

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

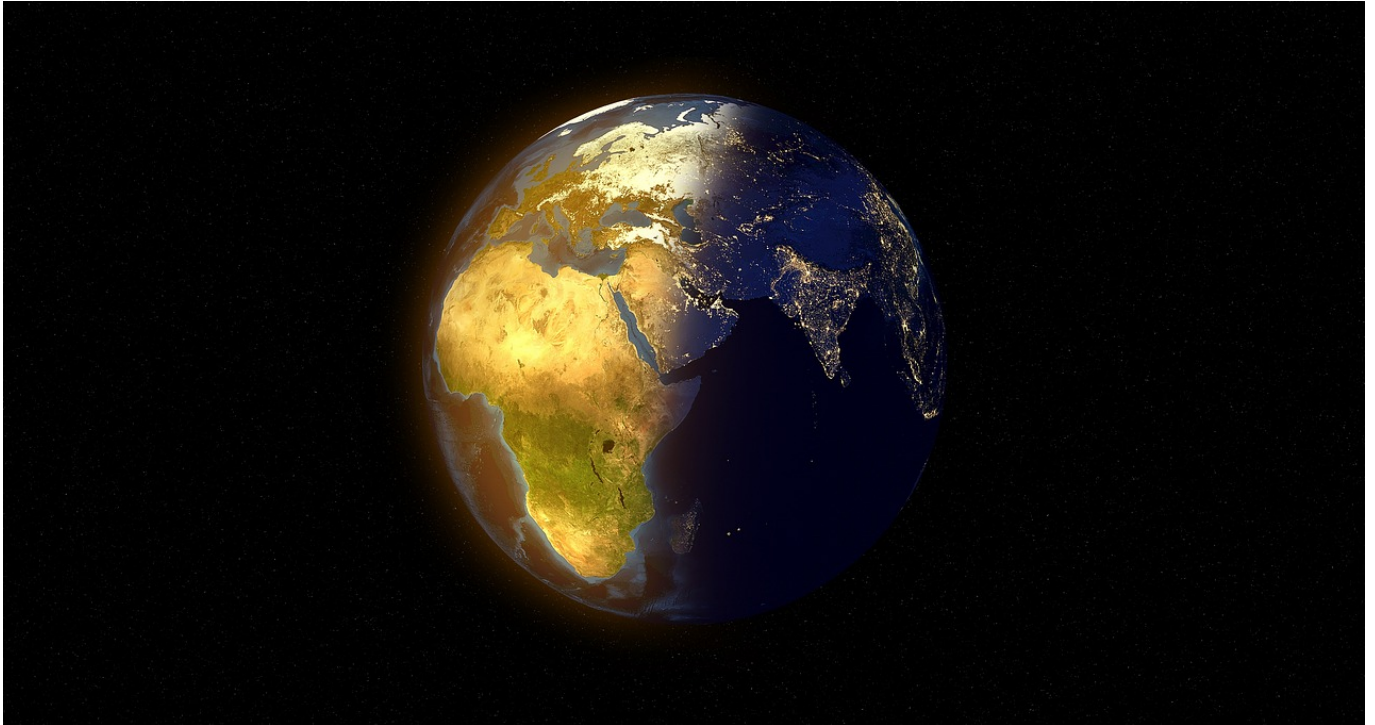
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “lag” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *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.  
*In the **interim** I ll just keep my fingers crossed.*
- meantime** The time between one event, process, or period and another.
- meanwhile** The time between one event, process, or period and another.  
***Meanwhile** the socialists are running the government.*
- retardation** The act of slowing down or falling behind.  
*The goals of treatment include **retardation** of disease progression.*
- slowdown** A decline in economic activity.  
*Companies reacted to early signs of **slowdown** with cuts in production.*
- 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.

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

<b><u>saunter</u></b>	Walk in a slow, relaxed manner. <i>Adam <b>sauntered</b> into the room.</i>
<b>straggle</b>	Grow, spread, or be laid out in an irregular, untidy way. <i>The children <b>straggled</b> behind them.</i>
<b>take one's time</b>	Take somebody somewhere.
<b><u>trail</u></b>	Be losing to an opponent in a game or contest. <i>The roses grew wild their stems <b>trailing</b> over the banks.</i>
<b>trail behind</b>	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.*

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

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

