

Need another word that means the same as “yank”? Find 28 synonyms for “yank” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Yank” are: jerk, pull, tug, wrench, heave, haul, drag, tweak, twitch, pluck, snatch, seize, rip, tear, whisk, jolt, force, northerner, yankee, yankee-doodle

Yank as a Noun

Definitions of "Yank" as a noun

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

- *An American (especially to non-Americans).*
- *A sudden hard pull.*
- *An American who lives in the North (especially during the American Civil War).*



Synonyms of "Yank" as a noun (11 Words)

heave	A horizontal dislocation. <i>He gave it a mighty heave.</i>
jolt	A sudden jarring impact. <i>He felt a jolt when the plane started to climb.</i>
northerner	An inhabitant of the North.
pull	An act of pulling something. <i>The pull of the water tore her away.</i>
tug	A loop from a horse's saddle which supports a shaft or trace. <i>An overwhelming tug of attraction.</i>
tweak	A fine adjustment to a mechanism or system. <i>An affectionate tweak.</i>
twitch	A short, sudden jerking or convulsive movement. <i>He felt a twitch of annoyance.</i>

wrench A jerky pulling movement.
*With a **wrench** Tony wriggled free.*

yankee An American (especially to non-Americans).

yankee-doodle An American (especially to non-Americans).



Usage Examples of "Yank" as a noun

- *One of the other girls gave her ponytail a yank.*



Yank as a Verb

Definitions of "Yank" as a verb

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

- *Pull, or move with a sudden movement.*
- *Pull with a jerk.*



Synonyms of "Yank" as a verb (17 Words)

- drag** Draw slowly or heavily.
*He **dragged** the big suitcase behind him.*
- force** Urge or force a person to an action constrain or motivate.
*Thieves tried to **force** open the cash register.*
- haul** Propel or pull oneself with difficulty.
*The engine **hauls** the overnight sleeper from London Euston.*
- heave** Lift or elevate.
*She **heaved** a deep sigh when she saw the list of things to do.*
- jolt** Move with sudden lurches.
*The audience was **jolted** by the play.*
- pluck** Pull lightly but sharply with a plucking motion.
*He **plucked** the strings of his mandolin.*
- pull** Bring take or pull out of a container or from under a cover.
***Pull** a sled.*

- rip** Cut (wood) along the grain.
*The curtain **ripped** from top to bottom.*
- seize** Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one's right or possession.
*Fear **seized** the prisoners.*
- tear** Fill with tears or shed tears.
*She was always **tearing** her clothes.*
- tug** Tow a ship by means of a tugboat.
*The **tugboat** **tugged** the freighter into the harbor.*
- tweak** Improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it.
*I just about went crazy yesterday I was totally **tweaking** out.*
- twitch** Use a twitch to subdue a horse.
*The dog **twitched** his ears.*
- whisk** Whip with or as if with a wire whisk.
*His jacket was **whisked** away for dry cleaning.*
- wrench** Turn something especially a nut or bolt with a wrench.
*To **wrench** our Bible to make it fit a misconception of facts.*



Usage Examples of "Yank" as a verb

- *Liz yanked at her arm.*
- *Her hair was yanked, and she screamed.*
- *He yanked her to her feet.*

