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cla·fou·tis or **cla·fou·ti**  (klă-f -tē)

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n.

A baked dessert composed of a layer of fresh fruit topped with a thick batter.

[French, from French dialectal (Berry, Limousin) : French dialectal *claufir*, to stud, strew or ornament with objects like nails (the cherries of a clafoutis being likened to studs) (from Old French, to attach with nails, from Latin *clāvō fīgere* : *clāvō*, ablative sing. of *clāvus*, nail + *fīgere*, to fix, fasten; see [FIX](#)) + **foutis*, nominalized form of *foutre*, to stick in, stuff; see [FOOTLE](#).]



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clafoutis

cherry clafoutis

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