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Sometimes a cleft results in nothing more than a small divot visible on the tip of the chin. (The actors Ben Affleck, Cary Grant, and Jessica Simpson are just a few of the people who have a cleft or "dimpled" chin.) This can also happen on the nose. (Think Steven Spielberg and Gérard Depardieu.) (Inheritance; S. Moalem) I got my hammer and screwdriver and started chipping the trailer's hull. It's a pain in the ass to make a chip before each drilling, so I make all the day's chips in a single go. After chipping out 150 divots (hey, I'm an optimist), I got to work. (The Martini; A. Weir) divot 1) a piece of turf cut out of the ground by a golf club in making a stroke or by a sports player's boot 2) a small hole made in such a way Oxford Dictionary of English This is about the only dictionary in which I have been able to find a definition more or less suitable to the two usages of 'divot' cited above. (Interestingly enough, my OED does not seem to support Oxford Dictionary of English in its registering the 'small hole' definition.) Would you be so kind as to tell me whether this meaning of 'divot' is common? Thanks. I think it would be more common to hear "a small dimple" when referring to a chin, not a divot. I think this was an unusual choice and might have chosen for its unusual sound in this context. Would you be so kind as to tell me whether this meaning of 'divot' is common? I was familiar with the word. Mind you, one of my childhood friends was a Scottish golf enthusiast. , my OED does not seem to support Oxford Dictionary of English in its registering the 'small hole' definition It's in the OED. d.Golf. A piece of turf cut out with a club by a player in making a stroke. 1886 H. G. Hutchinson Hints on Golf 9 With an iron club an unskilful player is more likely to cut fids of turf—golfdice, 'divots'—out of the green. 1890 H. G. Hutchinson Golf x. 272 A divot well replaced is, in most conditions of the ground, as a divot that has never been cut. 1935 O. Nash Primrose Path (1936) 105 The wretched golfer, divot-bound. Thank you JamesM. se16teddy, exactly, 'a piece of turf cut out', but not 'a hole made in such a way'. But have you heard it used to refer to a dimple in a chin before, se16teddy? I would understand it but I certainly haven't heard a chin dimple called a divot before. "Divot" as far as hole or indentation in wood is common enough to me, SuprunP. For example: Most of the divots I made were deep enough that I could get a good measure of them with a digital caliper. I usually did four drop tests, just to average out variations that might occur from hitting different parts of the wood's grain. Last edited: Sep 10, 2015 I associate divots with turf only. I associate divots with turf only. Me too, though you don't necessarily have to be playing golf to create them. And to me they're 'pieces of removed turf' rather than 'holes left by removing turf' – so the woodworking one is easily understood. I'd have to think about the other one "divot 1) a piece of turf cut out of the ground by a golf club in making a stroke or by a sports player's boot 2) a small hole made in such a way" In other words, a small hole made by a golf club, or a small hole made by a sports player's boot- made by cutting out a small piece of turf. The divot can mean both the piece of turf and the hole where it came from. If you make a hole in somebody's chin or nose with a golf club or a player's boot, it won't be a small hole. If a hole is made with a hammer and screwdriver, it's not a divot- unless there's a new type of golf club called a "hammer and screwdriver". Even if you manage to make a small hole, it's still not a divot since the hole was not previously occupied by turf, nor is the hole in the ground. James, I couldn't find "divot" in your first link, and it seems to me that the usage in the second is misuse. Those symmetrical recesses in the riveting block don't have any of the characteristics of a divot. I haven't been able to find any online dictionary which accepts that meaning- even Merriam-Webster and Longman stick to the sporting meaning. I was able to find that the word has been used to describe ice damage to the insulation layer of the US space shuttles, and to describe droplet behaviour in a study of liquid flow- again an impact damage usage. That seems an understandable extension in the meaning, so I suppose I should accept the wood hardness test in the same way. But if there's no impact, how can the result be a divot? Hello all! Could you please give me a word (it should be a verb) for 