

wolf

1. [wʊlf] *n* (*pl* wolves)
 - 1) *зоол.* волк (*Canis lupus*)
 - 2) волчий мех
 2. жестокий, безжалостный или жадный человек; волк, хищник
 3. *амер. разг.* бабник; волокита, сердцеед
 4. *амер. воен. жарг.* старшина (*роты*)
 - ◇ to cry wolf - поднимать ложную тревогу
 - to have a wolf in one's stomach - сильно проголодаться
 - to see /to have seen/ a wolf - лишиться дара речи; ≅ язык прилип к гортани
 - to keep the wolf from the door - бороться с угрожающей нищетой; ≅ перебиваться с хлеба на квас
 - to wake a sleeping wolf - напрашиваться на неприятности
 - to have/to hold/ a wolf by the ears - быть в безвыходном положении, не иметь пути к отступлению
 - a wolf in a lamb's skin /in sheep's clothing/ - волк в овечьей шкуре

2. [wʊlf] *v*

1. заглывать (*пищу*) с жадностью (*часто* wolf down)
2. *амер. сл.*
 - 1) бегать, волочиться за каждой юбкой
 - 2) отбивать девушку (*у кого-л.*)
3. *редк.* поднимать ложную тревогу

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wolf [wɒlf wɒlvz] *noun, verb* *BrE* [wʊlf] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* [wʊlf] [Ⓜ]
noun (*pl.* wolves *BrE* [wʊlvz] [Ⓜ] ; *NAmE* [wʊlvz] [Ⓜ])

a large wild animal of the dog family, that lives and hunts in groups
 • a pack of wolves
more at cry wolf **at** [↑]cry *v.*, a lone wolf **at** [↑]lone

Word Origin:

Old English wulf, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch wolf and German Wolf, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin lupus and Greek lukos. The verb dates from the mid 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- A lone wolf howled under the full moon.
- Labour groups are often seen as the big bad wolf.
- She called the media 'ravening wolves'.
- She compared the media to a pack of ravening ravenous wolves.
- a story of a young boy raised by wolves

Idioms: [↑]keep the wolf from the door ▪ [↑]throw somebody to the wolves ▪ [↑]wolf in sheep's clothing

verb ~ sth (down) (*informal*)

to eat food very quickly, especially by putting a lot of it in your mouth at once

Syn: [↑]gobble

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wolf
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒlf/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɒlf/
he / she / it	wolfs
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒlfz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɒlfz/
past simple, past participle	wolfed
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒft/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɒft/
-ing form	wolfing
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒfɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɒfɪŋ/

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1. wolf ¹ /wʊlf/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *noun* (*plural* wolves /wʊlvz/) [*countable*]
 [*Language:* Old English; *Origin:* wulf]



1. a wild animal that looks like a large dog and lives and hunts in groups:

a pack of wolves

2. **a wolf in sheep's clothing** someone who seems to be friendly or harmless but is in fact dangerous, dishonest etc

3. **keep the wolf from the door** to earn just enough money to buy the basic things you need:

I work part-time in a coffee shop just to keep the wolf from the door.

—**wolfish** *adjective*:

a wolfish grin

⇒ **cry wolf** at ↑cry¹(7), ⇒ **lone wolf** at ↑lone(3)

II. **wolf**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* (also **wolf down**) *verb* [transitive]

informal to eat something very quickly, swallowing it in big pieces **SYN** gobble

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