

## pull

## 1. [pʌl] n

## 1. 1) тяга, дёрганье

to give a pull at /on/ the rope - потянуть за верёвку

to give a pull at the bell - дёрнуть за звонок

give it a hard pull! - дёрни /потяни/ как следует!

2) ручка, кольцо (*ящика, дверцы и т. п.*); шнурок (*звонка, шторы и т. п.*)

pull switch - выключатель со шнурком

pull ring - вытяжное кольцо (*парашюта*)

2. *спец.*

## 1) натяжение, растяжение

## 2) сила тяги

## 3) растягивающее усилие, тянущая сила

4) *спорт.* тяговое движение

## 5) тяговое устройство; тяговый канат

3. 1) *спорт.* напряжение, усилие

final pull - заключительное напряжение (*тяжёлая атлетика*)

second pull - подрыв (*тяжёлая атлетика*)

arm pull - гребок рукой (*плавание*)

2) трудный подъём; трудное путешествие *и т. п.*

it was a long pull to the top of the mountain - взобраться на вершину горы стоило больших усилий

## 4. 1) удар весла

2) *разг.* очередь грести3) *разг.* короткая прогулка на лодке

they went for a short pull on the lake - они поехали покататься по озеру

5. сдерживание лошади на скачках (*чтобы не допустить выигрыша*)

## 6. спуск курка огнестрельного оружия

## 7. 1) глоток

to have a pull at the bottle - приложиться к бутылке; глотнуть, выпить (*спиртного*)

long pull - *сл.* порция пива *и т. п.*, превышающая заказ

2) затяжка (*табачным дымом*)

to take a pull at one's pipe [cigarette] - затянуться трубкой [сигаретой]

8. *разг.* преимущество

the pull of the table - *карт.* преимущество сдающего (карты) *или* банкомёта

he had a great pull over all rivals - у него было большое преимущество перед соперниками

9. *разг.* протекция, связи, блат

to get a job through pull - получить должность по протекции /по блату/

to have a pull with the cops - иметь своих людей в полиции

you got to have a pull to get a job like this - на такую работу можно устроиться только по блату /по знакомству/

he has come up from the ranks without any pull or family backing - он вышел в люди без всякой протекции и семейственности

he has no political pull - у него нет связей в правительственных кругах

10. *разг.* привлекательность, броскость (*объявления, рекламы и т. п.*)

the pull of a big city - притягательная сила большого города

an advertising slogan with tremendous pull - рекламный лозунг, привлекающий массу покупателей

an actress with great box office pull - актриса, чьё участие даёт полные сборы

11. *полигр.* пробный оттиск12. *метал.* усадочная раковина13. *тех.* пневмоколёсный трактор-тягач14. *спец.* протаскивание; волочение

## 2. [pʌl] v

I

## 1. тянуть, тащить

to pull the door open [shut] - потянуть к себе дверь, чтобы открыть [закрыть] её

to pull down - а) спускать, опускать; to pull down blinds - спустить шторы; б) стягивать вниз; срывать

to pull in - втягивать

I pulled in my line - я вытащил леску

to pull off - стаскивать, снимать; срывать

to pull off one's hat - снять шляпу, приветствовать

to pull up - подтягивать

he pulled up his trousers - он подтянул брюки

the horse was pulling the cart slowly - лошадь медленно тащила телегу

he pulled me into the room - он втащил меня в комнату

Pull - «к себе» (*надпись на двери*)

2. натягивать; надвигать (*тж.* pull on)

to pull one's hat over one's eyes - надвинуть шляпу на глаза

to pull on one's stockings [one's gloves] - натянуть чулки [перчатки]

he pulled his nightcap over his ears - он натянул ночной колпак на уши

## 3. дёргать

to pull a bell - позвонить в /дёрнуть/ звонок

don't pull my hair - не дёргайте меня за волосы

she pulled his sleeve, she pulled him by the sleeve - она дёргала /тянула/ его за рукав

4. вытаскивать, выдёргивать; выдвигать (*тж.* pull out)

to pull a cork - вытащить пробку

to pull a tooth - выдернуть /удалить/ зуб

to pull nails - выдёргивать гвозди

to pull out a drawer - выдвинуть ящик

to pull out the goalie - *разг.* выманить вратаря из ворот (*футбол*)

he pulled out his wallet from his pocket - он вытащил бумажник из кармана

he pulled the drowning child out of the water - он вытащил тонущего ребёнка из воды

5. тянуть; иметь тягу

my pipe is pulling very badly today - сегодня моя трубка очень плохо курится

6. 1) тянуть, пить (*особ. с жадностью*); всасывать

to pull at a bottle - приложиться к бутылке, глотнуть из бутылки

2) (on, at) затягиваться (*сигаретой и т. п.*)

