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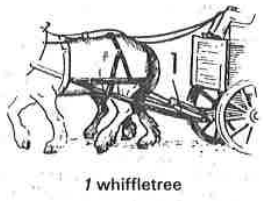
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whiff-fet \ˈwɪ-fət, ˈwi-ˌn [prob. alter. of whippet] (1839): a small, young, or unimportant person  
whiff-ful \ˈwɪ-fəl, ˈwi-ˌn vb whiff-ful; whiff-ful \-f(ə-)lɪŋ [prob. freq. of whiff] vi (1568) 1 a of the wind: to blow unsteadily or in gusts b VACILLATE 2: to emit or produce a light whistling or puffing sound ~ vt: to blow, disperse, emit, or expel with or as if with a whiff  
whiff-ler \ˈwɪ-flər, ˈwi-ˌn [alter. of earlier wifler, fr. obs. wiffle battle-axe] (1539) Brit: one that clears the way for a procession  
whiff-ler \ˈwɪ-flər, ˈwi-ˌn [whiffle] (1607) 1: a person who frequently changes opinions or course 2: a person who uses shifts and evasions in argument  
whiff-letree \ˈwɪ-fəl-(ə-)trē, ˈwi-ˌn [alter. of whippetree] (ca. 1806): the pivoted swinging bar to which the traces of a harness are fastened and by which a vehicle or implement is drawn  
Whig \ˈwɪɡ, ˈwɪɡ n [short for Whiggamore, member of a Scottish group that marched to Edinburgh in 1648 to oppose the court party] (ca. 1680) 1: a member or supporter of a major British political group of the late 17th through early 19th centuries seeking to limit the royal authority and increase parliamentary power — compare TORY 2: an American favoring independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution 3: a member or supporter of an American political party formed about 1834 in opposition to the Jacksonian Democrats, associated chiefly with manufacturing, commercial, and financial interests, and succeeded about 1854 by the Republican party — Whig adj — Whig-gism \ˈwɪ-ɡi-zəm n  
Whig-gery \ˈwɪ-ɡə-ri, ˈwi-ˌn (1714): the principles or practices of Whigs  
Whig-gish \ˈwɪ-ɡɪʃ, ˈwi-ˌn adj (1684) 1: characteristic of Whigs or Whiggery 2: of, relating to, or characterized by a view which holds that history follows a path of inevitable progression and improvement and which judges the past in light of the present  
whig-ma-lee-rie \ˈwɪ-ɡ-mə-ˈli-ri, ˈwi-ˌn [origin unknown] (1730) 1 chiefly Scot: WHIM 2 chiefly Scot: an odd or fanciful contrivance: GIMCRACK  
while \ˈwaɪl(ə), ˈwi(ə)l n [ME, fr. OE hwil; akin to OHG hwila time, L quies rest, quiet] (bef. 12c) 1: a period of time esp. when short and marked by the occurrence of an action or a condition: TIME (stay here for a ~) 2: the time and effort used (as in the performance of an action): TROUBLE (worth your ~)  
while conj (12c) 1 a: during the time that (take a nap ~ I'm out) b: as long as (~ there's life there's hope) 2 a: when on the other hand: WHEREAS (easy for an expert, ~ it is dangerous for a novice) b: in spite of the fact that: ALTHOUGH (~ respected, he is not liked) 3: similarly and at the same time that (~ the book will be welcomed by scholars, it will make an immediate appeal to the general reader — Brit. Book News)  
while prep (15c) dial Brit: UNTIL  
while vt whiled; whiling (1635): to cause to pass esp. without boredom or in a pleasant manner — usu. used with away (~ away the time)  
whiles \ˈwaɪl(ə)z, ˈwi(ə)l z conj [ME, fr. while + -s, adv. suffix — more at WHENCE] (13c) archaic: WHILE  
whiles adv (15c) chiefly Scot: SOMETIMES  
whil-lom \ˈwɪ-ləm, ˈwi-ˌn adv [ME, lit., at times, fr. OE hwilum, dat. pl. of hwil time, while] (13c) archaic: FORMERLY  
whilom adj (1837): FORMER  
whilst \ˈwɪl(ə)lst, ˈwi(ə)lst conj [ME whilst, alter. of whiles] (14c) chiefly Brit: WHILE  
whim \ˈwɪm, ˈwɪm n [short for whim-wham] (1697) 1: a capricious or eccentric and often sudden idea or turn of the mind: FANCY 2: a large capstan that is made with one or more radiating arms to which a horse may be yoked and that is used in mines for raising ore or water SYN see CAPRICE  
