

rat

1. [ræt] n

- 1. **зоол.** крыса (*Rattus*)
 rat destruction /extermination/ - дератизация, уничтожение грызунов
 rat week - неделя борьбы с грызунами; кампания по дератизации
 to clear a place of rats - выморить крыс
 rats desert /forsake, leave/ a sinking ship - крысы бегут с тонущего корабля

- 2. **презр.**
 1) трус (*убегающий как крыса с тонущего корабля*); предатель; ренегат; перебежчик
 2) штрейкбрехер
 3) доносчик, осведомитель; провокатор

- 3. **амер.** подушечка или валик под высокой женской причёской
 ◇ to smell a rat - чуют недоброе; подозревать что-л
 like /as wet as/ a drowned rat - промокший до костей
 like a rat in a hole - а) как крыса в норе; б) в полном одиночестве, покинутый всеми
 to die like a rat in a hole - ≅ умереть как собака
 to be caught like a rat in a trap - попасться в ловушку
 to have rats in the attic - быть не в своём уме; ≅ не все дома; винтика не хватает
 to have (got) the rats - а) быть в дурном настроении б) быть в белой горячке; допиться до чёртиков

2. [ræt] v

- 1. истреблять крыс (*обыкн. собаками*)
 to go ratting - выходить на охоту за крысами
- 2. **презр.**
 1) покидать (*организацию и т. п.*) как крыса тонущий корабль; стать предателем, ренегатом, перебежчиком
 2) (on) предать, выдать (*кого-л.*), донести (*на кого-л.*)
 3) быть штрейкбрехером
 4) (on) отказаться, отречься
 to rat on one's debts - отказаться платить долги
- 3. **сл.** болтаться без дела; тунеядствовать
- 4. **амер.** делать высокую причёску на валике

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rat [rat rats ratted ratting] noun, verb BrE [ræt] " NAmE [ræt] "

noun

- 1. a small animal with a long tail, that looks like a large mouse, usually considered a ↑pest (= an animal which is disliked because it destroys food or spreads disease)
 • rat poison
 • The police are all over town. He's caught, like a rat in a trap.

compare ↑rug rat

- 2. (*informal, disapproving*) an unpleasant person, especially one who is not loyal or who tricks sb
 • You mean he just walked out on her after fifteen years? What a rat!

see (like rats) deserting/leaving a sinking ship **at** ↑sink v., smell a rat **at** ↑smell v.

Word Origin:

Old English ræt, probably of Romance origin; reinforced in Middle English by Old French rat. The verb dates from the early 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- Rats had gnawed through the wires.
- The dog was a useful rat catcher in the warehouse.
- a rat-infested cellar

Derived ↑rat on somebody ▪ ↑rat on something ▪ ↑rat somebody out

verb (-tt-)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	rat
	BrE /ræt/
	NAmE /ræt/
he / she /it	rats
	BrE /ræts/
	NAmE /ræts/
past simple, past participle	ratted
	BrE /rætd/
	NAmE /rætd/
-ing form	ratting
	BrE /rætn/
	NAmE /rætn/

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ratI. **rat**¹ /ræt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: ræt]

1. an animal that looks like a large mouse with a long tail

2. *spoken* someone who has been disloyal to you or deceived you:

" But you promised to help us, you rat!

3. **look like a drowned rat** to look very wet and uncomfortable4. **(like) rats leaving the sinking ship** used to describe people who leave a company, organization etc when it is in trouble⇒ ↑rat race, ↑rats, ⇒ **smell a rat** at ↑smell²(7)II. **rat**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **ratted**, present participle **ratting**) [intransitive] *informal*1. if someone rats on you, they tell someone in authority about something wrong that you have done **SYN grass on****rat on**

" They'll kill you if they find out you've ratted on them!

2. *British English* to not do what you had promised to do **SYN go back on, renege on****rat on**

" He accused the government of ratting on its promises to the disabled.

rat somebody ↔ **out** *American English informal*

if someone rats you out, they are disloyal to you, especially by telling someone in authority about something wrong that you have done:

" You can't rat out your teammates.

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