

naff [naff naffs naffed naffing naffer naffest] *BrE* [næf] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [næf] [ⓘ]

adjective (BrE, informal)

lacking style, taste, quality, etc

- There was a naff band playing.

Word Origin:

1960s: of unknown origin.

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I. **naff**¹ /næf/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] adjective *British English informal*

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: Perhaps from Scottish English nyaff 'unpleasant person']

something that is naff seems silly, especially because it is unfashionable or shows a lack of good taste ⇒ **tacky**:

ⓘ a really naff film

ⓘ Babur says the uniform makes him look naff.

II. **naff**² *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] verb

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: Perhaps from eff 'f', a way of avoiding saying fuck]

naff off *phrasal verb British English spoken informal*

used to tell someone rudely to go away

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