

**snag****1. [snæg] n**

1. сук, сучок
2. коряга, топляк
3. нарост, шишка (*на дереве и т. п.*)
4. выступ
5. = snaggletooth
6. отросток, короткая ветвь рога у оленя
7. **разг.** неожиданное препятствие *или* затруднение  
to strike /to come on, to run against/ a snag - натолкнуться на препятствие  
there was a snag in the talks - в переговорах произошла заминка  
there's the snag! - вот в чём загвоздка!  
there is a snag in it somewhere - здесь есть какой-то подвох

8. 1) неровный разрыв, дыра
- 2) спущенная петля, затяжка (*на чулке и т. п.*)

**9. разг.**

- 1) кусок  
he broke off a snag of bread - он отломил кусок хлеба
- 2) куча, масса  
he came into a snag of money - ему отвалили кучу денег

**2. [snæg] v**

1. налететь на корягу
2. очищать от коряг, сучьев, топляков (*реку и т. п.*)
3. **лес.** срезать крупные сучья, оставляя сучки
4. создавать препятствия, затруднения; застопорить  
the parley is snagged - совещание зашло в тупик  
his hostility snagged all my plans - его враждебное отношение сорвало все мои планы
5. **разг.** поймать, перехватить  
to snag a football pass - перехватить пас, прервать передачу (*футбол*)  
to snag a taxi - поймать такси  
he snagged a cake while his mother was away - он стащил пирожок, пока матери не было  
to snag a rich husband - подцепить богатого мужа
6. зацепить, порвать (*чулок и т. п.*)

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**snag** [snæg snags snagged snagging] noun, verb BrE [snæg] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [snæg]**noun**

1. (informal) a problem or difficulty, especially one that is small, hidden or unexpected

**Syn:** ↑difficulty

- There is just one small snag— where is the money coming from?
- Let me know if you run into any snags.

2. an object or a part of an object that is rough or sharp and may cut sth

- Check all surfaces for snags and rough edges.

3. (AustralE, NZE, informal) a ↑sausage

Word Origin:

n. senses 1 to 2 and v. late 16th cent. Scandinavian 'stump sticking out from a tree trunk' 'submerged piece of timber obstructing navigation'

n. sense 3 1940s

Example Bank:

- I ran into a few snags on my thesis.
- I suddenly saw a major snag with the whole idea.
- The only snag is the price.
- There are a few snags to iron out before the prototype is ready.
- There is a snag to the job: you have to work at weekends.
- There is just one snag— his boss might not let him go.
- We've hit a technical snag— the printer isn't compatible with my PC.
- one of the snags in the plan
- The only snag with the course is that it's quite short.
- There is just one small snag — where is the money coming from?

**verb** (-gg-)

1. **transitive, intransitive** to catch or tear sth on sth rough or sharp; to become caught or torn in this way

- ~ **sth on/in sth** I snagged my sweater on the wire fence.
- ~ **sth** The fence snagged my sweater.
- ~ **(on/in sth)** The nets snagged on some rocks.

2. **transitive ~ sth (from sb)** (NAmE, informal) to succeed in getting sth quickly, often before other people

- I snagged a ride from Joe.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	snag
	BrE /snaeg/
	NAmE /snaeg/
he / she / it	snags
	BrE /snaegz/
	NAmE /snaegz/
past simple, past participle	snagged
	BrE /snaegd/
	NAmE /snaegd/
-ing form	snagging
	BrE /snaegɪŋ/
	NAmE /snaegɪŋ/

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**I. snag**<sup>1</sup> /snaeg/ BrE <sup>n</sup> AmE <sup>n</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. a problem or disadvantage, especially one that is not very serious, which you had not expected:
  - It's an interesting job. The only snag is that it's not very well paid.

**hit/run into a snag**

- The grand opening hit a snag when no one could find the key.

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- Snag** is slightly informal. In written English, people usually prefer to use **problem** or **disadvantage** instead:
  - The only disadvantage is that it takes a little longer.
- 2. a part of a dead tree that sticks out, especially one that is under water and can be dangerous
- 3. a sharp part of something that sticks out and holds or cuts things that touch it

**THESAURUS**

- setback** a problem that stops you from making progress: The space program suffered a major setback when the space shuttle, Discovery, exploded.
- snag** *informal* a problem, especially one that you had not expected: There's a snag – I don't have his number.
- hitch** a small problem that delays or prevents something: There have been a few last-minute hitches.
- trouble** when something does not work in the way it should: The plane developed engine trouble.
- hassle** *spoken* a situation that is annoying because it causes problems: Just trying to store all this stuff is a hassle.

**II. snag**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>n</sup> AmE <sup>n</sup> verb (past tense and past participle **snagged**, present participle **snagging**) [transitive]

1. to damage something by getting it stuck on something sharp:
  - Oh no! I've snagged my stockings.
2. *American English informal* to succeed in getting something, especially something difficult to get:
  - I snagged a parking space in the last row.

**THESAURUS**

- tear** to damage paper or cloth by pulling it too hard, or letting it touch something sharp: She unwrapped the present carefully, trying not to tear the paper. | I tore a hole in my jacket, climbing over the fence.
- rip** to tear something quickly or violently: Beth excitedly ripped open the package. | Stop pulling my dress! You'll rip it!
- split** to tear your trousers or shirt when you put them on, because they are too tight for you: He bent down and split his trousers. | Oh no, now I've split my shirt.
- ladder** *British English* if a woman ladders her <sup>↑</sup>tights or **STOCKINGS**, she tears them so that a long thin line appears in them: Damn! I've laddered my tights!
- snag** to catch a piece of clothing on something rough or sharp so that it tears slightly: I snagged my shirt on a nail.
- shred** to deliberately destroy letters, documents etc by cutting them into thin pieces, often by using a special machine: In order to prevent fraud, it's best to shred your bank statements. | I went through all my papers shredding things I didn't need.
- frayed** torn a little along the edges – used about clothes, carpets etc that have been used a lot: He was wearing an old pair of frayed jeans. | The rug was a little frayed around the edges. | The jacket was a little frayed at the cuffs.

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