'making a hole by sticking an object into/through something'? Could we use 'stick' itself as in "Stick a hole in the paper with a pen"? It seems plausible since 'digging a hole', 'scooping a hole' or 'scrapping a hole' are some viable expressions. But I couldn't find any with 'stick'. So my only recourse is your suggestions! Thank you in advance, for your help! "Stick a hole in the paper with a pen" just sounds like slang for make a hole. "Stick a hole" would make sense for "make a hole by sticking something into it", but no, we don't say it. Could we say "punch a hole in the paper with a pen"? Yes. I might well use punch with it I was trying to express the idea that you needed to use some force to poke a hole in the paper with a pen. If I didn't want to express the idea of force, I would probably use make. Or you could poke a hole in the paper. Stick would work if the hole is already in the paper, then you could stick a pen in the hole. Poke, stab, jab, punch (?)... are all possible. But the only use of stick to mean stab that I'm familiar with is in pigsticking: the sport of hunting wild boar with sharp instruments. Could we use 'stick' itself as in "Stick a hole in the paper with a pen"? Yes, you most certainly can. OED: stick v. 3.a. transitive. To pierce (something) with a sharp-pointed object; to prick, puncture. Frequently with specifying the sharp-pointed object. 1675 N. Grew Compar. Anat. Trunks ii. 48 With a glass the Cane seems, as if we were stuck top full of holes with great pins. 6. transitive. To make (a hole) in something with a pointed object. 1910 Engin. & Mining Jrn. 14 May 1007/1 Simply stick a hole into the cartridge and insert the fuse. 1995 Canberra Times 2 Feb. (Good Times section) 5/3 When the processed film came back from the lab, he stuck pin holes through it to create flame flashes from his actors' guns. I am absolutely amazed at the idea that "sticking a hole in something" is considered in any way strange. From Google Books. Stick a Hole in Me A Sociological Investigation of Body Piercing By Phillip Don Parker - 1999 Hearings United States Congress, House Committee on Banking and Currency - 1969 - PAGE 51 In the 20th century they can stick a hole in your punch card and produce the same result. Recipes for Disaster: An Anarchist Cookbook, a Moveable Feast Crimelec Worker's Collective - 2004 PAGE 264 To apply it from an even greater distance, you'll need an eggshell or a light bulb.... If you're using an eggshell, stick a hole in one. ... It's Only a Game - Page 101 Terry Bradshaw - 2001 One time I was in the back of a pickup truck, and I cut open my hand on a knife trying to stick a hole in a pop bottle cap. To stick is often used informally as a "utility verb" and often, but not always, carries the meaning of "to put" - and you can certainly "put a hole in something". A: "What shall I do with these cups?" B: "Stick them on the table. I'll put them away later." A: "This bag of fertilizer is beginning to leak - I'm going to stick it outside." A: "Stick the car in the garage - it's going to snow tonight." Etc. Last edited: Apr 13, 2023 Stick meaning put is very common in casual British English, certainly. But we tend to say make (not put) a hole in something, which would explain why it's seen as somewhat unlikely in this context. And I suspect it's no coincidence that all the examples in #10 seem to relate to American English. I'm quite sure "Stick a hole in it" was common among my friends when I was a child. I, myself, of course, never said it. "Pierce" (pierce the paper with a pen) Once again we have a question that amounts to "What's the best way of saying this?" and once again we're beginning "Use this, it's commonplace". There are a great number of "lowest-common-denominator" verbs in English: get, do, go, stick, put,... We native speakers all use them all the time and we all know the score. But when a foreign learner (or indeed a native learner) asks about them, what should be our response? Should we reply, essentially, "It doesn't matter - use the easy option. You'll survive". Or should we say, like a skilled carpenter, "Use the best tool for the job, even if it takes more effort to find it"? Speaking personally, I'm quite happy to have a vocabulary of over 30,000 words\*, and having learnt so many I don't intend to be trapped in a ghetto of 8,000 of them. Writing the above, for instance, that meant spending a little thought avoiding "Should we use, 'It doesn't matter - go for the easy option. You'll get by' ". So my advice to Dear Life is use stab or pierce. \_\_\_\_\_\* According to Hunter