

tug

1. [tʌg] *n*

1. 1) рывок; дёрганье; тянущее *или* дёргающее усилие

to give a tug at smth., to give smth. a tug - дёрнуть /потянуть за/ что-л

I felt a tug at my sleeve - я почувствовал, что кто-то тянет меня за рукав

2) усилие, напряжение сил

I had a great tug to persuade him - мне было очень трудно /стоило больших усилий/ убедить его

parting was a tug - расставание было очень трудным

he felt a great tug at parting - ему было тяжело при расставании

she felt a tug at her heartstrings - у неё сердце разрывалось на части; у неё сжималось сердце

3) влияние, сильное воздействие

the tug of the past has much power - велика власть прошлого

2. = tug-boat

3. постромка; ляпка, гуж

4. дужка (ведра)

5. *школ. жарг.* стипендиат

6. состязание, соревнование

tug of war - а) *спорт.* перетягивание каната; б) *воен.* изменения боевой обстановки; бой с переменным успехом; в) решительная борьба *или* схватка

a continual tug of war between the authorities and the masses - постоянная борьба между властями и народом /массами/

2. [tʌg] *v*

1. тащить, тянуть с усилием

to tug smb. out of bed - стащить кого-л. с постели

to tug the car out of the mire - вытаскивать засевшую в грязи машину

we tugged so hard that the rope broke - мы тянули так сильно, что верёвка лопнула

2. (at) дёргать; тянуть

the child tugged at his father's hand - ребёнок дёргал отца за руку

the dog tugged at the leash - собака натянула поводок

the centrifugal forces that tug at the unity of the country - центробежные силы, подтачивающие /подрывающие/ единство страны

recollections tugged at his heart - воспоминания терзали его сердце

3. 1) постоянно прилагать усилия; трудиться, тяжело работать; бороться

to tug at the oars - наваливаться на вёсла [*ср. мж.* ◇]

he tugged all his life to make a living - всю свою жизнь он тяжким трудом зарабатывал себе на хлеб

2) бороться, пытаться преодолеть

to tug with doubts - бороться с сомнениями

4. буксировать

◇ to tug at the /an/ oar - заниматься тяжёлой работой, выполнять чёрную работу [*ср. мж.* 3, 1)]

tug

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tug [tug tugs tugged tugging] *verb, noun* *BrE* [tʌg] ¹¹ *NAmE* [tʌg] ¹¹

verb (-gg-)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to pull sth hard, often several times

• ~ (at/on sth) She tugged at his sleeve to get his attention.

• (figurative) a sad story that **tugs at your heartstrings** (= makes you feel sad)

• ~ sth The baby was tugging her hair.

• ~ sth + adj. He tugged the door open.

2. **transitive** ~ sth + adv./prep. to pull sth hard in a particular direction

• He tugged the hat down over his head.

see touch/tug your forelock **at** ↑forelock

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | tug |
| | <i>BrE</i> /tʌg/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> /tʌg/ |
| he / she / it | tugs |
| | <i>BrE</i> /tʌgz/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> /tʌgz/ |
| past simple, past participle | tugged |
| | <i>BrE</i> /tʌgd/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> /tʌgd/ |
| -ing form | tugging |
| | <i>BrE</i> /tʌgɪŋ/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> /tʌgɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

Middle English: from the base of ↑tow.

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:

- Alexis was up in a flash, tugging on his arm.
- He tugged harder, but it was caught fast.
- He tugged lightly at my wrist.
- He tugged me by the sleeve.
- She nervously tugged at her long brown hair.
- She playfully tugged at his shirt.
- She tugged at his arm to get his attention.
- Annie appeared, tugging her little sister by the arm.
- He tugged his hat down over his head.
- His mother was tugging him along by the hand.
- She tried to escape but he tugged her back.
- The visitor tugged hard on the bell-pull.

noun



1. (also **tug-boat** *BrE* ['tʌgbəʊt] ¹ ; *NAmE* ['tʌgbəʊt] ²) a small powerful boat for pulling ships, especially into a **harbour** or up a river

2. a sudden hard pull

- I felt a tug at my sleeve.
- She gave her sister's hair a sharp tug.

3. **usually singular** a sudden strong emotional feeling

- a tug of attraction

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Example Bank:

- She felt a sharp tug at her sleeve.
- She gave a little tug on the rope.
- She started the engine with one tug of the starter rope.
- I felt a little tug on my arm.

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1. **tug** ¹ /tʌg/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *verb* (past tense and past participle **tugged**, present participle **tugging**)

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to pull with one or more short, quick pulls:

The woman gently tugged his arm.

tug at/on something

Joe was tugging at her sleeve.

2. [transitive always + adverb/preposition] *British English* to pull a piece of clothing quickly onto your body

tug something on

Alice was tugging on a sweater.

3. **tug at sb's heart/heartstrings** *written* to make someone feel sympathy for someone or something

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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

II. **tug**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]

1. (also **'tug boat**) a small strong boat used for pulling or guiding ships into a port, up a river etc

2. [usually singular] a sudden strong pull:

She removed the bandage with a sharp tug.

3. [usually singular] a strong and sudden feeling

tug of

Kate felt a tug of jealousy.

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