

Need another word that means the same as “nag”? Find 44 synonyms and 30 related words for “nag” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nag” are: hen-peck, peck, criticizing, grumbling, moaning, carping, cavilling, harass, keep on at, go on at, harp on at, badger, keep after, give someone a hard time, get on someone's back, persecute, chivvy, hound, harry, bully, pick on, criticize, find fault with, keep complaining to, moan at, moan on at, grumble at, henpeck, carp at, scold, upbraid, berate, niggling, common scold, nagger, scolder, hack, jade, plug, shrew, harpy, termagant, harridan**

## Nag as a Noun

### Definitions of "Nag" as a noun

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

- *Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.*
- *A person who nags someone.*
- *A persistent feeling of anxiety.*
- *An old or over-worked horse.*



## Synonyms of "Nag" as a noun (11 Words)

**common scold** A piece of open land for recreational use in an urban area.

**hack** An act of computer hacking.  
*The challenge of the **hack** itself.*

**harpy** Any of various fruit bats of the genus *Nyctimene* distinguished by nostrils drawn out into diverging tubes.  
*Clearly, he had us down as a couple of gold-digging harpies.*

**harridan** A strict, bossy, or belligerent old woman.  
*A bullying old **harridan**.*

**jade** A hard typically green stone used for ornaments and implements and consisting of the minerals jadeite or nephrite.  
*A **jade** figurine.*

**nagger** Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.

**plug**

A circular piece of metal rubber or plastic used to stop the plughole of a bath or basin and keep the water in it.

*The cable is fitted with a two pin **plug**.*

**scold**

A person who nags or grumbles constantly (typically used of a woman).

*The fiscal **scolds** insist that reform will make everything even worse.*

**scolder**

Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.

**shrew**

Small mouselike mammal with a long snout; related to moles.

*Hold your nagging tongue you miserable old **shrew**.*

**termagant**

A harsh-tempered or overbearing woman.



**Usage Examples of "Nag" as a noun**

- *He felt a little nag of doubt.*





## Nag as a Verb

### Definitions of "Nag" as a verb

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

- *Be persistently painful or worrying to.*
- *Remind or urge constantly.*
- *Bother persistently with trivial complaints.*
- *Harass (someone) constantly to do something that they are averse to.*
- *Worry persistently.*





## Synonyms of "Nag" as a verb (33 Words)

<b>badger</b>	Annoy persistently. <i>Tom had finally <b>badgered</b> her into going.</i>
<b><u>berate</u></b>	Scold or criticize (someone) angrily. <i>She <b>berated</b> herself for being fickle.</i>
<b>bully</b>	Seek to harm, intimidate, or coerce (someone perceived as vulnerable). <i>A local man was <b>bullied</b> into helping them.</i>
<b>carp at</b>	Raise trivial objections.
<b>carping</b>	Raise trivial objections.
<b>cavilling</b>	Raise trivial objections.
<b>chivvy</b>	Tell (someone) repeatedly to do something. <i>An association which <b>chivvies</b> government into action.</i>

<b>criticize</b>	Act as a critic. <i>Technicians were <b>criticized</b> for defective workmanship.</i>
<b>criticizing</b>	Find fault with; express criticism of; point out real or perceived flaws.
<b>find fault with</b>	Make a discovery, make a new finding.
<b>get on someone's back</b>	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
<b>give someone a hard time</b>	Deliver in exchange or recompense.
<b>go on at</b>	Be the right size or shape; fit correctly or as desired.
<b>grumble at</b>	Make a low noise.
<b>grumbling</b>	Make a low noise.
<a href="#"><u>harass</u></a>	Make repeated small-scale attacks on (an enemy). <i>The squadron's task was to <b>harass</b> the retreating enemy forces.</i>
<b>harp on at</b>	Come back to.
<b>harry</b>	Annoy continually or chronically. <i>He is known to <b>harry</b> his staff when he is overworked.</i>
<b>hen-peck</b>	Bother persistently with trivial complaints.
<b>henpeck</b>	(of a woman) continually criticize and give orders to (her husband or male partner). <i>I don't feel it's my place to <b>henpeck</b> him about it.</i>
<b>hound</b>	Pursue or chase relentlessly. <i>The detectives <b>hounded</b> the suspect until they found him.</i>
<b>keep after</b>	Supply with necessities and support.
<b>keep complaining to</b>	Retain possession of.
<b>keep on at</b>	Retain possession of.
<b>moan at</b>	Indicate pain, discomfort, or displeasure.
<b>moan on at</b>	Indicate pain, discomfort, or displeasure.
<b>moaning</b>	Indicate pain, discomfort, or displeasure.
<b>niggling</b>	Worry unnecessarily or excessively.
<b>peck</b>	Eat by pecking at like a bird. <i>Don't <b>peck</b> at your food eat a whole mouthful.</i>
<b>persecute</b>	Cause to suffer. <i>No one should be <b>persecuted</b> for their religious beliefs.</i>
<b>pick on</b>	Pull lightly but sharply with a plucking motion.



