

Need another word that means the same as “lag”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “lag” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Lag” are: gaol, immure, imprison, incarcerate, jail, jug, put away, put behind bars, remand, dawdle, fall back, fall behind, straggle, trail, trail behind, linger, dally, hang back, delay, move slowly, loiter, drag one's feet, take one's time, not keep pace, idle, dither, saunter, bring up the rear, interim, meantime, meanwhile, retardation, slowdown, stave

Lag as a Noun

Definitions of "Lag" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “lag” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A retardation in an electric current or movement.*
- *One of several thin slats of wood forming the sides of a barrel or bucket.*
- *The act of slowing down or falling behind.*
- *A period of time between one event and another.*
- *The time between one event, process, or period and another.*



Synonyms of "Lag" as a noun (6 Words)

interim	An interim dividend profit etc. <i>In the interim I ll just keep my fingers crossed.</i>
meantime	The time between one event, process, or period and another.
meanwhile	The time between one event, process, or period and another. <i>Meanwhile the socialists are running the government.</i>
retardation	The act of slowing down or falling behind. <i>The goals of treatment include retardation of disease progression.</i>
slowdown	A decline in economic activity. <i>Companies reacted to early signs of slowdown with cuts in production.</i>
stave	A verse or stanza of a poem.



Usage Examples of "Lag" as a noun

- *A time lag between infection and symptoms.*



Lag as a Verb

Definitions of "Lag" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "lag" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Fail to keep up with another or others in movement or development.*
- *Lock up or confine, in or as in a jail.*
- *Cover with lagging to prevent heat loss.*
- *Hang (back) or fall (behind) in movement, progress, development, etc.*
- *Throw or pitch at a mark, as with coins.*



Synonyms of "Lag" as a verb (28 Words)

bring up the rear Be accompanied by.

dally	Act or move slowly. <i>He should stop dallying with film stars.</i>
dawdle	Hang (back) or fall (behind) in movement, progress, development, etc. <i>Ruth dawdled back through the wood.</i>
delay	Cause to be slowed down or delayed. <i>The train was delayed.</i>
dither	Be indecisive. <i>He was dithering about the election date.</i>
drag one's feet	Move slowly and as if with great effort.
fall back	Begin vigorously.
fall behind	Lose an upright position suddenly.
gaol	Lock up or confine, in or as in a jail.
hang back	Suspend (meat) in order to get a gamey taste.
idle	Cause an engine to idle. <i>Robert idled along the pavement.</i>
immure	Enclose or confine (someone) against their will. <i>Her brother was immured in a lunatic asylum.</i>
<u>imprison</u>	Confine as if in a prison. <i>He was imprisoned three times for his activities.</i>
incarcerate	Imprison or confine. <i>The murderer was incarcerated for the rest of his life.</i>
jail	Put someone in jail. <i>The driver was jailed for two years.</i>
jug	Stew in an earthenware jug. <i>Jug the rabbit.</i>
<u>linger</u>	Remain present although waning or gradually dying. <i>She lingered in the yard enjoying the warm sunshine.</i>
<u>loiter</u>	Be about. <i>The high school students like to loiter in the Central Square.</i>
move slowly	Propose formally; in a debate or parliamentary meeting.
not keep pace	Behave as expected during of holidays or rites.
put away	Estimate.
put behind bars	Adapt.
remand	Lock up or confine, in or as in a jail. <i>He was remanded in custody for a week.</i>

saunter

Walk in a slow, relaxed manner.

Adam **sauntered** into the room.

straggle

Grow, spread, or be laid out in an irregular, untidy way.

The children **straggled** behind them.

take one's time

Take somebody somewhere.

trail

Be losing to an opponent in a game or contest.

The roses grew wild their stems **trailing** over the banks.

trail behind

Move, proceed, or walk draggingly or slowly.



Usage Examples of "Lag" as a verb

- They waited for Tim who was *lagging* behind.
- *Lag* pipes.



Associations of "Lag" (30 Words)

adjourn

(of a group of people) go somewhere for rest or refreshment.
We **adjourned** for lunch.

behind

A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point.
Campbell grabbed him from **behind**.

dally

Talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions.
The company was **dallying** with the idea of opening a new office.

dawdle

Waste time; be slow.
Ruth **dawdled** back through the wood.

defer	Yield to another's wish or opinion. <i>The judge deferred sentence until 5 April for background reports.</i>
delay	The action of delaying or being delayed. <i>He may decide to delay the next cut in interest rates.</i>
hesitant	Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>Her slow hesitant way of speaking.</i>
hesitate	Pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness. <i>He hesitated to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.</i>
<u>late</u>	At or toward an end or late period or stage of development. <i>Late Gothic style.</i>
latency	The state of being not yet evident or active. <i>Subscribers can expect some latency time when issuing a request.</i>
later	At a time in the near future; soon or afterwards. <i>Later medical science could have saved the child.</i>
levitate	Cause to rise in the air and float, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>The guru claimed that he could levitate.</i>
<u>linger</u>	Leave slowly and hesitantly. <i>She lingered over her meal.</i>
lingering	Lasting for a long time or slow to end. <i>There are still some lingering doubts in my mind.</i>
<u>loiter</u>	Walk slowly and with no apparent purpose; dawdle. <i>She saw Mary loitering near the cloakrooms.</i>
pitchy	Of the blackest black; similar to the color of jet or coal.
<u>postpone</u>	Cause or arrange for (something) to take place at a time later than that first scheduled. <i>Let s postpone the exam.</i>
<u>procrastinate</u>	Delay or postpone action; put off doing something. <i>The temptation will be to procrastinate until the power struggle plays itself out.</i>
<u>procrastination</u>	The action of delaying or postponing something. <i>Your first tip is to avoid procrastination.</i>
<u>remain</u>	Stay the same remain in a certain state. <i>The hostility remained long after they made up.</i>
retardation	The action of delaying or slowing the progress or development of something. <i>The goals of treatment include retardation of disease progression.</i>

retraction	The act of pulling or holding or drawing a part back. <i>Prey are grasped between the jaws upon tongue retraction.</i>
slowdown	The act of slowing down or falling behind. <i>The drop in earnings was due to an extreme economic slowdown.</i>
sojourn	A temporary stay (e.g., as a guest). <i>She had sojourned once in Egypt.</i>
stay	Stay behind. <i>The smell stayed in the room.</i>
tarry	Having the characteristics of pitch or tar. <i>A length of tarry rope.</i>
temporize	Draw out a discussion or process in order to gain time. <i>The speaker temporized in order to delay the vote.</i>
time	Time or an amount of time as reckoned by a conventional standard. <i>If called out at the weekend they are paid time and a half.</i>
trifle	A detail that is considered insignificant. <i>We will not trifle life is too short.</i>
wait	A period of waiting. <i>He is waiting to be drafted.</i>