7. 1) грести; идти, плыть на вёслах

to pull ashore - грести к берегу

to pull stroke - задавать такт при гребле, быть загребным

to pull on - продолжать грести

to pull out - грести от берега

2) иметь определённое количество вёсел (*о лодке*)

our boat pulls four oars - у нас четырёхвесельная лодка

3) работать веслом

to pull a good oar - быть хорошим гребцом

to pull hard - наваливаться на вёсла

pull away! - навались! (*команда*)

4) перевозить на лодке

8. 1) двигаться, ехать (*о поезде, автомобиле и т. п.*)

to pull away - отъезжать

he pulled away from the kerb - он отъехал от тротуара

2) (into) подъезжать, подходить

the train pulled into the station - поезд подошёл к станции /прибыл на станцию/

3) (into) останавливаться

we pulled into the kerb - мы остановились у тротуара

pull into the side of the road and stop - съезжай на обочину и остановись

9. *сл.*

1) арестовать, забрать

to get pulled - попасть под арест, угодить в тюрьму

2) сделать облаву, налёт

to pull a gambling house - сделать облаву в игорном доме

3) схватить за руку вора; поймать на месте преступления

10. *сл.* стащить, стянуть

11. *спорт.* бежать маховым шагом

12. *полигр.* делать оттиск

13. вырывать с корнем; уничтожать (*тж.* pull up)

we pulled up the weeds by the roots - мы вырвали сорную траву с корнем

II А

1. растянуть (*мышцу, сухожилие*)

2. 1) рвать, срывать, собирать (*цветы, фрукты*)

2) убирать (*корнеплоды*)

3. полоть (*вручную*)

4. ошипывать (*дичь*); выщипывать щетину или волос

5. тереть (*лён*)

6. корчевать

7. 1) натягивать (*удила*)

the horse pulls - лошадь натягивает удила

2) сдерживать, осаживать (*лошадь на скачках; тж.* pull in)

to pull a horse - подбирать вожжи; натягивать поводья

8. *амер. сл.* выхватить, вытащить (*револьвер, нож*)

he pulled a gun at his partner - он выхватил пистолет и стал угрожать своему партнёру

he pulled a knife on me - он угрожал мне ножом

9. 1) разрывать, раздирать (*на части; обыкн.* pull apart)

to pull to pieces /apart/ - а) разорвать на куски; б) раскритиковать; разнести в пух и прах

he pulled his opponent's arguments to bits - он разгромил доводы противника

she pulled the boys apart - она разняла мальчиков

this table pulls apart - этот стол раздвигается

2) отрывать; оттягивать; оттащить (*обыкн.* pull away, pull back)

it was hard for him to pull away from the ties of home - ему было трудно оторваться от родного дома

he pulled her back from the window - он оттащил её от окна

10. 1) привлекать (*внимание*); пользоваться (*успехом*)

advertisement that pulls custom - реклама, которая привлекает покупателей  
the clearance sale is pulling well - распродажа имеет большой успех

2) привлекать (*на свою сторону*); получать (*поддержку*)

be pulled more votes than his running mate - ему удалось собрать больше голосов на выборах, чем его конкуренту

11. (for) **разг.** поддерживать, подбадривать (*какую-л. сторону и т. п.*); «болеть» (*за какую-л. команду и т. п.*)

he nearly always pulls for the weak - он всегда выступает на стороне слабых

12. **разг.** сделать, совершить (*что-л. дерзкое, неожиданное или недозволенное*)

to pull a crime - совершить преступление

to pull stunts - выделывать трюки; откалывать опасные номера

who pulled a dirty trick like that on you? - кто это сыграл с вами такую шутку?; кто это вас так подвёл?

he pulled 23 combat missions - он (удачно) выполнил 23 боевых задания

13. **разг.** получать (*оценку, отметку*)

he pulled an A in his English course - он получил высшую оценку по английскому языку

14. **спорт.** отбивать (*мяч, посылая его влево*)

15. **сл.** наносить удар не в полную силу (*бокс*)

to pull a punch - а) ударить вполсилы; б) действовать осторожно; проявлять сдержанность, осмотрительность



to pull caps /wigs/ - ссориться, пререкаться

to pull leather - **амер.** а) стараться удержаться в седле; б) цепляться за что-л

to pull a fast one (on smb.) - ловко обмануть /надуть, одурачить/ (кого-л.); совершить махинацию

pull devil/baker, dog, cat!/ - валяй!, давай!, жми! (*возгласы поощрения на состязаниях*)

to pull the devil by the tail - быть в стеснённых обстоятельствах ≅ биться как рыба об лёд

