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1820 R. SOUTHEY *Life of Wesley* II. 488 A few bucks clapped and encored him.

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†d. (See quot. 1591.)

1591 R. GREENE *Second Pt. Conny-catching* sig. A3, He..bargained, & bought him..and that the horse-stealer clap him good lucke.

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III. Of actions incidentally accompanied by the noise.

6. *trans.* To strike, hit, knock, beat, with sounding blows. *Obs.* or *arch.* (To clap a dish (quot. 1670): cf. CLAP-DISH *n.*)

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•c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) 1814 [He] clapte him on þe crune, So þat he stan-ded fel þor dune.

1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Judges vii. 19 Thei bigunnen with trompis to cryen, and clappen [a1425 *L.V.* to bete] togidre bitwix hem seluen the wyn pottis.

c1440 *Promptorium Parvulorum* 79 Clappyn' or knokkyn, pulso.

1530 J. PALSGRAVE *Lesclarcissement* 485/2, I clappe, I stryke, *je frappe*. Clappe hym on the backe a good stroke, there is a fysshe bone in his throte.

1632 W. LITHGOW *Totall Disc. Trav.* x. 473 [He] clapd mee on the face with his foote.

1669 J. WORLIDGE *Systema Agric.* (1681) ix. §3. 195 Clap the empty Hive again, and get as many Bees out as you can.

1670 J. RAY *Coll. Eng. Prov.* 186 (R.) He claps his dish at a wrong man's door.

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†7.

a. To strike (hands) reciprocally, in token of a bargain. *Obs.*

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a1593 MARLOWE *Edward II* (1594) sig. G3^v, Ile claps close, Among the lords of France.

1607 T. DEKKER & J. WEBSTER *North-ward Hoe* iv. sig. F3, *Green*. Ist a bargin. *Omn.* And hands clapt vpon it.

1614 T. ADAMS *Diuel's Banket* v. 240 We neuer clap'd them the hand of couenant.

a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry V* (1623) v. ii. 130 Giue me your answer, yfaith doe, and so clap hands, and a bargaine.

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Pronunciation: /klæp/

Forms: (OE **clappian**), ME **clappen**, ME-16 **clappe**, (ME **cleppyn**, **clape**, 17 Sc. **clep**), 15- **clap**. ... [\(Show More\)](#)

Etymology: Middle English *clappen*, Old English type **clappian* (Somner has *clappan* from some unspecified source), corresponding to Middle Low German, Middle Dutch, Low German, Dutch (also modern German) *klappen*, Old High German *chlaphôn*, Middle High German and modern German *klappen*; these point to a common West Germanic type witnessing, with Old Norse *klappa* (Swedish *klappa*, Dutch *klappe*), to an Old Germanic **klappôjan*, verb intransitive, < **klappo-* **CLAP** *n.* Middle English *cleppen* corresponds formally to another type **klappjan*, appearing in Middle Low German and Middle Dutch *kleppen* (whence modern German *kleppen*, *kläppen*), High German *kläpfen*; compare *cleppe* under **CLAP** *n.* The primitive Germanic sense is that of ‘make a clap or explosive sound’, whence a wide range of derivative senses in the various languages. If the word was not preserved in Old English, it may have re-entered Middle English from Old Norse; and, in any case, some of the senses are probably of Norse origin; the modern Scandinavian languages have it with the same range of meaning as in English, also with the sense ‘pat endearingly’, as in Scots and northern dial. (sense 9.) [\(Show Less\)](#)

I. Of noise alone.

1.

a. *intr.* To make the hard explosive noise described under **CLAP** *n.*¹ Said of agents, instruments, thunder, etc. (Now chiefly *dial.*)

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- 1530 J. PALSgrave *Lesclarcissement* 485/2, I clappe, I make noyse, as the clapper of a myll, *je clacque*.
- 1577-87 R. HOLINshed *Chron.* III. 1219/2 The small shot clapt suddenly round about the house.
- 1579 S. GOSSON *To Gentlewomen in Schoole of Abuse* f. 42^v, The boulte is falne ere the Ayre clap.
- 1743 R. BLAIR *Grave* 5 Doors creak, and Windows clap.
- 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* II. 34 A clapper clapping in a garth, To scare the fowl from fruit.

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