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1. [teɪl] *n*

## 1. 1) хвост

bushy tail - пушистый хвост

tail fin - хвостовой плавник

to spread one's tail - распустить хвост

to wag one's tail - вилять хвостом

2) *исп.* конский хвост (*эмблема власти в Турции*)

## 2. 1) что-л. напоминающее хвост

tail of a comet - хвост кометы

tail of a kite - хвост воздушного змея

2) коса, косичка (*мж.* tail of hair)3. 1) нижний конец (*чего-л.*); кончик

tail of a shirt - нижний конец рубахи

tail of a letter [of a note] - хвостик буквы [ноты]

tail of a wing - кончик крыла (*у бабочки*)2) задний конец (*чего-л.*); оконечность

tail of a cart - задок телеги

tail of a procession - хвост процессии

to go at the tail of a procession - плестись в хвосте процессии

3) *сл.* задница, зад; ягодицы4. краешек, уголок (*глаза*)

to look at smb. out of /with/ the tail of one's eye - взглянуть на кого-л. краешком глаза; бросить на кого-л. взгляд украдкой

## 5. 1) конечная фаза, конец

tail of a storm [of an earthquake] - конечная фаза шторма [землетрясения]

## 2) заключительная часть, конец

the tail of a conversation - конец разговора

towards the tail of his letter - к концу своего письма

3) короткая заключительная строка стихотворения, кода (*сонета*)

## 6. 1) юбка: нижняя часть платья

## 2) фалда, пола

## 3) шлейф

4) *pl разг.* фракto go into tails - начать носить одежду взрослых (*о мальчиках*)

to wear tails - носить фрак, носить одежду взрослых

## 7. свита, кортеж

8. *разг.* сыщик, филёр «хвост»

we've got a tail - нас преследуют, у нас кто-то сидит на хвосте

## 9. очередь, «хвост»

10. *pl* обратная сторона (*монеты*)

heads or tails - орёл или решка

11. *pl* хвосты (*пустая порода*); отбросы, остатки, подонки12. 1) менее влиятельная часть (*политической партии*)2) *спорт.* более слабая часть команды

## 13. 1) отводной, отводящий канал

## 2) нижний конец пруда

## 3) поток ниже мельничного колеса

14. *спорт.* пятка (*лыжи*)15. *тех.* хвостовик (*инструмента*)16. *ав.* хвостовое оперение; хвост

tail assembly /unit/ - хвостовое оперение

tail gun - хвостовая пушка

tail wheel - хвостовое колесо

17. *мор.* штерт18. *воен.* тыл19. *полигр.* нижний обрез (*страницы*)

◇ at smb.'s tail, in the tail of smb., close on smb.'s tail - следом /по пятам/ за кем-л.

to follow at smb.'s tail - быть /висеть/ на хвосте у кого-л.; неотступно следовать /идти хвостом/ за кем-л.

with one's tail between one's legs - поджав хвост, в страхе

to put one's tail between one's legs - поджать хвост, струсить

to turn tail - броситься наутёк

to have /to keep/ one's tail up [down] - быть в хорошем /в весёлом, в приподнятом/ [в плохом /в подавленном/] настроении

to twist smb.'s tail - действовать кому-л. на нервы, раздражать кого-л.; наступать на хвост, наступать на мозоль

the sting is in the tail - *посл.* жало (у пчелы) в хвосте; жёлчь /весь яд, самое неприятное/ приберегают к концу2. [teɪl] *v*

## 1. 1) снабжать хвостом, приделывать хвост

to tail a kite - приделать хвост к воздушному змею

## 2) тащить за хвост



## SIDE OF COIN

7. **tails uncountable** the side of a coin that does not have a picture of the head of a person on it, used as one choice when a coin is tossed to decide sth

**compare** ↑heads *n.* (5)

## PERSON WHO FOLLOWS SB

8. **countable (informal)** a person who is sent to follow sb secretly and find out information about where that person goes, what they do, etc

• The police have **put a tail on him** .

**more at** bright-eyed and bushy-tailed **at** ↑bright-eyed, chase your own tail **at** ↑chase *v.*, can't make head nor tail of sth heads or tails? **at** ↑head *n.*, nose to tail **at** ↑nose *n.*, a sting in the tail **at** ↑sting *n.*

### Word Origin:

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### Example Bank:

- It was black from its nose to the tip of its tail.
- My dog loves to chase his tail.
- The dog ran out with its tail wagging madly.
- The dog wagged its tail furiously.
- The plane's tail section had broken off.
- Traffic which used to be nose to tail now flows freely.
- the truck at the tail of our convoy

**Idioms:** ↑on somebody's tail ▪ ↑tail wagging the dog ▪ ↑turn tail ▪ ↑with your tail between your legs

**Derived Word** ↑tailless

**Derived** ↑tail back ▪ ↑tail off

## verb ~ sb

to follow sb closely, especially in order to watch where they go and what they do

**Syn:** ↑shadow

• A private detective had been tailing them for several weeks.