to pull foot, to pull it - удирать, улепётывать; бежать со всех ног, бежать сломя голову

to pull smb.'s /the other/ leg - подшучивать над кем-л.; сыграть шутку с кем-л.; морочить кому-л. голову

to pull a face /faces/ - сделать гримасу, гримасничать, строить /корчить/ рожи

to pull a long face - иметь огорчённый /кислый, унылый/ вид

he pulled a long face - у него вытянулась физиономия

to pull the long bow - чрезмерно лгать *или* хвастаться; рассказывать небылицы; привирать

to pull strings - а) нажимать на тайные пружины, пустить в ход связи; тайно влиять (*на что-л.*); to pull every string in order to attain one's end - пустить в ход все связи /нажать на все пружины/, чтобы добиться своей цели; б) тайно влиять на ход дела, быть скрытым двигателем; стоять за спиной кого-л.

to pull rank - **амер.** использовать служебное положение в личных целях

to pull wires = to pull strings а)

he pulled wires to get the position for his son - он пустил в ход свои связи, чтобы устроить сына на эту должность

to pull smb.'s teeth - сделать беззащитным, обезоружить, обезвредить; ≅ вырвать у змеи жало

to pull a lone oar - действовать /работать/ в одиночку

to pull one's weight - а) быть хорошим гребцом; б) выполнить свою долю работы

to pull one's freight - **амер.** быстро уйти *или* уехать, смыться

to pull a boner - **амер.** попасть впросак, сесть в лужу

to pull the nose - (о)дурачить

to pull the carpet (out) from under smb. - неожиданно прекращать оказание помощи; ≅ выбить у кого-л. почву /землю/ из-под ног

## pull

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**pull** [pull pulls pulled pulling] verb, noun BrE [pʊl] <sup>а</sup> NAmE [pʊl] <sup>а</sup>

verb

### MOVE/REMOVE STH

**1. intransitive, transitive** to hold sth firmly and use force in order to move it or try to move it towards yourself

- You push and I'll pull.
- Don't pull so hard or the handle will come off.
- ~ **at/on sth** I pulled on the rope to see if it was secure.
- ~ **sth** Stop pulling her hair!
- ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** She pulled him gently towards her.
- ~ **sth + adj.** Pull the door shut.

**2. transitive ~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** to remove sth from a place by pulling

- Pull the plug out.
- She pulled off her boots.
- He pulled a gun on me (= took out a gun and aimed it at me) .

**3. transitive ~ sb/sth + adv./prep.** to move sb/sth in a particular direction by pulling

- Pull your chair nearer the table.
- He pulled on his sweater.
- She took his arm and pulled him along.

**4. transitive ~ sth** to hold or be attached to sth and move it along behind you

- In this area oxen are used to pull carts.

### BODY

**5. intransitive, transitive** to move your body or a part of your body in a particular direction, especially using force

- **+ adv./prep.** He tried to kiss her but she pulled away.
- ~ **sth/yourself + adv./prep.** The dog snapped at her and she quickly pulled back her hand.

- ~ **sth/yourself + adj.** John **pulled** himself **free** and ran off.

## CURTAINS

**6. transitive ~ sth** to open or close curtains, etc.

**Syn:** †draw

- Pull the curtains— it's dark outside.

## MUSCLE

**7. transitive ~ sth** to damage a muscle, etc. by using too much force

- to **pull a muscle/ligament/tendon**

## SWITCH

**8. transitive ~ sth** to move a switch, etc. towards yourself or down in order to operate a machine or piece of equipment

- Pull the lever to start the motor.
- Don't pull the trigger!

## VEHICLE/ENGINE

**9. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) to the right/the left/one side** to move or make a vehicle move sideways

- The wheel is pulling to the left.
- She pulled the car to the right to avoid the dog.

**10. intransitive (of an engine)** to work hard and use a lot of power

- The old car pulled hard as we drove slowly up the hill.

## BOAT

**11. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (+ adv./prep.)** to use †oars to move a boat along

- They pulled towards the shore.

## CROWD/SUPPORT

**12. transitive ~ sb/sth (in)** to attract the interest or support of sb/sth

- They pulled in huge crowds on their latest tour.

## ATTRACT SEXUALLY

**13. transitive, intransitive ~ (sb)** (BrE, informal) to attract sb sexually

- He can still pull the girls.
- She's hoping to pull tonight.

## TRICK/CRIME

**14. transitive ~ sth** (informal) to succeed in playing a trick on sb, committing a crime, etc

- He's pulling some sort of trick on you.

## CANCEL

**15. transitive ~ sth** (informal) to cancel an event; to stop showing an advertisement, etc

- The gig was pulled at the last moment.

