

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

**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.*



