

**sway**

**1. [sweɪ] n**

1. качание, колебание; раскачивание
2. власть, господство; влияние
  - to hold /to bear/ sway over smb. - властвовать /господствовать/ над кем-л.; оказывать влияние на кого-л.
  - to have great sway - иметь большое влияние /-ую власть/
  - to be under the sway of passion - быть во власти страсти
  - the sway of fashion - власть моды
  - under the sway of Rome - под владычеством Рима
  - the belief held sway for centuries - это убеждение веками царило в умах
  - he held sway over the British stage - он был признанным королём английской сцены

**2. [sweɪ] v**

1. 1) качаться, колебаться
  - to sway to and fro - а) качаться из стороны в сторону; б) **воен.** вестись с переменным успехом (о бое)
  - the branches swayed in the wind - ветви раскачивались на ветру
- 2) качать, раскачивать
  - wind sways the trees - ветер качает деревья
2. иметь влияние (*на кого-л., что-л.*); склонять (*кого-л. к чему-л.*)
  - his speech swayed thousands of votes - его речь оказала влияние /повлияла/ на настроение тысяч избирателей
  - he is not to be swayed by argument or entreaty - его нельзя поколебать ни доводами, ни мольбой
  - he is too much swayed by the needs of the moment - он слишком поддаётся влиянию обстоятельств
3. **обыкн. поэт.** управлять, править
  - to sway the sceptre - царствовать
4. **тех.** поворачивать в горизонтальном направлении

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**sway** [sway sways swayed swaying] verb noun BrE [sweɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [sweɪ] <sup>ˈ</sup>

**verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to move slowly from side to side; to move sth in this way
  - (+ **adv./prep.**) The branches were swaying in the wind.
  - Vicky swayed and fell.
  - ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** They danced rhythmically, swaying their hips to the music.
2. **transitive, often passive** ~ **sb** to persuade sb to believe sth or do sth

**Syn:** ↑influence

- He's easily swayed.
- She wasn't swayed by his good looks or his clever talk.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sway
	BrE /sweɪ/
	NAmE /sweɪ/
he / she / it	sways
	BrE /sweɪz/
	NAmE /sweɪz/
past simple, past participle	swayed
	BrE /sweɪd/
	NAmE /sweɪd/
-ing form	swaying
	BrE /sweɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE /sweɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: corresponding in sense to Low German **swājen** 'be blown to and fro' and Dutch **zwaaien** 'swing, walk totteringly'.

Example Bank:

- Couples were swaying to the rhythm of the music.
- He swayed back and forth like a drunken man.
- He will not easily be swayed by argument.
- The cow's udder swayed from side to side as she walked along.
- The curtains swayed gently in the breeze.
- The stage swayed alarmingly under their weight.
- Don't allow yourself to be swayed by emotion.
- He's easily swayed.
- His previous experience of playing against New Zealand probably swayed the decision to select him.
- She noticed that he was swaying slightly.
- She swayed her hips in time to the music.
- The branches of the trees were swaying in the wind.
- The panel was not swayed by his arguments.
- The speech was important in swaying public opinion.

noun uncountable

1. a movement from side to side
  - The sway of the yacht was making her feel sick.
2. (literary) power or influence over sb
  - Rebel forces **hold sway** over much of the island.
  - She was brought up under the sway of Communism.
  - He was quick to exploit those who fell **under his sway**.

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Example Bank:

- Traditional attitudes still hold sway in the region.

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I. **sway**<sup>1</sup> /sweɪ/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. [intransitive] to move slowly from one side to another:
  - The trees swayed gently in the breeze.
2. [transitive] to influence someone so that they change their opinion:
  - Don't allow yourself to be swayed by his promises.

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- **move** to go to a different place, or change the position of your body: Sarah moved away from the window. | Every time I move I get a pain in my left shoulder.
- **sway** to move slowly from one side to the other: The branches swayed in the wind. | Donny swayed drunkenly as he walked back to his car.
- **rock** to move repeatedly from one side to another, with small gentle movements: He rocked backward and forward in his chair. | The boat rocked from side to side with the waves.
- **wobble** to move unsteadily from side to side: The bike wobbled a bit, but she soon got it under control.
- **fidget** to keep moving or playing with your fingers, hands, feet etc, because you are bored or nervous: Diana fidgeted nervously with her pencil.
- **squirm** to make very small movements from side to side with your body, especially because you feel uncomfortable: By the end of the hour, most of the children were squirming in their seats.
- **wriggle** to make small movements from side to side, especially in order to get into or out of something: The dog wriggled under the fence and escaped into the street. | She managed to wriggle into the dress, but it was much too tight.
- **twitch** if part of your body twitches, it makes small movements that you cannot control: A muscle on Yang's face twitched.
- **stir** *written* to make a movement – used especially when describing a situation in which no one moves, or someone wakes up: In the village a dog barked but no one stirred | The sleeping child stirred and opened her eyes.
- **budge** to move – used when you are trying hard to make something move, often without success: The piano wouldn't budge.

II. **sway**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable]

1. *literary* power to rule or influence people:
    - These old attitudes still hold sway in the church.
- under sb's sway**
- She was now completely under his sway.
2. a swinging movement from side to side:
    - the sway of the ship

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