**more at** pull/drag yourself up by your (own) bootstraps **at** †bootstrap, pull/make faces/a face **at** †face <sub>n.</sub>, draw/pull your horns in **at** †horn, pick/pull/tear sb to pieces/shreds **at** †piece <sub>n.</sub>, pick/pull/tear sb to pieces/shreds **at** †shred <sub>n.</sub>

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	pull
	BrE /pʊl/
	NAme /pɔ:l/
he / she /it	pulls
	BrE /pʊlz/
	NAme /pɔ:lz/
past simple, past participle	pulled
	BrE /pʊld/
	NAme /pɔ:ld/
-ing form	pulling
	BrE /pʊlɪŋ/
	NAme /pɔ:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English pullian 'pluck, snatch'; origin uncertain; the sense has developed from expressing a short sharp action to one of sustained force.

Thesaurus:

**pull** verb

**1. I, T**

- Don't pull my hair!

**tug** • **jerk** • |informal **yank** •

**Opp:** push

pull/tug/yank **on/at** sth  
pull/tug/yank sb/sth **toward/towards/out of** sth  
pull/tug (at) sb's **hair/elbow/arm**

2. T (usually used with an adverb or preposition)

• She pulled her boots off.

**tear** • **pluck** • **lever** • |especially BrE **prize/prize** • |AmE **pry** • |formal **extract** • |written **wrench** •

pull/tear/pluck/prize/pry/extract/wrench sth **from** sb/sth

pull/tear/pluck/lever/prize/pry/wrench sb/sth **out/out of** sth

pull/tear/pluck/prize/pry/wrench sth **off/open/apart**

3. T

• Ponies were used to pull the coal trucks.

**drag** • **haul** • **tow** • **tug** • **trail** • |written **draw** •

**Opp: push**

pull/drag/haul/tow/tug/trail/draw sth **along/down/towards** sth

pull/drag/haul/tow/tug/trail/draw sb/sth **behind you**

pull/drag/haul/draw a **cart/sledge/sled**

pull/haul/tow a **truck**

Synonyms:

**injure**

wound • hurt • bruise • sprain • pull • strain

These words all mean to harm yourself or sb else physically, especially in an accident.

**injure** • to harm yourself or sb else physically, especially in an accident: ▪ He injured his knee playing hockey. ◇ ▪ Three people were injured in the crash.

**wound** • [often passive] (*rather formal*) to injure part of the body, especially by making a hole in the skin using a weapon: ▪ 50 people were seriously wounded in the attack.

**Wound** is often used to talk about people being hurt in war or in other attacks which affect a lot of people.

**hurt** • to cause physical pain to sb/yourself; to injure sb/yourself: ▪ Did you hurt yourself?

**injure or hurt?**

You can **hurt** or **injure** a part of the body in an accident. **Hurt** emphasizes the physical pain caused; **injure** emphasizes that the part of the body has been damaged in some way.

**bruise** • to make a blue, brown or purple mark (= a bruise) appear on the skin after sb has fallen or been hit; to develop a bruise

**sprain** • to injure part of your body, especially your ankle, wrist or knee, by suddenly bending it in an awkward way, causing pain and swelling

**pull** • to damage a muscle, etc, by using too much force

**strain** • to injure yourself or part of your body by making it work too hard: ▪ Don't strain your eyes by reading in poor light.

to injure/hurt/strain **yourself**

to injure/hurt/sprain/pull/strain a **muscle**

to injure/hurt/sprain your **ankle/foot/knee/wrist/hand**

to injure/hurt/strain your **back/shoulder/eyes**

to injure/hurt your **spine/neck**

to be **badly/severely/slightly** injured/wounded/hurt/bruised/sprained

Synonyms:

**pull**

drag • draw • haul • tow • tug

These words all mean to move sth in a particular direction, especially towards or behind you.

**pull** • to hold sth and move it in a particular direction; to hold or be attached to a vehicle and move it along behind you: ▪ Pull the chair nearer the table. ◇ ▪ They use oxen to pull their carts.

**drag** • to pull sb/sth in a particular direction or behind you, usually along the ground, and especially with effort ▪ The sack is too heavy to lift— you'll have to drag it.

**draw** • (*formal*) to move sb/sth by pulling them/it gently; to pull a vehicle such as a carriage: ▪ I drew my chair closer to the fire. ◇  
▪ a ▪ horse-drawn ▪ carriage

**haul** • to pull sb/sth to a particular place with a lot of effort ▪ Fishermen were hauling in their nets.

**drag or haul?**

You usually **drag** sth behind you along the ground; you usually **haul** sth towards you, often upwards towards you. **Dragging** sth often needs effort, but **hauling** sth always does.

**tow** • to pull a car, boat or light plane behind another vehicle, using a rope or chain: ▪ Our car was towed away by the police.

