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A city of northeast-central England on the northern shore of the Humber estuary at the influx of the **Hull River**. Chartered in 1299, the city has been a major seaport since the late 1700s.

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hull  (hʊl)

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- n.*
- The dry outer covering of a fruit, seed, or nut; a husk.
 - The persistent calyx of a fruit, such as a strawberry, that is usually green and easily detached.
 - Nautical* The frame or body of a ship, exclusive of masts, engines, or superstructure.
 - The main body of various other large vehicles, such as a tank, airship, or flying boat.
 - The outer casing of a rocket, guided missile, or spaceship.
- tr.v. hulled, hull-ing, hulls*
To remove the hulls of (fruit or seeds).

[Middle English *hol*, husk, from Old English *hulu*; see *kel*-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

hull *er n.*

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Hull, Cordell 1871-1955.

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American secretary of state (1933-1944) who laid the groundwork for the founding of the United Nations and was awarded the 1945 Nobel Peace Prize.

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