whim-brel \ˈwɪm-brəl, ˈwɪm-ˌn [origin unknown] (ca. 1531): a small curlew (Numenius phaeopus) chiefly of the northern regions of No. America and Eurasia; broadly: any small curlew  
whim-per \ˈwɪm-pər, ˈwɪm-ˌn vb whim-pered; whim-per-ing \-p(ə-)rɪŋ [imit.] (1513) 1: to make a low whining plaintive or broken sound 2: to complain or protest with or as if with a whimper  
whimper n (ca. 1700) 1: a whimpering cry or sound 2: a petulant complaint or protest  
whim-si-cal \ˈwɪm-zɪ-kəl, ˈwɪm-ˌn adj [whimsy] (1653) 1: full of, actuated by, or exhibiting whims 2 a: resulting from or characterized by whim or caprice; esp: lightly fanciful b: subject to erratic behavior or unpredictable change — whim-si-cal-ly \ˈwɪm-zə-ˈkəl-ē, ˈwɪm-ˌn — whim-si-cal-ly \-kəl-nəs n  
whim-sy also whim-sey \ˈwɪm-zɪ, ˈwɪm-ˌn pl whimsies also whim-seys [irreg. fr. whim-wham] (1605) 1: WHIM, CAPRICE 2: the quality or state of being whimsical or fanciful (the designer's new line showed a touch of ~) 3: a fanciful or fantastic device, object, or creation esp. in writing or art  
whim-wham \ˈwɪm-ˌhwam, ˈwɪm-ˌwam n [origin unknown] (1500) 1: a whimsical object or device esp. of ornament or dress 2: FANCY. WHIM 3 pl: JITTERS  
whin \ˈwɪn, ˈwɪn n [ME whyne, of Scand origin; akin to Norw kvein bent grass] (15c): GORSE  
whin-chat \ˈwɪn-ˌtʃæt, ˈwɪn-ˌn [whin] (1678): a small brown and buff European singing bird (Saxicola rubetra) of grassy meadows  
whine \ˈwaɪn, ˈwi-ˌn vb whined; whining [ME, fr. OE hwinan to whiz; akin to ON hwinna to whiz] vi (13c) 1 a: to utter a high-pitched plaintive or distressed cry b: to make a sound similar to such a cry (the wind whined in the chimney) 2: to complain with or as if with a whine 3: to move or proceed with the sound of a whine (the bullet whined... across the ice — Berton Rouche) ~ vt: to utter or express with or as if with a whine — whiner n — whining-ly \ˈwɪ-nɪŋ-lē,



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whine n (1633) 1 a: a prolonged high-pitched cry usu. expressive of distress or pain b: a sound resembling such a cry 2: a complaint uttered with or as if with a whine — whiny or whin-ey \ˈwɪ-nē, ˈwi-ˌn adj  
whing-ding \ˈwɪŋ-dɪŋ, ˈwɪŋ-ˌn [by alter.] (ca. 1945): WINGDING  
whinge \ˈwɪŋɪŋ, ˈwɪŋ-ˌn vi whinged; whing-ing or whinge-ing [fr. (assumed) ME, fr. OE hwinian; akin to OHG winson to moan] (12c) Brit: to complain fretfully: WHINE  
whin-ny \ˈwɪ-nē, ˈwi-ˌn vb whin-nied; whin-ny-ing [prob. imit.] vi (1530): to neigh esp. in a low or gentle way ~ vt: to utter with or as if with a whinny  
whinny n, pl whinnies (ca. 1823) 1: the neigh of a horse esp. when low or gentle 2: a sound resembling a neigh  
whin-stone \ˈwɪn-stən, ˈwɪn-ˌn [whin, a hard rock] (1513): basaltic rock: TRAP; also: any of various other dark resistant rocks (as chert)  
whip \ˈwɪp, ˈwɪp vb whipped; whipping [ME wippen, whippen; akin to MD wippen to move up and down, sway, OE wipian to wipe] vt (14c) 1: to take, pull, snatch, jerk, or otherwise move very quickly and forcefully (whipped out his gun — Green Peyton) 2 a (1): to strike with a slender lithe implement (as a lash or rod) esp. as a punishment (2): SPANK b: to drive or urge on by or as if by using a whip c: to strike as a lash does (rain whipped the pavement) 3 a: to bind or wrap (as a rope or fishing rod) with cord for protection and strength b: to wind or wrap around something 4: to belabor with stinging words: ABUSE 5: to seam or hem with shallow overcasting stitches 6: to overcome decisively: DEFEAT 7: to stir up: INCITE — usu. used with up (trying to ~ up a new emotion — Ellen Glasgow) 8: to produce in a hurry — usu. used with up (a sketch... an artist might ~ up — N.Y. Times) 9: to fish (water) with rod, line, and artificial lure 10: to beat (as eggs or cream) into a froth with a utensil (as a whisk or fork) 11: to gather together or hold together for united action in the manner of a party whip ~ vt 1: to proceed nimbly or quickly (whipping through the supper dishes — C. B. Davis) 2: to thrash about flexibly in the manner of a whiplash (a flag... whipping out from its staff — H. A. Calahan) — whip-per n — whip into shape: to bring forcefully to a desired state or condition  