**tug** • to pull sb/sth hard in a particular direction: ▪ She tried to escape but he tugged her back.

to pull/drag/draw/haul/tow/tug sb/sth **along/down/towards** sth

to pull/drag/draw/haul/tow sb/sth **behind you**

to pull/drag/draw/haul a **cart/sledge**

to pull/draw a **coach/carriage**

to pull/haul/tow a **truck**

**horses** pull/draw/haul sth

**dogs** pull/drag/haul sth

Example Bank:

• He got hold of the rope and pulled hard.

- He pulled at her coat sleeve.
- He pulled his sweater on.
- He tried to pull away.
- John finally managed to pull himself free.
- She pulled on the lever.
- The dog snapped at her and she pulled back her hand.
- Alison pulled the little dog out of the water.
- Don't pull so hard or you'll break it.
- He keeps pulling my hair!
- He pulled a muscle in his back.
- I pulled the letter out of my pocket.
- I quickly pulled on my sweater.
- Mary pulled the blanket up over her head.
- Ponies were used to pull the coal trucks.
- Pull out the plug.
- Pull the chair nearer to the table.
- She has pulled her Achilles tendon.
- She pulled the curtain shut and switched on the light.
- She's hoping to pull tonight.
- The man pulled a gun/knife on him.
- They use oxen to pull their carts.
- You push and I'll pull.
- You'll pull the handle right off if you tug so hard.

**Idioms:** ↑on the pull ▪ ↑pull a fast one ▪ ↑pull a rabbit out of the hat ▪ ↑pull in opposite directions ▪ ↑pull out all the stops ▪ ↑pull rank ▪ ↑pull somebody's leg ▪ ↑pull strings ▪ ↑pull the other one ▪ ↑pull the plug on somebody ▪ ↑pull the rug from under somebody's feet ▪ ↑pull the strings ▪ ↑pull the wool over somebody's eyes ▪ ↑pull up stakes ▪ ↑pull your punches ▪ ↑pull your socks up ▪ ↑pull your weight

**Derived** ↑pull ahead ▪ ↑pull at something ▪ ↑pull away ▪ ↑pull back ▪ ↑pull in ▪ ↑pull off ▪ ↑pull off something ▪ ↑pull on something ▪ ↑pull out ▪ ↑pull over ▪ ↑pull somebody apart ▪ ↑pull somebody back ▪ ↑pull somebody down ▪ ↑pull somebody in ▪ ↑pull somebody out ▪ ↑pull somebody over ▪ ↑pull somebody through ▪ ↑pull somebody through something ▪ ↑pull somebody up ▪ ↑pull something apart ▪ ↑pull something back ▪ ↑pull something down ▪ ↑pull something in ▪ ↑pull something off ▪ ↑pull through ▪ ↑pull through something ▪ ↑pull together ▪ ↑pull up ▪ ↑pull yourself together

noun

### TRYING TO MOVE STH

**1. countable** an act of trying to make sth move by holding it firmly and bringing it towards you

- I gave the door a sharp pull and it opened.
- One last pull on the rope should do it.

### PHYSICAL FORCE

**2. singular the ~ (of sth)** a strong physical force that makes sth move in a particular direction

- the earth's gravitational pull
- The tides depend on the pull of the moon.

### ATTRACTION

**3. countable, usually singular the ~ (of sth)** the fact of sth attracting you or having a strong effect on you

- The magnetic pull of the city was hard to resist.
- He felt the pull of paternal love.

### INFLUENCE

**4. uncountable (informal)** power and influence over other people

- people who have a lot of pull with the media

### ON CIGARETTE/DRINK

**5. countable ~ (at/on sth)** an act of taking a deep breath of smoke from a cigarette, etc. or a deep drink of sth

- She **took a long pull** on her cigarette.

### WALK UP HILL

**6. countable, usually singular (BrE)** a difficult walk up a steep hill

- It's **a long pull** up to the summit.

### MUSCLE INJURY

**7. countable** an injury to a muscle caused by using too much force

### HANDLE/ROPE

**8. countable** (especially in compounds) something such as a handle or rope that you use to pull sth

- a **bell/door pull**



Word Origin:

Old English pullian ‘pluck, snatch’; origin uncertain; the sense has developed from expressing a short sharp action to one of sustained force.

Example Bank:

- He felt a strong pull on the rope.
- I gave the door a sharp pull.
- It is hard to deny the emotional pull of this music.
- She felt the pull of her homeland.
- She took a long pull on her cigarette and sighed.
- The Moon exerts a gravitational pull on the Earth, creating tides.
- a pull at his flask

See also: ↑pull wires ▪ ↑up sticks

**pull**

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**pull**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /pʊl/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb*

[Language: Old English; Origin: pullian]

**1. MOVE SOMETHING TOWARDS YOU** [*intransitive and transitive*] to use your hands to make something or someone move towards you or in the direction that your hands are moving **OPP push**:

“ Mom! Davey’s pulling my hair!

