

Forceps (plural forceps or considered a plural noun without a singular, often a pair of forceps; the Latin plural forcipes is no longer recorded in most dictionaries) are handheld, hinged instruments used for grasping and holding objects. Forceps are used when fingers are too large to grasp small objects or when many objects needed to be held at one time while the hands are used to perform a task. The term "forceps" is used almost exclusively in the fields of biology and medicine.[citation needed] Outside biology and medicine, people usually refer to forceps as tweezers, tongs, pliers, clips, or clamps.

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