**see** top and tail sth **at** ↑top *v.*

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	tail
	BrE /teɪl/
	NAme /teɪl/
he / she / it	tails
	BrE /teɪlz/
	NAme /teɪlz/
past simple, past participle	tailed
	BrE /teɪld/
	NAme /teɪld/
-ing form	tailing
	BrE /teɪlɪŋ/
	NAme /teɪlɪŋ/

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### Example Bank:

- She was closely tailed by a detective.
- They decided to let him go and then tail him.

**See also:** ↑tailcoat

## tail

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1. **tail** <sup>1</sup> **S2 W3** /teɪl/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: tæg(e)l]

1. **ANIMAL** the part that sticks out at the back of an animal's body, and that it can move:

• The dog wagged its tail.

**white-tailed/long-tailed etc**

• a white-tailed eagle

2.



**AIRCRAFT** the back part of an aircraft

3. **SHIRT** the bottom part of your shirt at the back, that you put inside your trousers

4. **BACK PART** [usually singular] the back or last part of something, especially something that is moving away from you:

" We saw the tail of the procession disappearing round the corner.

5. **tails**

a) [plural] a man's jacket which is short at the front and divides into two long pieces at the back, worn to very formal events **SYN** tailcoat

b) [uncountable] *spoken* said when you are **↑tossing** a coin (=throwing it up in the air to decide which of two things you will do or choose) **OPP** heads

6. **the tail end of something** the last part of an event, situation, or period of time

7. **be on sb's tail** *informal* to be following someone closely

8. **FOLLOW** *informal* someone who is employed to watch and follow someone, especially a criminal

**put a tail on somebody** (=order someone to follow another person)

9. **turn tail** *informal* to run away because you are too frightened to fight or attack

10. **with your tail between your legs** embarrassed or unhappy because you have failed or been defeated

11. **it's (a case of) the tail wagging the dog** *informal* used to say that an unimportant thing is wrongly controlling a situation

12. **chase tail** *American English informal* to try to get a woman to have sex with you

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

▪ **long** Some dinosaurs had long necks and equally long tails.

▪ **short** Its tail is short and pointed.

▪ **bushy** (=with long thick fur) My cat has a soft bushy tail.

▪ **a prehensile tail** *technical* (=able to hold things) Many monkeys have prehensile tails.

### ■ verbs

▪ **a dog wags its tail/its tail wags** Domino rushed to meet her, tail wagging with excitement.

▪ **a cow/cat etc swishes its tail** (=quickly moves it from side to side) The cow wandered off, swishing her tail.

### ■ tail + NOUN

▪ **tail feathers** The bird's wings and tail feathers were a beautiful purple color.

### ■ COMMON ERRORS

▶ Do not say '*wave its tail*' or '*shake its tail*'. Say **wag its tail**.

II. **tail**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *verb* [transitive]

*informal* to follow someone and watch what they do, where they go etc:

" The police have been tailing him for several months.

**tail away** *phrasal verb* *British English*

to **↑tail off**

**tail back** *phrasal verb*

*British English* if traffic tails back, a long line of cars forms, for example because the road is blocked

**tail off** (also **tail away** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

1. to become gradually less, smaller etc, and often stop or disappear completely:

" Profits tailed off towards the end of the year.

2. **written** if someone's voice tails off, it becomes quieter and then stops:

" 'I didn't mean ...' Her voice tailed off in embarrassment.

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## THESAURUS

▪ **follow** to walk, drive etc behind or after someone, for example in order to see where they are going: The man had followed her home to find out where she lived. | Follow that car! | He hired a detective to follow her.

▪ **chase** to quickly run or drive after someone or something in order to catch them when they are trying to escape: Police chased the car along the motorway at speeds of up to 90 mph.

▪ **run after somebody/go after somebody** to quickly follow someone or something in order to stop them or talk to them: I ran after him to say sorry, but he'd already got on the bus.

▪ **stalk** /stɒk\$ stɒk\$ to secretly follow an animal in order to kill it, or to secretly follow a person in order to attack them: a tiger stalking its prey | He had a long history of stalking women in his neighbourhood.

▪ **pursue** /pə'sju\$ pə'su:ɪ *written* to chase someone in a very determined way: The ship was being pursued by enemy submarines.

▪ **give chase** *written* to chase someone or something who is trying to escape from you: One of the officers gave chase and

arrested the man. | The calf ran away and the lion gave chase.

- **tail** to secretly follow someone in order to watch what they do and where they go: Apparently, the police had been tailing the terrorists for months.

- **track** to follow and find a person or animal by looking at the marks they leave on the ground: The bushmen were tracking antelope in the Kalahari desert.

## tail

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15000 **2499**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** TAIL 11809

tail 9020

tails 2154

tailed 246

tailing 205

tailings 184

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