**pull somebody/something into/away from/over etc something**

“ He pulled her down into her seat.

**pull something open/shut**

“ She pulled open the door and hurried inside.

**2. REMOVE** [*transitive*] to use force to take something from the place where it is fixed or held:

“ She has to have two teeth pulled.

**pull something out/off/away etc**

“ Vicky had pulled the arm off her doll.

**3. MAKE SOMETHING FOLLOW YOU** [*transitive*] to be attached to something or hold something and make it move behind you in the direction you are going:

“ a tractor pulling a trailer

**4. TAKE SOMETHING OUT** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to take something out of a bag, pocket etc with your hand:

“ He pulled out his wallet and said ‘let me pay’.

“ Ben pulled a pen from his pocket.

**pull a gun/knife (on somebody)** (=take one out, ready to use it)

**5. CLOTHING** [*transitive always + adverb/preposition*] to put on or take off a piece of clothing, usually quickly

**pull on/off/up/down etc**

“ He pulled off his damp shirt.

**6. MOVE YOUR BODY**

**a) [I, T always + adv/prep]** to move your body or part of your body away from someone or something

**pull something away/free**

“ She tried to pull her hand free, but it was held fast.

**pull something out of/from something**

“ She struggled fiercely, trying to pull her arm out of his grasp.

**pull away/back**

“ She pulled away from him.

**b) pull yourself up/to your feet etc** to hold onto something and use your strength to move your body towards it:

“ Benny pulled himself up from the floor with difficulty.

**7. MUSCLE** [*transitive*] to injure one of your muscles by stretching it too much during physical activity **SYN strain**:

“ Paul pulled a muscle trying to lift the freezer.

**8. pull strings** to secretly use your influence with important people in order to get what you want or to help someone else:

“ Francis pulled strings to get him out of trouble.

**9. pull the/sb’s strings** to control something or someone, especially when you are not the person who is supposed to be controlling them:

“ It was widely believed that Montagu was secretly pulling the strings behind the Prime Minister.

**10. TRICK/CRIME** [*transitive*] *informal* to succeed in doing something illegal or dishonest or in playing a trick on someone:

“ The gang have pulled another bank robbery.

“ He was trying to pull a fast one (=deceive you) when he told you he’d paid.

**pull a stunt/trick/joke**

“ Don’t you ever pull a stunt like that again!

**11. pull sb’s leg** to tell someone something that is not true, as a joke:

“ I haven’t won, have I? You’re pulling my leg.

**12. pull the other one (it’s got bells on)** *British English spoken* used to tell someone that you think they are joking or not telling the truth:

“ Your dad’s a racing driver? Pull the other one!

**13. SWITCH** [*transitive*] to move a control such as a switch, ↑lever, or ↑trigger towards you to make a piece of equipment work:

She raised the gun, and pulled the trigger.

14. **PULL THE CURTAINS/BLINDS** to open or close curtains or ↑blinds:

It was already getting dark so he pulled the curtains.

15. **CROWD/VOTES ETC [transitive]** if an event, performer etc pulls crowds or a politician pulls a lot of votes, a lot of people come to see them or vote for them:

Muhammad Ali can still pull the crowds.

16. **ATTRACT/INFLUENCE [transitive]** to attract or influence someone or their thoughts or feelings:

The city's reputation for a clean environment has pulled new residents from other states.

17. **SEXUALLY ATTRACT [intransitive and transitive] British English spoken** to attract someone in order to have sex with them or spend the evening with them:

He knew he could pull any girl he wanted.

18. **STOP EVENT [transitive]** to stop a planned event from taking place:

They pulled the concert.

19. **PULL SB'S LICENCE informal** to take away someone's ↑licence to do something, especially to drive a car, because they have done something wrong

20. **STOP A VEHICLE [intransitive and transitive]** to drive a vehicle somewhere and stop, or to make a vehicle gradually slow down and stop

**PULL SOMETHING INTO/TOWARDS/DOWN ETC SOMETHING**

She pulled the car into a side street.

The bus pulled to a halt.

21. **CAR [intransitive]** if a car pulls to the left or right as you are driving, it moves in that direction because of a problem with its machinery

22. **SOMETHING IS LIKE PULLING TEETH** used to say that it is very difficult or unpleasant to persuade someone to do something:

Getting him to do his homework is like pulling teeth.

23. **BEER [transitive] British English** to get beer out of a ↑barrel by pulling a handle:

The barman laughed and began to pull a couple of pints.

