

personal english



Word #15

Jam



Jam/Jelly



To Jam



Traffic Jam



Jam Session

The noun *jam* may be used in different contexts with completely different meanings. In food-related contexts, it indicates a **sweet paste made out of fruit** also known as **jelly**. The verb **to jam** means putting something into a space that is too small for it. For example, you would jam a week's worth of clothes into a small suitcase. A **traffic jam** is when too many cars are jammed in a road too small for them, such as during the **rush hour** (that is, the moment when people knock off work). Finally, a **jam session** is a musical event, process, or activity where musicians play (i.e. "jam") by improvising without extensive preparation or predefined arrangements.