

wag

I

[wæɡ] *n*

остряк, остролов; шутник

II

1. [wæɡ] *n*

взмах

with a wag of the tail - вильнув хвостом

2. [wæɡ] *v*

1. 1) махать, размахивать; качать

to wag one's head - кивать /качать/ головой

to wag one's finger at smb. - грозить кому-л. пальцем

2) качаться; мотаться

their heads wagged in time to the music - их головы покачивались в такт музыке

2. болтать (языком)

to wag one's chin /jaws, beard/ - болтать сплетничать

to set tongues /chins, jaws, beards/ wagging - давать повод к сплетням, заставлять о себе говорить

3. вилять (хвостом)

4. переваливаться, ходить вразвалку

5. двигаться, продвигаться

how wags the world? - как идут дела?

that's the way the world wags - таковы дела

to let the world wag as it will - относиться равнодушно ко всему происходящему

II

1. [wæɡ] *n* *разг.*

прогульщик, лентяй

to play (the) wag - прогуливать (*особ.* уроки)

2. [wæɡ] *v* *разг.*

прогуливать (*особ.* уроки)

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wag [wag wags wagged wagging] *verb, noun* *BrE* [wæɡ] ^o *NAmE* [wæɡ] ^o

verb (-gg-)

1. *transitive, intransitive* ~ (sth) if a dog wags its tail, or its tail wags, its tail moves from side to side several times

2. *transitive* ~ **sth** to shake your finger or your head from side to side or up and down, often as a sign of disapproval

3. *transitive* ~ **sth** (*AustralE, NZE*) to stay away from school without permission

• to wag school

see the tail wagging the dog **at** ↑tail *n.*, set tongues wagging **at** ↑tongue *n.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	wag
	BrE /wæɡ/
	NAmE /wæɡ/
he / she /it	wags
	BrE /wægz/
	NAmE /wægz/
past simple, past participle	wagged
	BrE /wægd/
	NAmE /wægd/
-ing form	wagging
	BrE /wæɡɪŋ/
	NAmE /wæɡɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. and *n.* **sense 2** Middle English Germanic Old English wagian 'to sway'

n. **sense 1** mid 16th cent. waghalter 'person likely to be hanged' ↑wag ↑halter

Example Bank:

- The dog raced ahead, its tail wagging furiously.
- 'Just remember what I said,' she repeated, wagging her finger at him.
- He wagged his head from side to side.

noun

1. (old-fashioned, especially *BrE*) a person who enjoys making jokes

Syn: ↑joker

2. a wagging movement

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Example Bank:

- Flossie managed a feeble wag of her tail.

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I. **wag**¹ /wæg/ BrE^u AmE^u verb (past tense and past participle **wagged**, present participle **wagging**)

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old English; Origin: wagian 'to shake']

1. [intransitive and transitive] if a dog wags its tail, or if its tail wags, the dog moves its tail many times from one side to the other
2. [transitive] to move your finger or head from side to side, especially to show disapproval:

'You naughty girl!' Mom said, wagging her finger at me.

⇒ it's (a case of) the tail wagging the dog at †tail¹(11), ⇒ set tongues wagging at †tongue¹(14)

II. **wag**² BrE^u AmE^u noun

[Sense 1: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from waghalter 'person likely to be hanged' (16-17 centuries), from wag + halter 'noose']

[Sense 2: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇒ †WAG¹]

1. [countable] *old-fashioned* someone who says or does something clever and amusing:
Some wag had drawn a face on the wall.
2. [countable usually singular] a wagging movement

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **5847**^{MCW}

15000 **7277**^{COCA}

RANGE: **5k WAG** 1508

wag 370

wagged 345

wagging 552

wags 241

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

¹⁴¹**61359**¹⁵¹ *nn1*

⁸⁶**78704**⁹³ *vv0*

⁷⁹**82091**⁸⁶ *vvi*

²⁹**122524**⁴⁰ *np1*