

pit

The letter combination pit is found 1,270 times across 470,000 English words.

A brief survey of pit usage in our world:



The Pit by Frank Norris
The second novel in the trilogy, The Pit (1903), deals with wheat speculation on the Chicago Board of Trade.

open-pit mining
surface mining (q.v.) to obtain minerals other than coal.

Silver Pit
A trench located in the North Sea, off the coast of England near The Wash. It reaches a depth of approximately 320 feet (95 meters).

jumping pit viper
The jumping viper, scientifically known as Bothrops nummifer, is a small, stout, and rough-skinned pit viper native to Central America and Mexico. This snake is notable for its unique striking method: it slides its body forward, which significantly extends its attacking range.

Hatschek's pit
A structure found in the subphylum Cephalochordata, which includes animals like the amphioxus (lancelet). This pit is located near the brain and appears to be connected to the neural gland, suggesting a relationship to the vertebrate pituitary gland.

The Snake Pit
A 1948 film directed by Anatole Litvak. The term "snake pit" can refer to a hospital for the mentally ill or a place of chaotic disorder.

pit viper
any species of viper (subfamily Crotalinae) that has, in addition to two movable fangs, a heat-sensitive pit organ between each eye and nostril which together help it accurately aim its strike at its warm-blooded prey.

pit bull
fighting dog developed in 19th-century England, Scotland, and Ireland from Bulldog and terrier ancestry for hunting, specifically for capturing and restraining semi-feral livestock.

vestured pit
A type of pit in plant cells, specifically in xylem, that has small outgrowths projecting into the pit cavity from the secondary wall around the pit. These pits are part of the plant's vascular system, which transports water and minerals.

pit house
It is characterized by a pit dug into the earth that is then covered with a roof. This type of dwelling was historically used as a basic form of habitation.

pit saw
A type of handsaw operated by two people. One person stands above or on the log being cut, while the other stands below, often in a pit, to help saw the wood into planks. This tool was first used in 1678.

The Pit and the Pendulum
Edgar Allan Poe's first-person tale of an unnamed prisoner condemned by the Spanish Inquisition, subjected to sensory deprivation, a deep pit, a descending bladed pendulum, rats, and contracting heated walls, then rescued at the last moment by French forces under General Lasalle.