

waffle

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[ˈwɒf(ə)] *n*
вафля

II

1. [ˈwɒf(ə)] *n сл.*
 1. 1) ерунда, вздор, звучащие благоразумно
 - 2) двусмысленность
 2. трудная задача; опасное дело
 3. болтовня, треп
 4. тип; (неприятная) личность
a mean old waffle - мерзкий старикашка
2. [ˈwɒf(ə)] *v сл.*
 1. болтать, трепаться, говорить вздор
 2. *разг.*
 - 1) колебаться, сомневаться
 - 2) увиливать от прямого ответа

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waf·fle [waffle waffles waffled waffling] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈwɒfl̩] *NAmE* [ˈwɑːfl̩]

n *NAmE* [ˈwɑːfl̩]

noun

1. **countable** a crisp flat cake with a pattern of squares on both sides, often eaten with sweet sauce, cream, etc. on top
 - a waffle iron (= for making ↑waffles with)
2. **uncountable** (*BrE, informal*) language that uses a lot of words but does not say anything important or interesting
 - The report is just full of waffle.

Word Origin:

v. and *n.* **sense 2** late 17th cent. ‘yap, yelp’ waff ‘yelp’
n. **sense 1** mid 18th cent. Dutch *wafel* ↑*wafer*

Example Bank:

- The report is full of meaningless waffle.
- You have to sit through a lot of waffle about procedures.

verb

1. **intransitive ~ (on) (about sth)** (*BrE, informal, disapproving*) to talk or write using a lot of words but without saying anything interesting or important
 - The principal waffled on about exam results but no one was listening.
 - If you want to sound professional— don’t waffle.
2. **intransitive ~ (on/over sth)** (*NAmE, informal*) to be unable to decide what to do about sth or what you think about sth
 - The senator was accused of waffling on major issues.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	waffle
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɒfl̩/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩/
he / she / it	waffles
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɒfl̩z/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩z/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩z/
past simple, past participle	waffled
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɒfl̩d/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩d/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩d/
-ing form	waffling
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈwɒfl̩ɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩ɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈwɑːfl̩ɪŋ/

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[Date: 1700-1800; Language: Dutch; Origin: wafe]



1. [countable] a flat cake, marked with a pattern of deep squares
2. [uncountable] *British English informal* talk or writing that uses a lot of words but says nothing important

II. **waffle** ² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} verb [intransitive] *informal*

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: woff 'to bark' (17-19 centuries), from the sound]

1. *British English* (also **waffle on**) to talk or write using a lot of words but without saying anything important:
 - * Stop waffling and get to the point.
2. *American English informal* to be unable to decide what action to take:
 - * He cannot continue to waffle on this issue.
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THESAURUS

- **talk** to use words to communicate with someone about something: I need to talk to you about your work. | She always enjoyed talking to Jim. | Can we talk?
- **speak** to talk. **Speak** is a little more formal than **talk**. You often use it when saying that someone **speaks** in a particular way, or that you will **speak** to someone in order to try to get something done. You only use **speak** when saying that someone **speaks** a language: He spoke with confidence and authority. | She was speaking quietly so she didn't disturb anyone. | I'd like to speak to the manager. | Do you speak German?
- **go on/drone on/ramble** to talk too much or for too long about something, in a way that makes people bored: He went on about how great the team was. | I'd better stop rambling and let you get on with your work.
- **waffle** /'wɒfl̩ \$ 'wɑːfl̩- *British English disapproving informal* to talk using a lot of words but without saying anything important: I wish he would stop waffling and get to the point!
- **prattle on disapproving informal** to talk continuously about silly and unimportant things: She prattled on about her boyfriend for the entire journey. | What's he prattling on about now?

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