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- **1.** ['wɒf(ə)l] *п сл.*
 - 1. 1) ерунда, вздор, звучащие благоразумно
 - 2) двусмысленность
 - 2. трудная задача; опасное дело
 - 3. болтовня, трёп
 - 4. тип; (неприятная) личность
 - a mean old waffle мерзкий старикашка
- 2. ['wɒf(ə)l] V сл.
 - 1. болтать трепаться; говорить вздор
 - 2. разг.
 - 1) колебаться, сомневаться
 - 2) увиливать от прямого ответа

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waf·fle [waffle waffles waffled waffling] noun, verb BrE ['wpfl] [™] NAmE ['wa□jl [™] NAmE ['wo□jl[™]

noun

1. countable a crisp flat cake with a pattern of squares on both sides, often eaten with sweet sauce, cream, etc. on top

- a waffle iron (= for making [†]waffles with)
- 2. uncountable (BrE, informal) language that uses a lot of words but does not say anything important or interesting
 - The report is just full of waffle.

Word Origin:

v. and n. sense 2 late 17th cent. 'yap, yelp' waff 'yelp' n. sense 1 mid 18th cent. Dutch wafel ¹wafer

Example Bank:

- The report is full of meaningless waffle.
- · You have to sit through a lot of waffle about procedures.

verb

1. intransitive ~ (on) (about sth) (BrE, informal, disapproving) to talk or write using a lot of words but without saying anything interesting or important

- · The principal waffled on about exam results but no one was listening.
- If you want to sound professional- don't waffle.
- 2. intransitive ~ (on/over sth) (NAmE, informal) to be unable to decide what to do about sth or what you think about sth
 The senator was accused of waffling on major issues.
 - Verb forms: verb forma

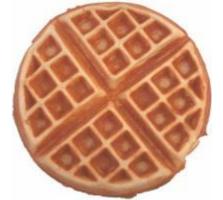
present simple	
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	BrE / 'work'
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he / she /it	waffles
	BrE / 'worlz/
	NAmE / 'wo:flz/
	NAmE / 'wo:flz/
past simple, past participle	waffled
	BrE / 'world/
	NAmE / wo:fld/
	NAmE / 'wo:fld/
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	BrE / 'woflag!
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I. waf file ¹ /'wpfəl \$ 'wa □ - BrE ^{**} AmE ^{**} noun [Date: 1700-1800; Language: Dutch; Origin: wafe]] Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.



1. [countable] a flat cake, marked with a pattern of deep squares

- 2. [uncountable] *British English informal* talk or writing that uses a lot of words but says nothing important **II. waffle** ² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *verb* [intransitive] *informal*
 - [Date: 1600-1700; Origin: woff 'to bark' (17-19 centuries), from the sound]
 - 1. *British English* (also waffle on) to talk or write using a lot of words but without saying anything important: Stop waffling and get to the point.
 - 2. American English informal to be unable to decide what action to take: He cannot continue to waffle on this issue.

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• talk to use words to communicate with someone about something: I need to talk to you about your work. | She always enjoyed talking to Jim. | Can we talk?

speak to talk. Speak is a little more formal than talk. You often use it when saying that someone speaks in a particular way, or that you will speak to someone in order to try to get something done. You only use speak when saying that someone speaks a language: He spoke with confidence and authority. | She was speaking quietly so she didn't disturb anyone. | I'd like to speak to the manager. | Do you speak German?

• go on/drone on/ramble to talk too much or for too long about something, in a way that makes people bored: He went on about how great the team was. | I'd better stop rambling and let you get on with your work.

• waffle /'wpfel \$ 'wa□- British English disapproving informal to talk using a lot of words but without saying anything important: I wish he would stop waffling and get to the point!

• prattle on *disapproving informal* to talk continuously about silly and unimportant things: She prattled on about her boyfriend for the entire journey. | What's he prattling on about now?

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