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chime ¹ (chīm)

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n.

1. An apparatus for striking a bell or set of bells to produce a musical sound.
2. often **chimes** *Music* A set of tuned bells used as an orchestral instrument.
3. A single bell, as in the mechanism of a clock.
4. The sound produced by or as if by a bell or bells.
5. Agreement; accord: *a flawless chime of romance and reality.*

v. **chimed, chim-ing, chimes**

v.intr.

1.

- a. To sound with a harmonious ring when struck.
 - b. To make a musical sound by striking a bell or set of bells.
- 2.** To be in agreement or accord; harmonize: *Their views chimed with ours. The seafood and wine chimed perfectly.*

v.tr.

1. To produce (music) by striking bells.
2. To strike (a bell) to produce music.
3.
 - a. To signal or make known by chiming: *The clock chimed noon.*
 - b. To call, send, or welcome by chiming.
4. To repeat insistently.

Phrasal Verb:

chime in

1. To interrupt the speech of others, especially with an unwanted opinion.
2. To join in harmoniously.
3. To go together harmoniously; agree.

[From Middle English *chimbe* (*belle*), from Old French, variant of *cimble*, cymbal, from Latin *cymbalum*; see [CYMBAL](#).]

chim *er n.*

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n.

The rim of a cask.

[Middle English *chimbe*, from Old English *cim-*, *cimb-* (in *cimstānas*, bases of a pillar, and *cimbing*, jointing); see [gembh-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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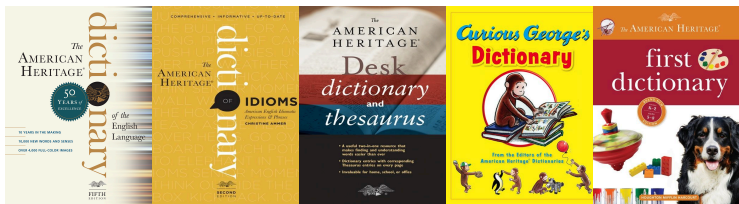
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