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chin  (chĭn)

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n.

The central forward portion of the lower jaw.

v. **chinned, chin·ning, chins**

v.tr.

1. To pull (oneself) up with the arms while grasping an overhead horizontal bar until the chin is level with or above the bar.

2. *Music* To place (a violin) under the chin in preparation to play it.

v.intr.

1. To chin oneself.

2. *Informal* To make idle conversation; chatter.

[Middle English, from Old English *cin*; see **genu-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

chin **less** *adj.*

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Chin  (jĭn)

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