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## jig

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### Definition of *jig*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1a : any of several lively springy dances in triple rhythm

b : music to which a jig may be danced

2 : [trick](#), [game](#) —used chiefly in the phrase *the jig is up*

3a : any of several fishing devices that are jerked up and down or drawn through the water

b : a device used to maintain mechanically the correct positional relationship between a piece of work and the tool or between parts of work during assembly

c : a device in which crushed ore is concentrated or coal is cleaned by agitating in water

in jig time

: in a short time : [quickly](#)

jig

[verb](#)

jigged; jiggling

Definition of *jig* (Entry 2 of 2)

[intransitive verb](#)

1a : to move with rapid jerky motions

b : to dance a jig

2 : to fish with a jig

[transitive verb](#)

1 : to dance in the rapid lively manner of a jig

2a : to give a rapid jerky motion to

b : to separate (a mineral or ore from waste) with a jig

3 : to catch (a fish) with a jig

4 : to machine by means of a jig-controlled tool operation

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Synonyms: Noun

- [artifice](#),
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- [dodge](#),
- [fetch](#),
- [flimflam](#),
- [gambit](#),
- [gimmick](#),
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- [ploy](#),
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- [scheme](#),
- [shenanigan](#),
- [sleight](#),
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- [trick](#),
- [wile](#)

Synonyms: Verb

- [fiddle](#),
- [fidget](#),
- [jerk](#),
- [jiggle](#),
- [squiggle](#),
- [squirm](#),
- [thrash](#),
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## Examples of *jig* in a Sentence

Verb We *jigged* to the fiddle music. the mother could tell that her little boy had to use the bathroom because he was *jigging*

## First Known Use of *jig*

Noun

circa 1560, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Verb

1604, in the meaning defined at [intransitive sense 1a](#)

## History and Etymology for *jig*

Noun

perhaps from Middle French *giguer* to frolic, from *gigue* fiddle, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German *gīga* fiddle; akin to Old Norse *geiga* to turn aside

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## English Language Learners Definition of *jig*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a type of lively dance also : the music played for such a dance

jig

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English Language Learners Definition of *jig* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to move with quick sudden movements

: to dance a jig

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## Kids Definition of *jig*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : a lively dance

2 : music for a lively dance

3 : a dishonest act *Jig's* up, Roy thought glumly. No way he won't notice they're fake.— Carl Hiaasen, *Hoot*

jig

[verb](#)

jigged; jiggling

Kids Definition of *jig* (Entry 2 of 2)

1 : to dance a jig

2 : to move with quick sudden motions He *jigged* his fishing line.

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