24. **PULL A PUNCH** to deliberately hit someone with less force than you could do, so that it hurts less ⇒ **NOT PULL ANY PUNCHES AT** ↑punch<sup>2</sup>(6)

25. **CRICKET/GOLF/BASEBALL [intransitive and transitive]** to hit the ball in ↑cricket, golf, or baseball so that it does not go straight but moves to one side

26. **ROW A BOAT [intransitive and transitive]** to make a boat move by using ↑oars

⇒ **PULL/MAKE A FACE** at ↑face<sup>1</sup>(2), ⇒ **PULL YOUR FINGER OUT** at ↑finger<sup>1</sup>(12), ⇒ **PULL RANK (ON SOMEBODY)** at ↑rank<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ **PULL THE RUG (OUT) FROM UNDER SB'S FEET** at ↑rug(3), ⇒ **PULL THE PLUG (ON SOMETHING)** at ↑plug<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ **PULL YOUR SOCKS UP** at ↑sock<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ **PULL YOUR WEIGHT** at ↑weight<sup>1</sup>(12), ⇒ **PULL THE WOOL OVER SB'S EYES** at ↑wool(4)

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## THESAURUS

- **PULL** to make something or someone move in the direction that your hands are moving: He pulled her towards him and kissed her. | Sam was pulling on his socks.
- **TUG** to pull something suddenly with a short quick movement, often to get someone's attention: 'Look,' he said, tugging at his brother's sleeve. | I tugged at the drawer but it wouldn't open.
- **DRAG** to pull something along the ground, especially because it is heavy: If we can't lift the piano, we'll have to drag it.
- **HAUL** to pull something big and heavy using a lot of effort, especially upwards and using a rope: They hauled their boats further up the beach. | fishermen hauling in their nets
- **HEAVE** to pull or lift something very heavy, especially with one movement: He heaved the sack of sand onto his shoulder.
- **DRAW formal** to pull something or someone gently in a particular direction: Lisa reached for his hand but he drew it away.
- **PULL** to be attached to a vehicle or piece of machinery and make it move behind you in the direction you are going: Ten dogs were pulling a sledge over the ice. | a tractor pulling a plough
- **TOW** to pull a vehicle behind – used about a vehicle, a boat, or a horse pulling something using a rope or chain: The car in front of us was towing a caravan. | Horses were used to tow the boats along the canals.
- **DRAW** to pull a vehicle such as a carriage – used especially about horses doing this: a carriage drawn by four horses | a horse-drawn cart

## **PULL AHEAD phrasal verb**

if one vehicle pulls ahead of another, it gets in front of it by moving faster:

Schumacher pulled ahead of Montoya as the two drivers approached the first corner of the race.

## **PULL APART phrasal verb**

1. **PULL SOMETHING ↔ APART** to separate something into pieces:

Pull the meat apart with two forks.

2. **PULL SOMEBODY ↔ APART** to make the relationships between people in a group bad or difficult:

His drinking pulled the family apart.

3. **PULL SOMETHING ↔ APART** to carefully examine or criticize something:

The selection committee pulled each proposal apart.

4. **PULL SOMEBODY/SOMETHING ↔ APART** to separate people or animals when they are fighting:

The fight ended only when the referee pulled the two players apart.

5. if something pulls apart, it breaks into pieces when you pull on it

## **PULL AT/ON SOMETHING phrasal verb**

1. to take hold of something and pull it several times:

Mary was pulling nervously at her hair.

2. to take smoke from a pipe or cigarette into your lungs:



He pulled hard on the cigarette.

3. to take a long drink from a bottle or glass

### **pull away** *phrasal verb*

1. to start to drive away from a place where you had stopped:

He waved as he pulled away.

2. to move ahead of a competitor by going faster or being more successful

### **pull away from**

Nkoku is pulling away from the other runners.

### **pull back** *phrasal verb*

1. to decide not to do or become involved in something

### **pull back from**

In the end, he pulled back from financing the film.

2. to get out of a bad situation or dangerous place, or to make someone else do this

### **pull back from**

Many banks are pulling back from international markets.

### **pull somebody ↔back**

They are preparing to pull back their forces.

3. **pull something ↔back** *British English* if a team that is losing pulls back a <sup>↑</sup>goal or some points, it succeeds in scoring a goal or some points:

Our play improved and we pulled back two goals.

### **pull down** *phrasal verb*

1. **pull something ↔down** to destroy something or make it stop existing:

My old school was pulled down.

2. **pull down something** to earn a particular amount of money:

Real estate stocks pulled down total returns of 35.7 percent.

3. **pull somebody down** to make someone less successful, happy, or healthy:

Her problems have really pulled her down.