**scold**

(of a bird) call loudly and persistently.

*The gulls wheeled and **scolded** above the lake.*

**upbraid**

Express criticism towards.

*He was **upbraided** for his slovenly appearance.*



**Usage Examples of "Nag" as a verb**

- *She constantly nags her daughter about getting married.*
- *He's always nagging at her for staying out late.*
- *Something nagged at the back of his mind.*
- *She nags her husband all day long.*
- *She nagged to take a vacation.*
- *Nagging concerns and doubts.*
- *She nagged him to do the housework.*



## Associations of "Nag" (30 Words)

<b>abusive</b>	Involving injustice or illegality. <i>Argued that foster homes are <b>abusive</b>.</i>
<b>agitate</b>	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i><b>Agitate</b> the water to disperse the oil.</i>
<b>anger</b>	Fill someone with anger provoke anger in. <i>I was seething with <b>anger</b> and frustration.</i>
<b><u>annoy</u></b>	Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>The decision really <b>annoyed</b> him.</i>
<b>beleaguer</b>	Lay siege to (a place); besiege. <i>He attempts to answer several questions that <b>beleaguer</b> the industry.</i>
<b>distress</b>	Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. <i>Vessels in <b>distress</b> on or near the coast.</i>



<b><u>disturb</u></b>	Damage as if by shaking or jarring. <i>Don t <b>disturb</b> the patient s wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i>
<b>fetter</b>	Restrain with fetters. <i>The <b>fetters</b> of convention.</i>
<b><u>fret</u></b>	Provide a musical instrument with frets. <i>Don t <b>fret</b> over these small details.</i>
<b>gadfly</b>	A fly that bites livestock, especially a horsefly, warble fly, or botfly. <i>Always a <b>gadfly</b> he attacked intellectual orthodoxies.</i>
<b><u>hack</u></b>	An act of computer hacking. <i>Men <b>hack</b> at the coalface.</i>
<b>hamper</b>	Put at a disadvantage. <i>A picnic <b>hamper</b>.</i>
<b><u>harass</u></b>	Exhaust by attacking repeatedly. <i><b>Harass</b> the enemy.</i>
<b>hinder</b>	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>Language barriers <b>hindered</b> communication between scientists.</i>
<b>impede</b>	Block passage through. <i>The sap causes swelling which can <b>impede</b> breathing.</i>
<b>importunate</b>	Expressing persistent and earnest entreaty. <i><b>Importunate</b> creditors.</i>
<b><u>insult</u></b>	Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>The movement of the bone causes a severe tissue <b>insult</b>.</i>
<b>irk</b>	Irritate; annoy. <i>It <b>irks</b> her to think of the runaround she received.</i>
<b>irritate</b>	Excite to an abnormal condition, or chafe or inflame. <i><b>Irritate</b> the glands of a leaf.</i>
<b>jitter</b>	Of a signal or device suffer from jitter. <i>The episode is only available as a <b>jittering</b> videotape version.</i>
<b>offend</b>	Act in disregard of laws, rules, contracts, or promises. <i>The smell of ash <b>offended</b> him.</i>
<b><u>oppress</u></b>	Cause to suffer. <i>A system which <b>oppressed</b> working people.</i>
<b>peeve</b>	A cause of annoyance. <i>Another <b>peeve</b> of mine is these so called reality shows.</i>

<b><u>pest</u></b>	<p>A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal.</p> <p>Many <b>pests</b> have developed resistance to the common <b>pesticides</b>.</p>
<b>rile</b>	<p>Make (someone) annoyed or irritated.</p> <p>He has been <b>riled</b> by suggestions that his Arsenal future is in doubt.</p>
<b><u>scold</u></b>	<p>(of a bird) call loudly and persistently.</p> <p>Mum took Anna away <b>scolding</b> her for her bad behaviour.</p>
<b>scolding</b>	<p>Rebuking a person harshly.</p> <p>She d get a <b>scolding</b> from Victoria.</p>
<b><u>sting</u></b>	<p>A painful wound caused by the thrust of an insect s stinger into skin.</p> <p>She felt the sharp <b>sting</b> of tears behind her eyelids.</p>
<b>stonewall</b>	<p>Engage in delaying tactics or refuse to cooperate.</p> <p>Nixon <b>stonewalled</b> the Watergate investigation.</p>
<b><u>worsen</u></b>	<p>Grow worse.</p> <p>Her condition <b>worsened</b> on the flight.</p>



