

lark

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[lɑ:k] *n зоол.*

жаворонок (*Alauda gen.*)

◇ to rise with the lark - вставать чуть свет; ≅ вставать с петухами

if the sky falls we shall catch larks - *шутл.* ≅ если бы да кабы ...

II

1. [lɑ:k] *n разг.*

весёлая шутка; проказа, шалость; веселье

to have/to take/ a lark - позабавиться, пошалить, порезвиться

to say [to do] smth. for a lark - сказать [сделать] что-л. шутки ради

what a lark! - как забавно!, как весело!

2. [lɑ:k] *v разг.*

1. шутить, забавляться; резвиться, веселиться (*тж.* lark about; lark around)

stop larking and get on with your work! - перестань валять дурака и займись делом!

2. перескакивать (*через что-л. на лошади*)

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lark [lɑ:k lɑ:kz lɑ:kəd lɑ:kɪŋ] *noun, verb BrE* [lɑ:k] ⁴ *NAmE* [lɑ:r] ⁴

noun

1. a small brown bird with a pleasant song

see also ↑skylark

2. **usually singular** (*informal*) a thing that you do for fun or as a joke

• The boys didn't mean any harm— they just did it for a lark.

3. (*BrE, informal*) (used after another noun) an activity that you think is a waste of time or that you do not take seriously

• Perhaps this riding lark would be more fun than she'd thought.

Word Origin:

n. **sense 1** and

Old English *lāferce* *læ*□*werce* Dutch *leeuwerik* German *Lerche*

n. **senses 2 to 3** and *v.*

early 19th cent. lake 'play' Old Norse *leika* ↑skylark

Idioms: ↑sod that for a lark ▪ up with the lark

Derived ↑lark about

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	lark
	BrE /lɑ:k/
	NAmE /lɑ:rk/
he / she /it	larks
	BrE /lɑ:ks/
	NAmE /lɑ:rkz/
past simple, past participle	larked
	BrE /lɑ:kt/
	NAmE /lɑ:rkɪt/
-ing form	larking
	BrE /lɑ:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /lɑ:rkiŋ/

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[**Sense 1,5:** **Language:** Old English; **Origin:** lawerce]

[**Sense 2-4:** **Date:** 1800-1900; **Origin:** lark 'to play around' (19-21 centuries), perhaps from lake 'to play' (11-20 centuries) (from Old English *lacan*), or from ⇨ ↑lark(2)]

1. a small brown singing bird with long pointed wings **SYN** skylark

2. *informal* something that you do to amuse yourself or as a joke

as/for a lark

" I only went along for a lark.

3. **blow/sod/bugger etc that for a lark** *British English spoken not polite* used when you stop doing something or refuse to do something because it needs too much effort:

Paint the whole room? Sod that for a lark!

4. **British English spoken** used to describe an activity that you think is silly or difficult:

" Salad again? How long are you going to keep up this healthy eating lark?"

5. **be up with the lark** to get up very early

II. **lark**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

lark about/around *phrasal verb* *British English informal*

to have fun by behaving in a silly way **SYN** **mess about**:

" A couple of boys were larking about in the pool."

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