

**sack**

I

1. [sæk] *n*

1. 1) мешок, куль
- 2) *амер.* мешочек, пакет  
a sack of candy - пакетик леденцов
2. мешок (*мера веса, различная для разных сыпучих тел*)  
a sack of coal - куль угля [*ср. тж.*  $\diamond$  ]  
a sack of potatoes - мешок картофеля
3. мех для вина; бурдюк
4. сак (*пальто; тж.* sack coat)
5. 1) *уст.* широкое и свободное женское платье (*мода XVIII в.*)  
2) платье-рубашка (*мода 50-х гг. XX в.*)  
3) трен, шлейф (*начинающийся от плеч*); мантия
6. *сл.*  
1) спальный мешок  
2) постель  
to hit the sack - *прост.* завалиться спать, отправиться на боковую  
I bet he's still in the sack - спорю, что он ещё глаз не продрал
- 3) матрац тюфяк
7. *ав. проф.* парашют (*в ранце*)
8. *разг.* мешок с клюшками (*гольф*)
9. *спорт. жарг.* база (*бейсбол*)
10. (the sack) *уст.* утопление в мешке (*казнь за отцеубийство в Древнем Риме*)  
 $\diamond$  sack of coals - тёмные грозовые тучи [*ср. тж.* 2]  
to give the sack - а) увольнять с работы; б) отказать (*жениху*); оставить (*кого-л.*) с носом  
to get the sack - а) быть уволенным; б) получить отставку (*о женихе*)

2. [sæk] *v*

1. класть, сыпать в мешок *или* в куль  
to sack potatoes - насыпать картофелев мешки
2. нацеживать (*в мех вино*)
3. *сл.* победить (*в состязании*)
4. *разг.*  
1) увольнять (*с работы*)  
2) давать отставку (*поклоннику*)
5. *разг.* прикармливать  
to sack profit [money] - прикарманить прибыль [деньги]

II

1. [sæk] *n тк. sing*

разграбление (*захваченного города*), грабёж  
to put to the sack - подвергать разграблению, грабить

2. [sæk] *v*

- 1) отдавать (*захваченный город*) на разграбление
- 2) грабить; ограбить  
to sack the city - разграбить/разорить город

II

[sæk] *n*

вино типа хереса (*некогда ввозилось из Испании*)

**sack**

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**sack** [sæk saks sacked sacking] *noun, verb BrE* [sæk] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [sæk] <sup>ⓘ</sup>

*noun*

1. **countable** a large bag with no handles, made of strong rough material or strong paper or plastic, used for storing and carrying, for example flour, coal, etc.
  2. **countable** (NAmE) a strong paper bag for carrying shopping
  3. **countable** the contents of a **sack**
    - They got through a sack of potatoes.
    - (NAmE) two sacks of groceries
  4. **the sack singular** (BrE, *informal*) being told by your employer that you can no longer continue working for a company, etc, usually because of sth that you have done wrong
    - He **got the sack** for swearing.
    - Her work was so poor that she was **given the sack**.
    - Four hundred workers face the sack.
  5. **the sack singular** (*informal, especially NAmE*) a bed
    - He caught them in the sack together.
  6. (*usually* **the sack**) **singular** (*formal*) the act of stealing or destroying property in a captured town
    - the sack of Rome
- see** to hit the hay/sack **at**  $\uparrow$ hit *v.*

Word Origin:

v. sense 1 and v. sense 3 n. senses 1 to 5 Old English sacc Latin **saccus** 'sack, sackcloth' Greek **sakkos** Semitic v. sense 2 and n. sense 6 mid 16th cent. French **sac mettre à sac** 'put to sack' Italian **fare il sacco mettere a sacco**

Example Bank:

- Hundreds of postal workers are facing the sack.
- I decided to hit the sack and have an early night.
- She got the sack after 20 years of service.
- The kittens had been tied up in a sack and thrown in the river.
- They filled the sacks with potatoes.
- a sack of coal
- bulging sacks of toys

Derived ↑sack out

verb

1. ~ **sb** (informal, especially BrE) to dismiss sb from a job

**Syn:** ↑fire

- She was sacked for refusing to work on Sundays.