Diack, Test your own wordpower. Paladin, St Albans 1975. But we tend to say make (not put) a hole in something, which would explain why it's seen as somewhat unlikely in this context. Who is this "We"? What of the examples? If you are suggesting to someone that they stick/put/make a hole with a pen, then, by the context alone, it is going to be informal. Here, "Stick a hole in it" is so idiomatic that no other verb quite makes it. ("PM me for the Lone Ranger Joke.) Thank you all! I find this thread quite eye-opening in terms that the 'comprehensibility' of certain expressions in a language can be quite subjective or maybe, just specific to a region or age group! It's more a case of how different people of different ages in different places would describe the same thing. Posts #12 and #15 both seem to suggest there's some other (AE?) meaning of the expression you're asking about. I shudder to think what that is. I'm afraid, being a non-native speaker, I hardly understand PaulQ's "Stick a hole in it" joke. Neither did I get what Myrdon meant. Is it suggestive of something other than the literal meaning? Hello. A glory hole, in sexual context, is a hole in a wall, or some other partition, typically one adjoining public toilet cubicles, through which people practise fellatio, irrumatio, penetration, etc., more often than not, incognito. The commonest Mandarin equivalent of a glory hole in this sense, methinks, is 尋歡洞. Although satisfactory, I am wondering whether there is a better one. Any suggestion is appreciated. Wish you all happy summer holidays. Last edited: Jul 25, 2019 What about "极乐洞"? And there is also a Japanese term as "撲交"...Perhaps we can also say "撲交洞"? 長安十二時辰主演張小敬登場的第一幕，就是他從「牆眼兒」(牆壁上的洞眼兒)觀察隔壁房間的動靜。 古代探子常在紙窗戳一個「窟窿兒」，以便窺視。 另外，屁股通內通外的洞門叫「腔鏡兒」，鼻子氣進氣出的洞口叫「鼻鏡兒」。 針上穿線的小孔叫「針眼兒」，所以，我的推測是“XX眼兒”，來暗示其功能：(1) 偷窺 (peeking) , (2) 穿通 (penetrating)。 譬如：這家夜總會的廁所所有幾個交歡牆眼 (用來交歡的牆眼兒)，你解手時，得小心春光外洩。 或者，我可能會說：某澡堂的「探春洞」(探出繁頭的探)挺熱門的，常有人就地取洞，當場實幹。 Last edited: Jul 26, 2019 只見過上有多個「懸鐘洞」，據聞可懸大鐘小鐘。 尺寸不一，一個個內有乾坤，暗藏玄機。 Note: 加州 Lake Berryessa 著名的 "Glory Hole", 要我翻, 我就會翻成 "玄機洞", 因而讓我想到了 "懸鐘洞"。 下圖就是我說的加州 "玄機洞": 這樣翻有個好處: 非色情的 glory hole (譬如水中的、濃雲中的、灶爐的), 都可理解為 "玄機洞" (內有玄機, 別有洞天-洞內另有一個天地), 而色情的 "懸鐘洞", 亦可看成是 "內有玄機, 別有洞天"的一種。 Last edited: Jul 26, 2019 hi one trips on a pit? or in a pit? or over a pit? with a pit? for example in this sentence: she tripped in/on/over/with a pit and fell down. We usually think of a pit as somewhat larger than the sort of hole in the ground that trips you up; even though a pitted surface may be pocked with tiny holes. So we might talk of a hole, or a crack or crevice in a paved or regular surface. So we're more likely to say something like "She caught her foot in a hole/crack/crevice, and fell." When you fall, the direction is assumed. We also tend to say things like "she caught her ankle", even though it's hardly likely that the ankle itself was caught, but it's the ankle that suffers the most damage. I would use "into a pit". Blueblooded. She might trip on a stone or over a log, but I think she'd have to trip into a pit. Thanks Cegey. I wouldn't really use "into a pit" Assuming "pit" means something like "a pothole", then I'd say: She tripped over a pothole/pit. That said, I don't think there's enough context to say which version would fit. ...Assuming "pit" means something like a "pothole" .... Bad assumption, because pothole has two very different meanings: (a) a hole in the road surface, say 3cm deep, (b) a cavern caused by water erosion, say 100 metres deep! In general, to trip over something means to catch your foot on it and fall down. To trip into it means to fall into it. So you could trip over a safety barrier into an excavation, or you could trip over your shoelace into a lamp-post (i.e. colliding with the lamp-post). And you could trip over a hole (about 3cm deep) or trip into a hole (5 metres deep). Thanks a lot. So it seems the best choice is: tripping her foot over a hole, she fell down. No, that would be a poor choice. The difficulty comes because usually people trip over something that is above the normal surface. In the circumstances of your example, I would write, "She tripped on a hole and she fell down." I have a terrible problem with this. A hole (or a pit) is an absence of something. I can't like any form of "I tripped [xxx] a hole. It is hard to collocate tripped with the hole itself. I would have to rewrite this in such a way that tripped and hole/pit were separated from each other. Replace one or the other, or include a reference to some projection that one could trip on/over/etc. I'm not saying it's