

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. <i>The cable is fitted with a two pin plug.</i>
scold	A person who nags or grumbles constantly (typically used of a woman). <i>The fiscal scolds insist that reform will make everything even worse.</i>
scolder	Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.
shrew	Small mouselike mammal with a long snout; related to moles. <i>Hold your nagging tongue you miserable old shrew.</i>
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)

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

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

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

<u>disturb</u>	Damage as if by shaking or jarring. <i>Don't disturb the patient's wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i>
fetter	Restrain with fetters. <i>The fetters of convention.</i>
<u>fret</u>	Provide a musical instrument with frets. <i>Don't fret over these small details.</i>
gadfly	A fly that bites livestock, especially a horsefly, warble fly, or botfly. <i>Always a gadfly he attacked intellectual orthodoxies.</i>
<u>hack</u>	An act of computer hacking. <i>Men hack at the coalface.</i>
hamper	Put at a disadvantage. <i>A picnic hamper.</i>
<u>harass</u>	Exhaust by attacking repeatedly. <i>Harass the enemy.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>Language barriers hindered communication between scientists.</i>
impede	Block passage through. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
importunate	Expressing persistent and earnest entreaty. <i>Importunate creditors.</i>
<u>insult</u>	Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>The movement of the bone causes a severe tissue insult.</i>
irk	Irritate; annoy. <i>It irks her to think of the runaround she received.</i>
irritate	Excite to an abnormal condition, or chafe or inflame. <i>Irritate the glands of a leaf.</i>
jitter	Of a signal or device suffer from jitter. <i>The episode is only available as a jittering videotape version.</i>
offend	Act in disregard of laws, rules, contracts, or promises. <i>The smell of ash offended him.</i>
<u>oppress</u>	Cause to suffer. <i>A system which oppressed working people.</i>
peeve	A cause of annoyance. <i>Another peeve of mine is these so called reality shows.</i>

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

