8. verb

If you **clip** a small amount **off** the time taken to do something, you reduce it by that amount.

9. countable noun [oft noun NOUN]

An **ammunition clip** is a metal container on an automatic weapon which holds ammunition.

10. See also bulldog clip, clipped, clipping, paper clip

11. at a clip



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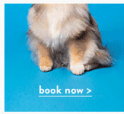
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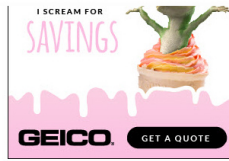
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12. to clip someone's wings

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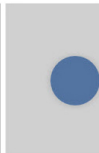
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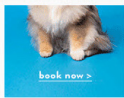


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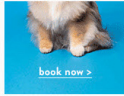
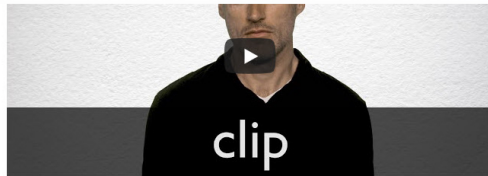


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Word forms: **clips, clipping or clipped**

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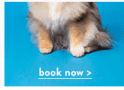
1. (also intr) to cut, snip, or trim with or as if with scissors or shears, esp in order to shorten or remove a part
2. British to punch (a hole) in something, esp a ticket
3. to curtail or cut short
4. to move a short section from (a film, etc)
5. to shorten (a word)
6. (intransitive) to trot or move rapidly, esp over a long distance

a horse clipping along the road

7. informal

to strike with a sharp, often slanting, blow

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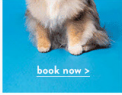
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to obtain (money) by deception or cheating
 - 9. US *slang*
to murder; execute
 - 10. clip someone's wings
- noun
- 11. the act or process of clipping
 - 12. something clipped off
 - 13. an extract from a film, newspaper, etc



- 14. *informal*
a sharp, often slanting, blow
- 15. *informal*
speed
a rapid clip
- 16. Australian and New Zealand
the total quantity of wool shorn, as in one place, season, etc
- 17. another word for clipped form

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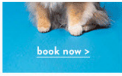
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clippable (ˈkɪpəbəl) *adjective*

Word origin of 'clip'

C12: from Old Norse *klippa* to cut; related to Low German *klippen*

clip in British ²

(kɪp)

Word Frequency ●●●●●

noun

1. any of various small implements used to hold loose articles together or to attach one article to another
2. an article of jewellery that can be clipped onto a dress, hat, etc
3. short for [paperclip](#), [cartridge clip](#)
4. the pointed flange on a horseshoe that secures it to the front part of the hoof

verb

Word forms: **clips**, **clipping** or **clipped**

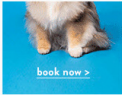
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5. to hold together tightly, as with a clip
6. *archaic or dialect*
to **embrace**

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Word origin of 'clip'

Old English *clýpan* to embrace; related to Old Frisian *kleppa*, Lithuanian *glebiu*



clip in American ¹

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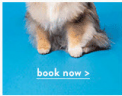
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verb transitive

Word forms: **clipped** or **clipping**

1. to cut or cut off with shears or scissors
2. to cut (an item) out of (a newspaper, magazine, etc.)
3. **a.** to cut short
b. to shorten by omitting syllables, letters, etc.
4. to cut the hair of
5. to cut off the edge of (coins)
6. *Informal*
to hit or punch with a quick, sharp blow
7. US, *Slang*
to cheat or swindle, esp. by overcharging

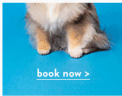
verb intransitive

8. to clip something
9. to move rapidly

noun

10. an act or instance of clipping
11. a thing clipped; specif., the amount of wool clipped from sheep at one time or in one season



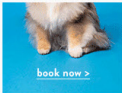


- 12. a rapid pace
- 13. Cinema and Television
a sequence of film, videotape, etc., as a short selection taken from a longer feature or a brief piece inserted in a newscast
- 14. *Informal*
a quick, sharp blow
- 15. clipped form

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Word origin of 'clip'
ME *clippen* < ON *klippa*

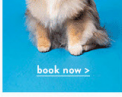


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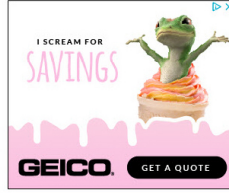
verb intransitive, verb transitive
Word forms: **clipped** or '**clipping**

- 1. to fasten with a clip or clips
- 2. Chieflly *Dialectal*
to hug; embrace closely
- 3. US, American Football
to block (an opponent who is not carrying the ball) from behind: an illegal act



noun

4. any of various devices that clip or fasten things together, grip or hold something, etc.
5. cartridge clip
6. *Obsolete*
an embrace

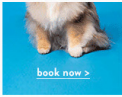


7. US, American Football
an act of clipping

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Word origin of 'clip'

ME *clippen* < OE *clýppan*, to embrace < IE **gleb-* < base **gel-*: see [climb](#)



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Does she mean one of those clip pegs?

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The film clips that made a fortune the times.

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The Scottish midfielder also clipped the bar.



The Scottish midfielder also clipped the bar.

THE SUN (2016)

The competition watchdog also declined to clip the big banks' wings.

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She crossed lanes, clipped one oncoming car then hit another head-on.

THE SUN (2016)

It will take place simultaneously with a screening in LA as lucky fans get to see exclusive clips of the new film.

THE SUN (2016)

While there you can also get a 30-second clip shot in one of the houses and have a souvenir picture taken behind the bar of the Woolpack.

THE SUN (2016)

See our exclusive clip at the address below.

THE SUN (2008)

You should also clip box in dry weather conditions.

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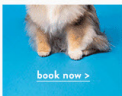
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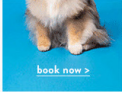
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British English: clip /kɪp/ noun

A *clip* is a small metal or plastic device that is used for holding things together.

She took the clip out of her hair.

American English: clip

Arabic: مكبل

Brazilian Portuguese: clipe

Chinese: 夹子

Croatian: kvačica

Czech: sponka

Danish: clips

Dutch: clip

European Spanish: clip

Finnish: liitin

French: trombone

German: Klammer

Greek: συδερηρακι

Italian: molletta

Japanese: 刈り込み

Korean: 클립

Norwegian: klemme

Polish: przypinać

European Portuguese: clipe

Romanian: clemă

Russian: скрепка

Latin American Spanish: clip

Swedish: klämma

Thai: หมุด

Turkish: klips

Ukrainian: затискач

Vietnamese: ghim

British English: clip verb

fasten When you *clip* things together or when things *clip* together, you fasten them together using a clip or clips.

He clipped his safety belt to a fitting on the deck.



American English: clip

Brazilian Portuguese: prender

Italian: fissare

Japanese: クリップで留める

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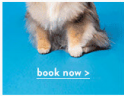
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British English: [clip](#) verb
cut If you *clip* something, you cut small pieces from it, especially in order to shape it.
I saw an old man out clipping his hedge.

American English: [clip](#)
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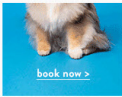
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