4. **pull down a menu** to make a computer program show you a list of the things it can do

### **pull for somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

*informal* to encourage a person or team to succeed:

The crowd were pulling for me to do well.

### **pull in** *phrasal verb*

1. if a driver pulls in, they move to the side of the road and stop:

She pulled in to let the ambulance pass.

2. if a train pulls in, it arrives at a station **OPP pull out**

3. **pull somebody/something ↔in** to attract business, money, people etc:

a publicity stunt to pull in the crowds

4. **pull in something** *informal* if you pull in a lot of money, you earn it

5. **pull somebody ↔in** if a police officer pulls someone in, they take them to a police station because they think that person may have done something wrong

### **pull off** *phrasal verb*

1. **pull something ↔off** *informal* to succeed in doing something difficult:

The goalkeeper pulled off six terrific saves.

2. **pull off (something)** to drive a car off a road in order to stop, or to turn into a smaller road:

We pulled off the road to get some food.

### **pull on something** *phrasal verb*

to PULL AT something

### **pull out** *phrasal verb*

- 1.

- a) to drive onto a road from another road or from where you have stopped:

Don't pull out! There's something coming.

- b) to drive over to a different part of the road in order to get past a vehicle in front of you:

I pulled out to overtake a bus.

2. if a train pulls out, it leaves a station **OPP pull in**

3. to stop doing or being involved in something, or to make someone do this:

McDermott pulled out with an injury at the last minute.

### **pull out of**

They are trying to pull out of the agreement.

### **pull somebody out of something**

He threatened to pull his son out of the team.

4. to get out of a bad situation or dangerous place, or to make someone or something do this:

Jim saw that the firm was going to be ruined, so he pulled out.

### **pull somebody/something ↔out**

Most of the troops have been pulled out.

### **pull out of**

when the country was still pulling out of a recession ⇒ **pull out all the stops** at <sup>↑</sup>stop<sup>2</sup>(7)

### **pull over** *phrasal verb*

to drive to the side of the road and stop your car, or to make someone else do this:

The policeman signalled to him to pull over.

**pull somebody/something ↔over**

He pulled the car over.

A cop pulled him over and gave him a speeding ticket.

**pull (somebody) through** *phrasal verb*

1. to stay alive after you have been very ill or badly injured, or to help someone do this:

His injuries are severe but he's expected to pull through. ⇒ **bring (somebody) through** at ↑bring

2. to succeed in doing something very difficult, or to help someone to do this:

He relied on his experience to pull him through.

**pull together** *phrasal verb*

1. if a group of people pull together, they all work hard to achieve something:

If we all pull together, we'll finish on time.

2. **pull yourself together** to force yourself to stop behaving in a nervous, frightened, or uncontrolled way:

With an effort Mary pulled herself together.

3. **pull something together** to improve something by organizing it more effectively:

We need an experienced manager to pull the department together.

**pull up** *phrasal verb*

1. to stop the vehicle that you are driving:

He pulled up in front of the gates.

2. **pull up a chair/stool etc** to get a chair etc and sit down next to someone who is already sitting

3. **pull somebody up** *especially British English* to stop someone who is doing something wrong and tell them you do not approve

**pull somebody up on**

I felt I had to pull her up on her lateness. ⇒ **pull somebody up short** at ↑short<sup>2</sup>(7)

II. **pull**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **ACT OF MOVING SOMETHING** [countable] an act of using force to move something towards you or in the same direction that you are moving **OPP push**:

He gave her a sharp pull forward.

2. **FORCE** [countable usually singular] a strong physical force that makes things move in a particular direction:

the gravitational pull of the moon

3. **ATTRACTION** [countable usually singular] the ability to attract someone or have a powerful effect on them

**pull of**

After about a year I gave in to the pull of fatherhood.

4. **INFLUENCE** [singular, uncountable] *informal* special influence or power over other people:

His family's name gives him a lot of pull in this town.

5. **CLIMB** [singular] *British English* a difficult climb up a steep road:

It was a long pull up the hill.

6. **MUSCLE** [countable usually singular] an injury to one of your muscles, caused by stretching it too much during exercise:

a groin pull

7. **SMOKE/DRINK** [countable] an act of taking the smoke from a cigarette, pipe etc into your ↑lungs or of taking a long drink of something

**pull on/at**

She took a long pull on her cigarette.

8. **HANDLE** [countable] a rope or handle that you use to pull something:

He popped the ring pull on another can of lager.

9. **CRICKET/GOLF/BASEBALL** [countable] a way of hitting the ball in ↑cricket, golf, or baseball so that it does not go straight, but moves to one side

10. **on the pull** *British English informal* trying to find someone who will take part in sexual activity with you

**pull**

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