

**wail**

1. [weɪl] *n*

- 1. 1) вопль  
wail of anguish - крик боли
- 2) завывание; вой  
wail of the wind - завывание ветра
- 2. громкий плач, рыдание; причитание; стенания

2. [weɪl] *v*

- 1. 1) вопить; стонать
- 2) выть; завывать
- 2. (over, about) сетовать, жаловаться  
don't wail over/about/ your misfortunes - перестань плакаться (по поводу своих несчастий)
- 3. оплакивать; причитать, стенать  
to wail for /over/ one's dead - оплакивать мёртвых; причитать над покойником
- 4. *амер. сл.* играть на джазовом инструменте

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**wail** [wail wails wailed wailing] *verb, noun* *BrE* [weɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [weɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup>

*verb*

- 1. **intransitive** to make a long loud high cry because you are sad or in pain
  - The little girl was wailing miserably.
  - women wailing and weeping
- 2. **transitive, intransitive** to cry or complain about sth in a loud high voice

**Syn:** †moan

- † **speech** 'It's broken,' she wailed.
- ~ **(about sth)** There's no point wailing about something that happened so long ago.

- 3. **intransitive (of things)** to make a long high sound

- Ambulances raced by with sirens wailing.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	wail
	BrE /weɪl/
	NAmE /weɪl/
he / she /it	wails
	BrE /weɪlz/
	NAmE /weɪlz/
past simple, past participle	wailed
	BrE /weɪd/
	NAmE /weɪd/
-ing form	wailing
	BrE /weɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /weɪlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Norse; related to †woe.

Example Bank:

- A crowd of women followed the coffin, weeping and wailing.
- She wailed with despair.
- wailing for her dead husband
- 'It's broken!' she wailed.
- The cat was wailing to be let out.

Derived Word †wailing

*noun*

a long loud high cry expressing pain or sadness; a sound similar to this

**Syn:** †moan

- a wail of despair
- the distant wail of sirens
- The child let out a high-pitched wail.

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Example Bank:

- We could just hear the distant wail of a siren.
- With a wail he threw himself on the bed and buried his face in the pillow.
- He let out a wail of anguish.

**wail**/weɪ/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: From a Scandinavian language]

- [transitive]** to say something in a loud, sad, and complaining way:  
‘But what shall I do?’ Bernard wailed.
- [intransitive]** to cry out with a long high sound, especially because you are very sad or in pain:  
Somewhere behind them a child began to wail.
- [intransitive]** to make a long high sound:  
The wind wailed in the chimney.

—**wail** *noun* [countable]:

the wail of police sirens

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**THESAURUS**

- **cry** to produce tears from your eyes: Don’t cry – everything will be all right! | Men aren’t supposed to cry.
- **cry your eyes out** *especially spoken* to cry a lot and for a long time: I cried my eyes out when I watched ‘Titanic’.
- **be in tears** to be crying: By the end of his story, we were all in tears.
- **be close to tears** to be almost crying: You could see that she was close to tears.
- **weep** *literary* to cry, especially for a long time: His mother put her head on the table and wept.
- **sob** to cry, taking sudden loud breaths: I could hear someone sobbing in the next room.
- **wail** /weɪ/ to cry very loudly in a high voice: The baby started wailing for its mother.
- **whimper** /ˈwɪmpə \$ -ər/ to cry quietly and weakly: She began rocking to and fro, whimpering softly.
- **hold/fight back the tears** to make a big effort not to cry: She told her story, struggling to hold back the tears.
- **your eyes water** if your eyes water, they have tears in them, for example because of smoke, wind, or when you are cutting onions: The onions were making my eyes water.

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