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hair [hɛr] *n.* **1** A very thin, threadlike growth on the skin of people and animals. **2** A mass of such growths.

hair-cut [hɛr'kut] *n.* The act or style of cutting hair.

hair-y [hɛr'ɛ] *adj.* Covered with hair; having a lot of hair covering the body.

half [haf] **1** *n.* One of two equal parts of something. **2** *n.* Either of two time periods in certain sports. **3** *adv.* Not completely; partly: I was *half* asleep.

pl. **halves**

half-way [haf'wɑ'] *adv.* **1** Half the distance; midway: we climbed *half-way* up the mountain. **2** Not completely:

ham·ster [ham'stər] *n.* An animal that is like a mouse. It has a plump body, a short tail, and large cheek pouches. A hamster is a rodent.



hamster

hand [hand] *n.* **1** The end part of the arm; below the wrist. It is made up of the palm, four fingers, and a thumb. **2** Any-

thing like a hand in shape or use: the *hands* of the clock pointed to three o'clock. **3** **hands** Control or possession:

The town is in enemy *hands*. **4** *v.* To give or turn over: he

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