2. ~ **sth** (of an army, etc, especially in the past) to destroy things and steal property in a town or building

- Rome was sacked by the Goths in 410.

3. ~ **sb** (in ↑American football) to knock down the ↑quarterback

- The quarterback was sacked on the 45 yard line, and it was first down for the other team.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sack
	BrE /sæk/
	NAmE /sæk/
he / she /it	sacks
	BrE /sæks/
	NAmE /sæks/
past simple, past participle	sacked
	BrE /sækt/
	NAmE /sækt/
-ing form	sacking
	BrE /sækɪŋ/
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Thesaurus:

**sack** verb T, often passive (especially BrE, informal)

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**fire** • **dismiss** • **lay sb off** • **let sb go** • |BrE **make sb redundant** • |especially BrE, informal **give sb the sack** • |formal **discharge** • |journalism) (BrE **axe** • |AmE **ax** •

sack sb/fire sb/dismiss sb/lay sb off/make sb redundant/give sb the sack/discharge sb **from** a job

sack/fire/dismiss/lay off/axe **staff/workers/employees**

make **staff/workers/employees** redundant

let **staff/employees** go

Collocations:

**Unemployment**

*Losing your job*

lose your job

(BrE) become/be made redundant

be offered/take voluntary redundancy/early retirement

face/be threatened with dismissal/(BrE) the sack/(BrE) compulsory redundancy

dismiss/fire/ (especially BrE) sack an employee/a worker/a manager

lay off staff/workers/employees

(AustralE, NZE, SAfrE) retrench workers

cut/reduce/downsize/slash the workforce

(BrE) make staff/workers/employees redundant

*Being unemployed*

be unemployed/out of work/out of a job

seek/look for work/employment

be on/collect/draw/get/receive (both BrE) unemployment benefit/jobseeker's allowance

be/go/live/sign (BrE, informal) on the dole

claim/draw/get (BrE, informal) the dole

be on/qualify for (NAmE) unemployment (compensation)

be/go/live/depend (NAmE) on welfare

collect/receive (NAme) welfare  
combat/tackle/cut/reduce unemployment

Example Bank:

- The army rebelled and sacked the palace.

sack

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **sack**<sup>1</sup> S3 /sæk/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: sacc, from Latin saccus, from Greek sakkos 'bag, sackcloth']

1.

- a) a large bag made of strong rough cloth or strong paper, used for storing or carrying flour, coal, vegetables etc

sack of

▪ a sack of potatoes

- b) (also **sackful**) the amount that a sack can contain

sack of

▪ We need about a sack of rice.

2. **the sack** British English informal when someone is dismissed from their job:

▪ They've never actually given anyone the sack.

▪ He got the sack for stealing.

▪ She claimed she'd been threatened with the sack.

3. **hit the sack** old-fashioned informal to go to bed:

▪ It's one o'clock – time to hit the sack.

4. **in the sack** informal in bed – used to talk about sexual activity:

▪ I bet she's great in the sack.

5. **the sack of something** formal a situation in which an army goes through a place, destroying or stealing things and attacking people:

▪ the sack of Rome in 1527

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

[Sense 1-2,4: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: ⇒ ↑sack<sup>1</sup>]

[Sense 3: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: sack 'destruction of and stealing from a town' (16-21 centuries), from French sac (⇒ ↑sac), in the phrase mettre A sac 'put in the bag', from Italian mettere a sacco]

1. **British English informal** to dismiss someone from their job **SYN fire**:

▪ They couldn't sack me – I'd done nothing wrong.

sack somebody from something

▪ He was sacked from every other job he had.

sack somebody for (doing) something

▪ He was sacked for being drunk.

**REGISTER**

In written and formal British English, people often prefer to use **dismiss** rather than **sack**:

- People can be dismissed for misusing the Internet at work.

2. to knock down the ↑quarterback in American football

3. if soldiers sack a place, they go through it destroying or stealing things and attacking people:

▪ The Goths sacked Rome.

**sack out** phrasal verb American English

informal to go to sleep:

▪ He sacked out on the sofa.

sack

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sacking <sup>184</sup>

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