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1.

a. A protective head covering made of hard material, such as leather, metal, or plastic: *A firefighter's uniform includes a helmet.*

b. The headgear with a glass mask worn by deep-sea divers.

c. A pith helmet; a topi.

d. A head covering, such as a balaclava, that is shaped like a helmet.

2. A piece of armor, usually made of metal, designed to protect the head.

3. Botany The hood-shaped sepal or corolla of some flowers.

tr. & intr.v. **hel·met·ed**, **hel·met·ing**, **hel·mets**

To provide with or put on a helmet.

[Middle English, from Old French, diminutive of *helme*, of Germanic origin; see **kel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

hel met·ed *adj.*

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