

**rack****I****1. [ræk] n**

1. вешалка (с крючками)
2. полка; стеллаж; сетка для вещей (в вагонах, автобусах и т. п.)
3. 1) подставка, козлы; стенд; стойка; каркас; рама
- 2) решётка
4. *мор.* сетка на стол (при качке)
5. *с.-х.* кормушка, ясли
6. *горн.* рудопромывочный аппарат
7. *тех.* зубчатая рейка, кремальера  
rack jack - реечный домкрат
8. *полигр.* реал, наборный стол, кассореал
9. *ав.* балочный, реечный бомбодержатель  
◇ rack of bones *см.* rackabones

**2. [ræk] v**

1. класть на полку, в сетку (вагона и т. п.); размещать на стеллаже, стенде и т. п.
2. 1) класть сено в ясли, в кормушку (*обыкн.* rack up)
- 2) привязывать лошадь (у кормушки)
3. *тех.* перемещать при помощи зубчатой рейки
4. вводить самолёт в крутой вираж

**II****1. [ræk] n**

- 1) *уст.* дыба  
to put smb. on the rack - вздёрнуть кого-л. на дыбу [*см. тж.* 2)]
- 2) пытка, мучение  
to be on the rack - испытывать адские муки  
to put smb. on the rack - подвергать пытке /мучениям/ [*см. тж.* 1)]  
to set one's faculties on the rack - не щадить сил, напрягать все свои силы

**2. [ræk] v**

1. 1) *уст.* вздёрнуть на дыбу
- 2) пытать, мучить  
body racked with pain - тело, истерзанное болью  
to be racked with /by/ jealousy [with /by/ remorse] - терзаться ревностью [раскаянием]  
to rack with fire - *воен.* обстреливаться сильным огнём, подвергать жестокому обстрелу
- 3) *воен. разг.* отчитывать, делать разнос
2. напрягать; заставлять работать сверх сил  
to rack one's brains /one's wits/ - ломать себе голову  
to rack one's memory - напрягать память, мучительно стараться вспомнить (*что-л.*)
3. обдирать; эксплуатировать  
to rack tenants - драть с арендаторов непомерно высокую плату

**III****1. [ræk] n**

1. *метеор.* несущиеся облака
2. *поэт.* лёгкий след, неуловимый признак

**2. [ræk] v**

нести (об облаках)

**IV****[ræk] n**

разорение, гибель  
to go to rack and ruin - обветшать; разрушиться; погибнуть

**V****1. [ræk] n**

иноходь

**2. [ræk] v**

идти иноходью

**VI****[ræk] v**

сцезивать (*вино, сидр*; часто rack off)

**rack** [ræk ræks rækt racking] **noun, verb** *BrE* [ræk] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [ræk] <sup>2</sup>  
**noun**



1. (often in compounds) a piece of equipment, usually made of metal or wooden bars, that is used for holding things or for hanging things on

- a **vegetable /wine /plate /toast rack**
- I looked through a rack of clothes at the back of the shop.
- Remove the cakes from the oven and cool on a wire rack.



**see also** ↑luggage rack, ↑roof rack

2. (*usually* **the rack**) an instrument of ↑torture, used in the past for punishing and hurting people. Their arms and legs were tied to the wooden frame and then pulled in opposite directions, stretching the body.
3. ~ **of lamb/pork** a particular piece of meat that includes the front ↑ribs and is cooked in the oven
4. a part of a machine that consists of a bar with parts that a wheel or gear can fit into

#### Word Origin:

**n. senses 1 to 2** and **v.** Middle English Middle Dutch **rec** Middle Low German **rek** ‘horizontal bar or shelf’ **recken** ‘to stretch, reach’

**n. sense 3** late 16th cent.

#### Example Bank:

- Spread the flowers out to dry on a rack.
- The racks along the wall held most of the costumes.
- The wine is stored in special racks.
- We fixed the canoe onto the car's roof rack.
- a rack for storing apples
- racks of magazines

Idioms: ↑go to rack and ruin ▪ ↑off the rack ▪ ↑on the rack ▪ ↑rack your brain

Derived ↑rack up something

**verb** (*also* less frequent **wrack**) **often passive** ~ **sb/sth**

to make sb suffer great physical or mental pain

- to be racked with/by guilt
- Her face was racked with pain.
- Violent sobs racked her whole body.
- (**BrE**) a racking cough

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	rack
	BrE /ræk/
	NAmE /ræk/
he / she /it	racks
	BrE /ræks/
	NAmE /ræks/
past simple, past participle	racked
	BrE /rækt/
	NAmE /rækt/
-ing form	racking
	BrE /rækɪŋ/
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I. rack<sup>1</sup> /ræk/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

[Sense 1-3,5-7: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Middle Dutch; Origin: rec 'frame']

[Sense 4: Language: Old English; Origin: wræc 'unhappiness, punishment']

- 1. a frame or shelf that has bars or hooks on which you can put things:
  - a wine rack
  - a magazine rack ⇒ ↑luggage rack, ↑roof-rack
- 2. **the rack** a piece of equipment that was used in the past to make people suffer severe pain by stretching their bodies:
  - Thousands of people were tortured on the rack.
- 3. **on the rack** *British English informal* in a very difficult situation:
  - The company is now well and truly on the rack.
- 4. **go to rack and ruin** if a building goes to rack and ruin, it gradually gets into a very bad condition because no one has looked after it:
  - The house had been left to go to rack and ruin.
- 5. *American English* a three-sided frame used for arranging the balls at the start of a game of ↑snooker or ↑pool
- 6. **a rack of lamb/pork** a fairly large piece of meat from the side of an animal, that contains several ↑rib bones
- 7. **off the rack** *American English* if you can buy something off the rack, you can buy it in a shop rather than having it specially made **SYN off the peg** *British English*:
  - A lot of designer clothes are now available off the rack.

II. rack<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb

- 1. [transitive usually passive] to make someone suffer great mental or physical pain:
    - Great sobs racked her body.
    - be racked by/with something**
      - Her face was racked with pain.
      - Liza was racked by guilt.
  - 2. **rack your brains** to try very hard to remember or think of something:
    - I racked my brains, trying to remember his name.
- rack something** ↔ **up** *phrasal verb informal*  
to get a number or amount of something, especially a number of points in a competition:  
▪ He racked up 41 points.

rack

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