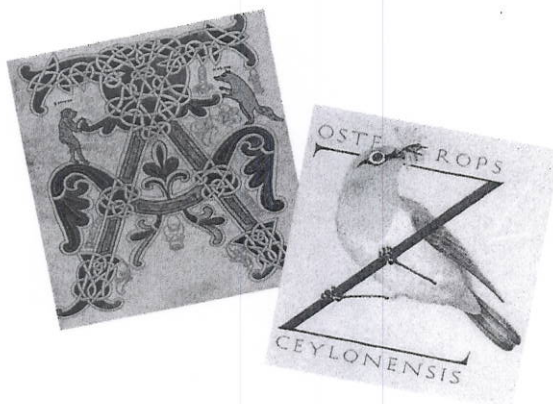


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that is played by two or more players who hit a ball against a wall with their hands usually while wearing a special glove. **b.** The small rubber ball used in this game. **2.** Team handball. **3.** A violation of the rules in soccer in which a player other than the goalie inside the penalty area carries, strikes, or propels the ball with the hand or arm.

hand•bar•row (händ/bär'ō) *n.* A flat rectangular tray or cart with carrying poles at each end, used in transporting loads.

hand bell *n.* A small bell having a handle, especially one of a set of bells tuned to different pitches and used in musical performance.

hand•bill (händ/bil') *n.* A printed sheet or pamphlet distributed by hand.

hand•blown also **hand-blown** (händ/blōn') *adj.* Formed or shaped with a hand-held blowpipe: *handblown goblets.*

hand•book (händ/'bōok') *n.* **1.** A concise manual or reference book providing specific information or instruction about a subject or place. **2. Games a.** A book in which off-track bets are recorded. **b.** A place where off-track bets are taken.

hand brake *n.* See **emergency brake.**

hand•breadth (händ/'brēdth') also **hand's-breadth** or **hand's breadth** (händz' /) *n.* A linear measurement approximating the width of the palm of the hand, from 2½ to 4 inches (6.25 to 10 centimeters).

hand•car (händ/'kär') *n.* A small open railroad car propelled by a hand pump or small motor.

hand•cart (händ/'kärt') *n.* A small, usually two-wheeled cart pulled or pushed by hand.

hand•clap (händ/'klāp') *n.* A beating together of the palms of the hands to indicate applause, attract attention, or provide a rhythmic accompaniment to music.

hand•clasp (händ/'klāsp') *n.* The act of clasping the hand of another, especially in friendship.

hand•craft (händ/'krāft') *n.* Variant of **handicraft**. ♦ *tr.v.* (händ-'krāft') **-craft•ed**, **-craft•ing**, **-crafts** To fashion or make by hand. **—hand•craft•er** *n.* **—hand/crafts/man•ship'**, **hand/craft/man•ship'** *n.*

hand•cuff (händ/'küf') *n.* A restraining device consisting of a pair of strong, connected hoops that can be tightened and locked about the wrists and used on one or both arms of a prisoner in custody; a manacle. Often used in the plural. ♦ *tr.v.* **-cuffed**, **-cuff•ing**, **-cuffs** **1.** To restrain with or as if with handcuffs. **2.** To render ineffective or impotent. See synonyms at **hamper**¹.

hand•ed (händ/'did) *adj.* **1.** Of or relating to dexterity, preference, or size with respect to a hand or hands. Often used in combination: *one-handed; left-handed; large-handed.* **2.** Relating to a specified number of people. Often used in combination: *a four-handed card game.* **3.** Of or relating to the mirror-image structure of a chiral molecule.

hand•ed•ness (händ/'did-nis) *n.* **1.** A preference for using one hand as opposed to the other. **2. Chemistry & Physics** The property that distinguishes an asymmetric from its mirror image but not from a rotated object.

