

waft1. [wɑːft,wɒft] *n*

1. взмах; махание, размахивание
2. порыв (*ветра*); дуновение; струи (*воздуха*)
3. струя аромата; донёсшийся запах
4. отдалённый отзвук; донёсшийся звук
5. клуб *или* кольцо дыма
6. привкус (*особ. неприятный*)
7. мимолётное ощущение
8. *спец.* плавающее тело

2. [wɑːft,wɒft] *v*

- 1) нести, доносить (*звук и т. п.*)
the leaves were wafted along by the breeze - ветерок гнал листья
scents, sounds were wafted abroad - ароматы и звуки разносились (ветром) повсюду
a distant song was wafted to our ears - до нас доносилась далёкая песня
- 2) уносить (*ветром*; *обыкн.* waft away)
2. отмахиваться (*от чего-л.*; *обыкн.* waft away, waft aside)
3. нестись, плыть (*по воздуху, воде*)
shouts wafted near the citadel - возле крепости слышались крики
4. (*тж.* across, over) *обыкн. поэт.* переносить, перевозить, переправлять (*по воде*)
waft her hence to France - увезите её во Францию
the ferryman wafted them over the river - паромщик перевёз их через реку
5. гнать судно, облака (*о ветре*)
6. дуть (*о ветерке*)

waft

waft [waft wafts wafted wafting] *verb, noun* *BrE* [wɒft] ^m *NAmE* [wɑːft] ^m

NAmE [wæft] ^m

verb intransitive, transitive

to move, or make sth move, gently through the air

Syn: †drift

- **+ adv./prep.** The sound of their voices wafted across the lake.
- Delicious smells wafted up from the kitchen.
- **~ sth + adv./prep.** The scent of the flowers was wafted along by the breeze.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	waft
	BrE /wɒft/
	NAmE /wɑːft/
	NAmE /wæft/
he / she / it	wafts
	BrE /wɒfts/
	NAmE /wɑːfts/
	NAmE /wæfts/
past simple, past participle	wafted
	BrE /wɒftɪd/
	NAmE /wɑːftɪd/
	NAmE /wæftɪd/
-ing form	wafting
	BrE /wɒftɪŋ/
	NAmE /wɑːftɪŋ/
	NAmE /wæftɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- A scent of honey wafted up from the hives.
- Spicy smells wafted through the air.
- The night air wafted gently over them.
- Delicious cooking smells wafted up from the kitchen.
- The scent of the flowers was wafted through the window by the breeze.

noun (formal)

a smell or a line of smoke carried through the air

- wafts of perfume/smoke

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[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: waft 'to guard a group of ships as they sail along' (16-17 centuries), from Middle Dutch wachten 'to watch, guard']

1. [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] if a smell, smoke, or a light wind wafts somewhere, or if something wafts it somewhere, it moves gently through the air

waft up/through/over etc

" Cooking smells wafted up from downstairs.

2. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if sounds waft somewhere, you hear them there and they are pleasant but not very loud

waft up/through/over etc

" The sound of laughter wafted through the open window.

⇒ **drift**

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