impossible; I find that pits and holes frequently result in my falling down in the text. I can only agree with you that the meaning is uncertain without further context. One example might be a wide avenue. If buildings and homes had to be destroyed to make way for that kind of public work, there would be a gaping hole left in the formerly crowded neighbourhood. A hole punched through a community sounds to me like a horizontal sweep through it, not digging into the ground - nor an abstract "hole" like a monetary deficit. (I'm guessing here.) That does sound interesting, velisarius! He put up a map on the wall because there was a hole \_\_\_\_ it. A: on B: in i chose A, the answer is B, was I wrong or the answer was? There is a door \_\_\_\_ the wall A: On B: In. i chose A, the answer is B. why? The answer was correct this time. The hole was in the wall. He put the map on the wall to cover the hole. We say a hole 'in' the wall because a hole goes through it. We would use 'on' when something is on top of it, like the map is on the wall. The answer was correct this time. The hole was in the wall. He put the map on the wall to cover the hole. We say a hole 'in' the wall because a hole goes though it. We would use 'on' when something is on top of it, like the map is on the wall. Thanks, I see. He put up a map on the wall because there was a hole \_\_\_\_ it. A: on B: in i chose A, the answer is B. was I wrong or the answer was? There is a door \_\_\_\_ the wall A: On B: In. i chose A, the answer is B. why? I would say both: There is a hole on the wall. I put a map over it. There is a hole in the wall. I put a map over it. It's impossible for a hole to be on something though. A hole is defined by what it's in. I would say both: There is a hole on the wall. I put a map over it. There is a hole in the wall. I put a map over it. You are certainly welcome to use the language you prefer, but if purecorp wants to know what most people would say, and which answer will be counted as correct in most cases, is the answer. See this Ngram ----->>> hole in the wall,hole on the wall Cross-posted, correcting very embarrassing mistake I had written 'on'. Last edited: Feb 26, 2016 The only way you could put a hole on something is to use these stickers, which are marketed as jokes. A wall has thickness. It encloses a hole that is in it. Even if a thing is only fractions of a millimetre thick, the hole goes through it and is enclosed by the object, therefore it's in the thing. That's just how material reality works. You certainly couldn't have a hole on a bagel, for example. This is a thread I have developed from the previous one. Here I'd like to focus on all kinds of metaphorical uses of 'hole' (etc.)? I think of - een gat in het heuigen (in our memory) - in de gaten gaten (to watch, to keep in the 'eye-holes', I guess) - een gat in de lucht springen (to jump a hole in the air - which means one is overjoyed) - mijn gat - wie zijn gat verbrandt, moet op de blaren zitten (my bottom!... (very informal) - S/he who burns his ass (hole), must sit on the leaves!) - een gat in de begroting (a hole in the budget [planning]) Where else do you see metaphorical F trous, German Löcher, It buca/ buca, Czech díry, ... In Greek: Hole: «Τρύπα» (trípa f.); Classical feminine noun «τρύπη» (trípē)→hole; PIE base \*-ter- (3). Hole. Metaphorical holes (a couple I have in mind): A hole in the water: «Μια τρύπα στο νερό» (mi'a 'trípa sto ne'ro)→when everything we do is in vain, all we are doing is to try to drill a hole in the water. "[He/she] Has a hole in the pocket: «Έχει τρύπη τσέπη»» ('eci 'trípia 'tsepī)→it is said for people who are spendthrift. [c] is a voiceless palatal fricative So not кэвэ, the one you mentioned referring to the market? Nice expressions. The second one sounds familiar indeed. Thanks! I probably don't need to explain the meaning of the popular Celtic expression 'get your hole' talking about young men and certain actions involving young women. In fact, the word 'hole' can mean just about any orifice in the human body in British slang for obvious reasons. That, one, yes, I could guess, but no other ones ? :-) We Finns distinguish between pits/holes in the ground (kuoppa), nests or pits / other kinds of holes in trees/anything solid... (kolo) and holes that go all the way through something relatively thin (reikä). I think you were referring to the last one. porsaanneikä 'pig's hole' = something in a law/contract/plan that lets (usually unauthorized) people take advantage of it, contrary to its original purpose Google löysi Suomen lainsäädännöstä porsa