



# <sup>1</sup> cluster

*noun* | clus·ter | \ 'kləs-tər \

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**Examples:** CLUSTER in a Sentence



## Definition of CLUSTER

: a number of similar things that occur together: such as

**a** : two or more consecutive consonants or vowels in a segment of speech

**b** : a group of buildings and especially houses built close together on a sizable tract in order to preserve open spaces larger than the individual yard for common recreation

**c** : an aggregation of stars or galaxies that appear close together in the sky and are gravitationally associated • the Perseus *cluster* of galaxies

**d** : a larger than expected number of cases of disease (such as leukemia) occurring in a particular locality, group of people, or period of time

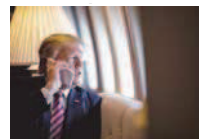
**e** : a number of computers networked together in order to function as a single computing system

- Consisting of groups of inexpensive machines cobbled together, *clusters* in many ways have supplanted traditional supercomputers.

Wilson

—clustery \-t(ə-)rē\ *adjective*

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### Examples of CLUSTER in a Sentence

a *cluster* of cottages along the shore

A small *cluster* of people had gathered at the scene of the accident.

### Recent Examples of CLUSTER from the Web

Rescuers were searching Wednesday for six people after an overnight landslide buried a small *cluster* of houses at the foot of a steep slope in southern Japan.

— *Washington Post*, "Overnight landslide leaves 6 missing in southern Japan," 10 Apr. 2018

San Diego saw a *cluster* of four wound botulism cases in 2017 and five in 2010.

— Paul Sisson, *sandiegouniontribune.com*, "Wound botulism hospitalizes three black tar heroin users," 10 Apr. 2018

Soft music plays in the background while patients - identified by photo badges hung around their necks - and their companions lounge in welcoming *clusters* of comfortable leather chairs and cushioned sofas.

— Lisa Pawlak, *chicagotribune.com*, "In a drab waiting room before yet another cancer treatment. a mother ponders the future." 10 Apr. 2018

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### Origin and Etymology of CLUSTER

Middle English, from Old English *clyster*; akin to Old English *clott* clot

### CLUSTER Synonyms

#### Synonyms

array, band, batch, battery, body, boodle, bunch, clutch, consort, constellation, crop, group, grouping, huddle, knot, lot, parcel, partv, passel

# <sup>2</sup> cluster

*verb*

### Definition of CLUSTER

clustered; clustering \-t(ə-)riŋ\

transitive verb

1 : to collect into a cluster • *cluster* the tents together

2 : to furnish with **clusters**

• the bridge was *clustered* with men and officers —Herman Wouk

intransitive verb

## Examples of CLUSTER in a Sentence

The children *clustered* around the storyteller.

the mice *clustered* together into a small burrow

## Recent Examples of CLUSTER from the Web

In many cases, measurements *cluster* together for a while before a new set makes a leap to somewhere else, outside the error bounds.

— John Timmer, *Ars Technica*, "A physical constant's value shouldn't depend on how you measure it," 13 Apr. 2018

To many, the village would register as nothing more than nondescript city backdrop — 121 uniform brick units *clustered* around tidy, clipped lawns, a wreath or potted plant peeking out here and there.

— Allie Gross, *Detroit Free Press*, "Home placement program that helps vulnerable Detroiters about to lose its funding," 9 Apr. 2018

Thousands of hunters pack Mound City, Bigelow, Craig, and a handful of other hamlets *clustered* where Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska share borders.

— Eric Adler, *kansascity*, "True March Madness — nearly 1 million snow geese massing 90 miles north of KC | The Kansas City Star," 16 Mar. 2018

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### CLUSTER Synonyms

#### Synonyms

assemble, collect, concentrate, conglomerate, congregate, convene, converge, forgather (or foregather), gather, meet, rendezvous

### CLUSTER Defined for English Language Learners

## cluster

*noun*

#### Definition of CLUSTER for English Language Learners

: a group of things or people that are close together

## cluster

*verb*

#### Definition of CLUSTER for English Language Learners

: to come together to form a group

### CLUSTER Defined for Kids

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