

# nag

I

[næg] *n*

- 1) небольшая верховая лошадь, лошадка, пони
- 2) кляча
- 3) *разг.* лошадь; конь, коняга

II

1. [næg] *n*

1. придирки, воркотня, пиление
2. *разг.* ворчунья, сварливая женщина, «пила»

2. [næg] *v*

- 1) придира́ться (к кому-л.); ворча́ть (на кого-л.); пи́лить (кого-л.; *тж.* nag at)  
 don't nag! - не ворчи!  
 don't nag at me! - не придирайся ко мне!  
 she nagged him into doing what she wanted - она пилила его до тех пор, пока он не сделал, как она хотела
- 2) изводить, мучить (о боли, раскаянии и т. п.)

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**nag** [nag nags nagged nagging] *verb, noun* *BrE* [næg] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [næg] <sup>ˈ</sup>

*verb* (-gg-)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to keep complaining to sb about their behaviour or keep asking them to do sth

**Syn:** ↑pester

- ~ (at sb) Stop nagging— I'll do it as soon as I can.
- ~ sb (to do sth) She had been nagging him to paint the fence.

2. **intransitive, transitive** to worry or irritate you continuously

- ~ at sb A feeling of unease nagged at her.
- ~ sb Doubts nagged me all evening

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	nag
	BrE /næg/
	NAmE /næg/
he / she / it	nags
	BrE /nægz/
	NAmE /nægz/
past simple, past participle	nagged
	BrE /nægd/
	NAmE /nægd/
-ing form	nagging
	BrE /nægɪŋ/
	NAmE /nægɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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- n.* Middle English

Example Bank:

- For weeks his father had been nagging away at him to get a job.
- She constantly nagged her daughter about getting married.
- She had been nagging at him to have his hair cut.
- The children kept nagging her to take them to the zoo.
- The pain came back and nagged at him.
- He nagged me until I wrote the letter and posted it off.
- He's always nagging at her for wearing too much make-up.
- I do wish you'd stop nagging on about the garden.
- Mum's always nagging me about studying.
- She had been nagging him to mend the gate.
- Stop nagging— I'll do it as soon as I can.

**noun** (old-fashioned, informal)

a horse

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I. **nag** <sup>1</sup> /næg/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **nagged** , present participle **nagging**) [*intransitive and transitive*]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. to keep asking someone to do something, or to keep complaining to someone about their behaviour, in an annoying way ⇒ **pester**:

" I wish you'd stop nagging!

**nag somebody to do something**

" Nadia's been nagging me to fix the lamp.

**nag somebody about something**

" She keeps nagging me about my weight.

**nag at**

" He's always nagging at Paula for wearing too much makeup.

2. to make someone feel continuously worried or uncomfortable

**nag at**

" a problem that had been nagging at him for days

" One question still nagged me.

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## THESAURUS

### ■ to ask for something

▪ **ask for** to tell someone you want them to give you something: I'm going to ask for a pay rise.

▪ **order** to ask for food or drink in a restaurant: We ordered some more coffee. | Have you ordered yet?

▪ **demand** to ask for something in a firm way, insisting that someone gives you what you ask for: They're demanding immediate payment. | If the goods are faulty, you can demand a refund.

▪ **request formal** to ask for something: The pilot requested permission to land. | I enclose the information you requested.

▪ **beg/plead** to ask for something in an urgent way, because you want it very much and will be very unhappy if you do not get it: He begged me for some money. | I'm not going to plead for forgiveness.

▪ **nag/pester** to keep asking someone for something, in an annoying way: She keeps nagging me for a new phone. | People were pestering him for his autograph.

II. **nag**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [countable] *informal*

[Sense 1: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇒ ↑nag<sup>1</sup>]

[Sense 2: Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Origin unknown]

1. a person who keeps complaining or asking someone to do something, in an annoying way:

" Don't be such a nag!

2. *old-fashioned* a horse, especially one that is old or in bad condition

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