

stagger

1. ['stægə] *n*

1. пошатывание, шатание
2. *мех.* шахматное расположение (*мж.* blind staggers)
3. *ав.*
 - 1) вынос крыла
 - 2) эшелонирование

2. ['stægə] *a*

1. расположенный уступами
2. *ав.* эшелонированный уступами (*о строе самолётов*)

3. ['stægə] *v*

1. 1) идти шатаюсь шататься, покачиваться
to stagger around /about/ - бродить пошатываясь; еле-еле брести без определённой цели
to stagger into a room - войти в комнату, пошатываясь
he staggered to his feet - он с трудом встал
- 2) расшатывать, лишать устойчивости
2. 1) колебаться, быть в нерешительности
- 2) поколебать, вызвать сомнения
3. ошеломлять; потрясать, поражать
to stagger the imagination - потрясать воображение
the price staggered him, he staggered at the price - цена ошеломила его
4. распределять, дифференцировать часы работы, отпуска *и т. п.*; составлять скользящий график
to stagger lunch hours - начинать обеденный перерыв по скользящему графику
to stagger city business hours to ameliorate traffic congestion - распределить часы работы так, чтобы избежать скопления транспорта в часы пик
the work is staggered in three shifts - работа разбита на три смены
5. *мех.* располагать в шахматном порядке; располагать ступенями, уступами
6. *ав.* эшелонировать уступами (*строй самолётов*)
◇ to stagger along /on/ - идти вперёд, развиваться, несмотря на трудности

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• **1. stagger** [stagger staggers staggered staggering] *BrE* ['stægə(r)]^а *NAmE*

['stægə(r)]^а *verb*

1. intransitive, transitive to walk with weak unsteady steps, as if you are about to fall

Syn: †totter

- (+ **adv./prep.**) The injured woman staggered to her feet.
- He staggered home, drunk.
- We seem to stagger from one crisis to the next.
- (**figurative**) The company is **staggering under the weight** of a £10m debt.
- ~ **sth** I managed to stagger the last few steps.

2. transitive to shock or surprise sb very much

Syn: †amaze

- ~ **sb** Her remarks staggered me.
- **it staggers sb that...** It staggers me that the government is doing nothing about it.

3. transitive ~ sth to arrange for events that would normally happen at the same time to start or happen at different times

- There were so many runners that they had to stagger the start.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	stagger
	<i>BrE</i> / 'stægə(r) /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'stægər /
he / she / it	staggers
	<i>BrE</i> / 'stægəz /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'stægərz /
past simple, past participle	staggered
	<i>BrE</i> / 'stægəd /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'stægərd /
-ing form	staggering
	<i>BrE</i> / 'stægərɪŋ /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'stægərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a verb): alteration of dialect stacker, from Old Norse *stakra*, frequentative of *staka* 'push, stagger'.

Example Bank:

- She staggered blindly off into the darkness.
- She staggered to her feet and tottered unsteadily across the room.
- He was staggering, as if he was drunk.
- I managed to stagger to my feet.
- It staggers me that the government is doing nothing about this situation.

- She staggered over to him, swaying slightly.
- The injured woman staggered to the side of the road.
- The inspectors were staggered at the level of incompetence among senior staff.
- The man staggered around the square before collapsing.

▪ **II. stagger** noun

- to walk with a stagger

Main entry: ↑stagger_{derived}

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I. **stagger**¹ /'stæɡə \$ -ər/ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ verb

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: staker 'to stagger' (13-19 centuries), from Old Norse stakra, from staka 'to push']

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to walk or move unsteadily, almost falling over **SYN stumble**:

- He managed to stagger home.
- She staggered back a step.
- The old man staggered drunkenly to his feet.

2. [transitive] to make someone feel very surprised or shocked **SYN amaze** :

- What staggered us was the sheer size of her salary.

3. [intransitive] (also **stagger on**) to continue doing something when you seem to be going to fail and you do not know what will happen:

- He staggered on for another two years.

stagger from something to something

- The company staggered from one crisis to the next.

4. [transitive] to arrange people's working hours, holidays etc so that they do not all begin and end at the same time:

- Jim and his wife stagger their work hours so one of them can be at home with the kids.

5. [transitive] to start a race with each runner at a different place on a curved track

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THESAURUS

■ to walk with difficulty

- **limp** to walk with difficulty because one leg hurts, so that you put most of your weight on the other leg: Jake was limping because of the injury to his knee.
- **stagger** to walk or move unsteadily, almost falling over, especially because you are drunk or have been injured: They finally staggered back to the hotel at 4 o'clock in the morning. | He hit her and she staggered and fell.
- **hobble** to walk with difficulty in a slow and unsteady way because your legs or feet hurt or have been injured: My new shoes were so painful I could only hobble along. | She hobbled out to the car on crutches.

II. **stagger**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun [countable usually singular]

an unsteady movement of someone who is having difficulty in walking

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