

shake

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English

Pronunciation

- IPA: /ˈʃeɪk/
- Audio (US) 0:00 MENU
- Rhymes: -eɪk
- Homophones: sheik, sheikh (*one pronunciation*)

Etymology

Germanic origin, Old English *scacan*. Cf. Swedish *skaka*.

Verb

shake (*third-person singular simple present **shakes**, present participle **shaking**, simple past **shook**, past participle **shaken***)

- (*transitive, ergative*) To cause (something) to move rapidly in opposite directions alternatingly.
*The earthquake **shook** the building.*
*He **shook** the can of soda for thirty seconds before delivering it to me, so that, when I popped it open, soda went everywhere.*
- (*transitive*) To move (one's head) from side to side, especially to indicate a negative.
***Shaking** his head, he kept repeating "No, no, no".*
- (*transitive*) To disturb emotionally; to shock.
*Her father's death **shook** her terribly.*
*He was **shaken** by what had happened.*



4. (*transitive*) To lose, evade, or get rid of (something).
*I can't **shake** the feeling that I forgot something.*
5. (*intransitive*) To move from side to side.
*She **shook** with grief.*
6. (*intransitive, usually as "shake on"*) To shake hands.
*OK, let's **shake** on it.*
7. (*intransitive*) To dance.
*She was **shaking it** on the dance floor.*

Derived terms

Derived terms	[show ▼]
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Translations

transitive: to cause to move	[show ▼]
to move one's head from side to side	[show ▼]
transitive: to disturb emotionally	[show ▼]
transitive: to lose, evade	[show ▼]
intransitive: to move from side to side	[show ▼]
intransitive: to shake hands	[show ▼]
intransitive: to dance	[show ▼]

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Noun

shake (*plural shakes*)

1. The act of shaking something.
*The cat gave the mouse a **shake**.*
2. A milkshake.
3. A beverage made by adding ice cream to a (usually carbonated) drink; a float.
4. Shake cannabis, small, leafy fragments of cannabis that gather at the bottom of a bag of marijuana.
5. (*building material*) A thin shingle.
6. A crack or split between the growth rings in wood.
7. A fissure in rock or earth.
8. (*informal*) Instant, second. (Especially *in two shakes*.) [quotations ▼]
9. (*nautical*) One of the staves of a hogshead or barrel taken apart.
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10. (*music*) A rapid alternation of a principal tone with another represented on the next degree of the staff above or below it; a trill.

11. A shook of staves and headings.

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12. (*UK, dialect*) The redshank, so called from the nodding of its head while on the ground.

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Derived terms

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Translations

act of shaking	[show ▼]
milkshake	[show ▼]
beverage made of ice cream and carbonated drink — <i>see float</i>	
small, leafy fragments of cannabis	[show ▼]
building material: thin shingle	[show ▼]
crack or splint in wood	[show ▼]
informal: instant, second	[show ▼]

Anagrams

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