Han•del (händ/'dl), **George Frideric** 1685–1759. German-born composer whose works include the English oratorio *Messiah* (1742) and the orchestral *Water Music* (1717). **—Han•del'i•an** (händ-'dē-lē-ən, -dēl'-yən, -dēl'ē-ən, -dēl'yən) *adj.*

hand•fast (händ/'fäst') *n.* *Archaic* A handclasp used to signify a pledge, such as a contract or marriage. [From Middle English *handfast*, past participle of *handfasten*, to betroth, from Old Norse *handfesta*, to strike a bargain, *hönd*, hand + *fasta*, to fasten, fix, affirm; see **past** in Appendix I.]

hand•foot•and•mouth disease (händ/'fōot'ənd-'mouth') *n.* A mild contagious disease usually occurring in children, caused by infection with a strain of coxsackievirus and characterized by fever and a blister-like rash in the mouth and on the hands and feet.

hand•ful (händ/'fōol') *n., pl. -fuls* **1.** The amount that a hand can hold. **2.** A small, undefined number or quantity: *only a handful of people on the street.* **3. Informal** One that is difficult to control or handle: *The hyperactive toddler is a real handful.*

hand glass *n.* **1.** A small magnifying glass held in the hand. **2.** A mirror with a handle.

hand•grip (händ/'grīp') *n.* **1.** A grip of or by the hand. **2.** Something, such as a handle, that is suited to a grip by the hand. **3. handgrips** Hand-to-hand combat.

hand•gun (händ/'gūn') *n.* A firearm that can be used with one hand.

hand-held also **hand•held** (händ/'hēld') *adj.* Compact enough to be used or operated while being held in the hand or hands: *a hand-held video camera.*

hand•hold (händ/'hōld') *n.* **1.** A grip of or by the hand. **2.** Something that one can hold onto for support.

hand•hold•ing (händ/'hōl'īng) *n.* Strong personal support and reassurance, especially to alleviate tension and anxiety.

hand•i•cap (händ/'dē-kāp') *n.* **1. Sports & Games a.** A race or contest in which advantages or compensations are given different contestants to equalize the chances of winning. **b.** Such an advantage or penalty. **2.** A physical or mental disability. See synonyms at **disadvantage**. **3.** A hindrance. ♦ *tr.v.* **-capped**, **-cap•ping**, **-caps** **1.** *Sports & Games* To assign handicaps or a handicap to (a contestant). **2.** To cause to be at a disadvantage; impede. [From obsolete *hand in cap*, a game in which forfeits were held in a cap.]

Usage Note Although *handicapped* is widely used in both law and everyday speech to refer to people having physical or mental disabilities, those described by the word tend to prefer the expressions *disabled* or *people with disabilities*. *Handicapped*, a somewhat euphemistic term, may imply a helplessness that is not suggested by the more forthright *disabled*. It is also felt that some stigma may attach to the word *handicapped* because of its origin in the phrase *hand in cap*, actually derived from a game of chance but sometimes mistakenly believed to involve the image of a beggar. The word *handicapped* is best reserved to describe a disabled person who is unable to function owing to some property of the environment. Thus people with a physical disability requiring a wheelchair may or may not be *handicapped*, depending on whether wheelchair ramps are made available to them. See Usage Note at **disabled**.

hand•i•cap•per (händ-'dē-kāp'ər) *n.* **Sports & Games** **1.** One who assigns handicaps. **2.** One who predicts the winners in a horserace, especially one who publishes such predictions as a guide for bettors.

hand•i•craft (händ-'dē-kraft') also **hand•craft** (händ/'krāft') *n.* **1.** Skill and facility with the hands. **2.** A craft or occupation requiring skilled use of the hands. **3.** Work made by skilled hands. [Middle English *handecraft*, from Old English *handcraft*: *hand*, hand + *craft*, craft.]

Han•dies Peak (händ/'dēz) A mountain, 4,284.6 m (14,048 ft) high, in the San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado.

hand•i•e•ly (händ/'dī-lē, -dl-ē) *adv.* **1.** In an easy manner. **2.** In a convenient manner.

hand•i•e•work (händ-'dē-würk') *n.* **1.** Work performed by hand. **2.** The product of a person's efforts and actions. [Middle English *handewerk*, from Old English *handgeworc*: *hand*, hand + *geworc*, work (*ge-*, collective pref.; see **kom** in Appendix I + *weorc*, work; see **WORK**.)]

