shake

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English

Pronunciation

- IPA: /ʃeɪk/
- Audio (US)
- 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)

1. (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.

2. (transitive) To move (one's head) from side to side, especially to indicate a negative.
   Shaking his head, he kept repeating "No, no, no".

3. (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

**Transitions**

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<td><strong>shake</strong> (plural shakes)</td>
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<td>1. The act of shaking something.</td>
<td>The cat gave the mouse a shake.</td>
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<td>2. A milkshake.</td>
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<td>3. A beverage made by adding ice cream to a (usually carbonated) drink; a float.</td>
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<td>4. Shake cannabis, small, leafy fragments of cannabis that gather at the bottom of a bag of marijuana.</td>
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<td>5. (building material) A thin shingle.</td>
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<td>6. A crack or split between the growth rings in wood.</td>
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<td>7. A fissure in rock or earth.</td>
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<td>8. (informal) Instant, second. (Especially in two shakes.) [quotations ▼]</td>
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<td>9. (nautical) One of the staves of a hogshead or barrel taken apart.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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11. A shook of staves and headings.
   (Can we find and add a quotation of Knight to this entry?)
12. (UK, dialect) The redshank, so called from the nodding of its head while on the ground.

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Derived terms

Translations

- act of shaking
- milkshake
- beverage made of ice cream and carbonated drink — see float
- small, leafy fragments of cannabis
- building material: thin shingle
- crack or splint in wood
- informal: instant, second

Anagrams

- hakes


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