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## Definition of *junk*

(Entry 1 of 3)

1a(1) : old iron, glass, paper, or other waste that may be used again in some form

(2) : secondhand, worn, or discarded articles

(3) : [clutter sense 1b](#)

b : something of poor quality : [trash](#)

c : something of little meaning, worth, or significance

2 : pieces of old cable or cordage used especially to make gaskets, mats, swabs, or oakum

3 slang : [narcotics](#) especially : [heroin](#)

4 : [junk bond](#)

5 : baseball pitches that break or are off-speed (such as curveballs or changeups)

6 slang : male genitalia

junk

[verb](#)

junked; junking; junks

Definition of *junk* (Entry 2 of 3)

[transitive verb](#)

: to get rid of as worthless : [scrap](#)

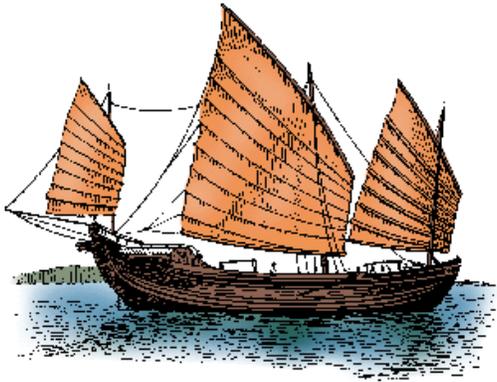
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[noun \(2\)](#)

Definition of *junk* (Entry 3 of 3)

: any of various ships of Chinese waters with bluff lines, a high poop and overhanging stem, little or no keel, high pole masts, and a deep rudder

## Illustration of *junk*



Noun (2)

<sup>3</sup>junk

In the meaning defined [above](#)

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## Synonyms for *junk*

Synonyms: Verb

- [cashier](#),
- [cast \(off\)](#),
- [chuck](#),
- [deep-six](#),
- [discard](#),
- [ditch](#),
- [dump](#),
- [eighty-six](#)
- (or [86](#)),
- [exorcise](#)
- (also [exorcize](#)),
- [fling \(off or away\)](#),
- [jettison](#),
- [lay by](#),
- [lose](#),
- [pitch](#),
- [reject](#),
- [scrap](#),
- [shed](#),
- [shuck \(off\)](#),
- [slough \(off\)](#)
- also [sluff \(off\)](#),
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## Choose the Right Synonym for *junk*

Verb

[discard](#), [cast](#), [shed](#), [slough](#), [scrap](#), [junk](#) mean to get rid of. [discard](#) implies the letting go or throwing away of something that has become useless or superfluous though often not intrinsically valueless. *discard* old clothes [cast](#), especially when used with *off*, *away*, or *out*, implies a forceful rejection or repudiation. *cast* off her friends [shed](#) and [slough](#) imply a throwing off of something both useless and encumbering and often suggest a consequent renewal of vitality or luster. *shed* a bad habit finally *sloughed* off the depression [scrap](#) and [junk](#) imply throwing away or breaking up as worthless in existent form. *scrap* all the old ways would *junk* our educational system

## Examples of *junk* in a Sentence

Verb We decided to *junk* our old computer and buy a new one. we'll have to *junk* this old car

## First Known Use of *junk*

Noun (1)

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 2](#)

Verb

1911, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Noun (2)

1555, in the meaning defined [above](#)

## History and Etymology for *junk*

Noun (1)

Middle English *jonke*

Noun (2)

Portuguese *junco*, from Javanese *jon*

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[verb](#)

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informal : to get rid of (something) because it is worthless, damaged, etc.

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junk

[noun](#)

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## Kids Definition of *junk*

(Entry 1 of 3)

1 : things that have been thrown away or are of little value or use

2 : a poorly made product

3 : something of little meaning, worth, or significance There's nothing but *junk* on TV tonight.

junk

[verb](#)

junked; junking

Kids Definition of *junk* (Entry 2 of 3)

: to get rid of as worthless : [scrap](#) I'm *junking* this car.

junk

[noun](#)

Kids Definition of *junk* (Entry 3 of 3)

: an Asian sailing boat that is high in the front

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a minor flaw or shortcoming

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