whip n (14c) 1: an instrument consisting usu. of a handle and lash forming a flexible rod that is used for whipping 2: a stroke or cut with or as if with a whip 3 a: a dessert made by whipping a portion of the ingredients (prune ~) b: a kitchen utensil made of braided or coiled wire or perforated metal with a handle and used in whipping 4: one that handles a whip: as a: a driver of horses: COACHMAN b: WHIPPER-IN 1 5 a: a member of a legislative body appointed by a political party to enforce party discipline and to secure the attendance of party members at important sessions b often cap: a notice of forthcoming business sent weekly to each member of a political party in the British House of Commons 6: a whipping or thrashing motion 7: the quality of resembling a whip esp. in being flexible 8: a flexible vertical rod radio antenna — called also whip antenna — whip-like \ˈwɪp-ˌlɪk, ˈwɪp-ˌlɪk adj  
whip-cord \ˈwɪp-kɔrd, ˈwɪp-ˌn [fr. its use in making whips] (14c) 1: a thin tough cord made of braided or twisted hemp or catgut 2: a cloth that is made of hard-twisted yarns and has fine diagonal cords or ribs  
whip hand n (1680) 1: positive control: ADVANTAGE 2: the hand holding the whip in driving  
whip in vt (1742) 1: to collect or keep together (members of a political party) for legislative action 2: to keep (hounds in a pack) from scattering by use of a whip  
whip-lash \ˈwɪp-ləʃ, ˈwɪp-ˌn (ca. 1580) 1: the lash of a whip 2: something resembling a blow from a whip (the ~ of fear — R. S. Banay) 3: WHIPLASH INJURY  
whiplash injury n (ca. 1953): injury resulting from a sudden sharp whipping movement of the neck and head (as of a person in a vehicle that is struck head-on or from the rear by another vehicle)  
whip-per-in \ˈwɪp-pər-ɪn, ˈwɪ-ˌn pl whip-pers-in \-pɔr-ˌn (1739) 1: a huntsman's assistant who whips in the hounds 2: WHIP 5a  
whip-per-snap-per \ˈwɪp-pər-snə-pər, ˈwi-ˌn [alter. of snippersnapper] (1700): a diminutive, insignificant, or presumptuous person  
whip-pet \ˈwɪp-pət, ˈwi-ˌn [prob. fr. whip] (1610): any of a breed of small swift slender dogs that are widely used for racing  
whipping n (1540) 1: the act of one that whips: as a: a severe beating or chastisement b: a stitching with small overcasting stitches 2: material used to whip or bind  
whipping boy n (1647) 1: a boy formerly educated with a prince and punished in his stead 2: SCAPEGOAT 2  
whipping cream n (1921): a cream suitable for whipping that by law contains not less than 30 percent butterfat  
whipping post n (1600): a post to which offenders are tied to be legally whipped  
whip-ple-tree \ˈwɪp-pəl-(ə-)trē, ˈwi-ˌn [perh. irreg. fr. whip + tree] (1733): WHIFFLETREE  
whip-poor-will \ˈwɪp-pər-ˌwɪl, ˈwɪp-pər-ˌ, ˈwi-, ˈwi-ˌn [imit.] (1709): a nocturnal nightjar (Caprimulgus vociferus) of eastern No. America with a loud repeated call suggestive of its name  
whip-py \ˈwɪp-pē, ˈwi-ˌn adj whip-pier; -est (1867) 1: unusually resilient: SPRINGY (a ~ fishing rod) 2: of, relating to, or resembling a whip  
whip-round \ˈwɪp-ˌraʊnd, ˈwɪp-ˌn (1887) chiefly Brit: a collection of money made usu. for a benevolent purpose (had a ~ to help the couple pay for a Paris honeymoon — The People)



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