hand•ker•chief (händ/'kər-chīf, -chēf') *n., pl. -chiefs* also **-chieves** (-chīvz, -chēvz') **1.** A small square of cloth used especially for wiping the nose or mouth. **2.** A large piece of cloth worn as a decorative article; a scarf.

hand•le (händ/'dl) *v. -dled, -dli•ng, -dles* —*tr.* **1.** To touch, lift, or hold with the hands. **2.** To operate with the hands; manipulate. **3.** To deal with or have responsibility for; conduct: *handles matters of corporate law.* **4.** To cope with or dispose of: *handles problems efficiently.* **5a.** To direct, execute, or dispose of: *handle an investment.* **b.** To manage, administer to, or represent: *handle a boxer.* **6.** To deal or trade in the purchase or sale of: *a branch office that handles grain exports.* —*intr.* To act or function in a given way while in operation: *a car that handles well in the snow.* ♦ *n.* **1.** A part that is designed to be held or operated with the hand. **2.** An opportunity or a means for achieving a purpose. **3. Slang** A person's name. **4. Games** The total amount of money bet on an event or over a set period of time. —**idiom:** **get (or have) a handle on Informal** To achieve an understanding of: *I was finally able to get a handle on the true nature of the problem.* [Middle English *handelen*, from Old English *handlian*.] **—han•dle•less** *adj.*

Synonyms *handle, manipulate, wield, ply* These verbs mean to use or operate with or as if with the hands. *Handle* applies widely and suggests competence: *The lumberjack handled the ax expertly. The therapist handled every problem with sensitivity. Manipulate* connotes skillful or artful management: *The pilot manipulated the controls in the cockpit. When manipulate* refers to people or personal affairs, it often implies deviousness or fraud in gaining an end: *I'd been manipulated into helping them. Wield* implies freedom, skill, ease, and effectiveness in handling physical or figurative implements: *Ready to make kindling, she wielded a hatchet. The mayor's speechwriter wielded a persuasive pen.* It also connotes effectiveness in the exercise of intangibles such as authority or influence: *The dictator wielded enormous power. Ply* suggests industry and persistence: *The hungry child was plying his knife and fork with gusto.* The term also applies to the regular and diligent engagement in a task or pursuit: *She plies the banker's trade with great success.* See also synonyms at **touch, treat**.

hand•le•bar (händ/'dl-bär') *n.* A cylindrical, straight or curved steering bar, usually fitted with handles at each end, as on a bicycle. Often used in the plural.

handlebar mustache *n.* A long curved mustache resembling the curved ends of a handlebar.

hand lens *n.* A hand-held magnifying glass.

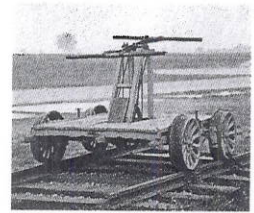
hand•ler (händ/'lər) *n.* **1.** One that handles or directs something or someone: *handlers of food in a restaurant; the candidate's campaign handlers.* **2a.** One who trains or exhibits an animal, such as a dog. **b.** One who acts as the trainer or second of a boxer.

hand•ling (händ/'li•ng) *n.* **1.** A touching, feeling, or manipulating with the hands. **2.** The process of packing and distributing merchandise: *a charge for shipping and handling.* **3.** The way in which something is handled or taken care of: *a situation that required delicate handling.* **4.** The way in which a presentation, especially an artistic or theatrical work, is treated.

hand•made (händ/'mād') *adj.* Made or prepared by hand rather than by machine.

hand•maid (händ/'mād') also **hand•maid•en** (-mād'n) *n.* **1.** A woman attendant or servant. **2.** often **handmaiden** Something that accompanies or is attendant on another: *"the traditional notion that government was the handmaiden of business"* (Doris Kearns Goodwin).

hand-me-down (händ/'mē-doun') *adj.* **1.** Handed down to one

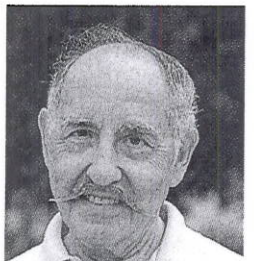


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George Frideric Handel

detail from a 1756 portrait by Thomas Hudson (1701–1779)



handlebar mustache

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