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swinger

[**swing-er**] [Show IPA](#)

-noun

1. a person or thing that swings.
2. *Slang* . a lively, active, and modern person whose activities are fashionable or trendy.
3. *Slang* .
 - a. a person who indulges in promiscuous sex.
 - b. a person who engages in the exchanging of spouses for sexual activities.

Origin:

1535-45 for def. 1; 1955-60 for def. 2; [swing¹](#) + [-er¹](#)

swing¹

[**swing**] [Show IPA](#)

,**verb**, swung, swing-ing, **noun**, **adjective**

-verb (used with object)

1. to cause to move to and fro, sway, or oscillate, as something suspended from above: *to swing one's arms in walking*.
2. to cause to move in alternate directions or in either direction around a fixed point, on an axis, or on a line of support, as a door on hinges.
3. to move (the hand or something held) with an oscillating or rotary movement: *to swing one's fists; to swing a club around one's head*.
4. *Aeronautics* . to pull or turn (a propeller) by hand, esp. in order to start the engine.
5. to turn in a new direction in a curve, as if around a central point: *to swing the car into the driveway*.
6. to suspend so as to hang freely, as a hammock or a door.
7. *Informal* . to influence or win over; manage or arrange as desired: *to swing votes; to swing a business deal*.
8. to direct, change, or shift (one's interest, opinion, support, etc.).
9. to turn (a ship or aircraft) to various headings in order to check compass deviation.

-verb (used without object)

10. to move or sway to and fro, as a pendulum or other suspended object.
11. to move to and fro in a swing, as for recreation.
12. to move in alternate directions or in either direction around a point, an axis, or a line of support, as a gate on its hinges.
13. to move in a curve, as around a corner or central point: *The highway swings to the east*.
14. to move with a free, swaying motion, as soldiers on the march.
15. to be suspended so as to hang freely, as a bell or hammock.

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to change or shift one's attention, interest, opinion, condition, etc.: *He swung from mere indifference to outright scorn.*

- 18.** to hit at someone or something, with the hand or something grasped in the hand: *The batter swung and struck out.*
- 19.** *Slang* .
- a.** to be characterized by a modern, lively atmosphere: *Las Vegas swings all year.*
 - b.** to be stylish, trendy, hip, etc., esp. in pursuing enjoyment.
 - c.** to engage uninhibitedly in sexual activity.
 - d.** (of married couples) to exchange partners for sexual activity.
- 20.** *Informal* . to suffer death by hanging: *He'll swing for the crime.*

–noun

- 21.** the act, manner, or progression of swinging; movement in alternate directions or in a particular direction.
- 22.** the amount or extent of such movement: *to correct the swing of a pendulum.*
- 23.** a curving movement or course.
- 24.** a moving of the body with a free, swaying motion, as in walking.
- 25.** a blow or stroke with the hand or an object grasped in the hands: *His swing drove the ball over the fence.*
- 26.** a change or shift in attitude, opinion, behavior, etc.
- 27.** a steady, marked rhythm or movement, as of verse or music.
- 28.** a regular upward or downward movement in the price of a commodity or of a security, or in any business activity.
- 29.** *Informal* .
- a.** a work period coming between the regular day and night shifts.
 - b.** a change by a group of workers from working one shift to working another.
- 30.** freedom of action: *to have free swing in carrying out a project.*
- 31.** active operation; progression: *to get into the swing of things.*
- 32.** something that is swung or that swings.
- 33.** a seat suspended from above by means of a loop of rope or between ropes or rods, on which one may sit and swing to and fro for recreation.
- 34.** the maximum diameter of the work machinable in a certain lathe or other machine tool.

–adjective

- 35.** of or pertaining to a swing.
- 36.** capable of determining the outcome, as of an election; deciding: *the swing vote.*
- 37.** designed or constructed to permit swinging or hanging.
- 38.** acting to relieve other workers when needed, as at night.

–Idioms

- 39.** in full swing, operating at the highest speed or level of activity; in full operation: *Automobile production is in full swing.*
- 40.** swing round the circle, to tour an area on a political campaign.
- 41.** take a swing at, to strike or attempt to strike with the fist: *to take a swing at a rude waiter.*

Origin:

bef. 900; ME *swingen* (v.), OE *swigan*; c. G *schwingen*

–Related forms

swing-a-ble, *adjective*

–Synonyms

10. SWING, SWAY, OSCILLATE, ROCK suggest a movement back and forth. SWING expresses the comparatively regular motion to and fro of a body supported from the end or ends, esp. from above: *A lamp swings from the ceiling.* To SWAY is to swing gently and is used esp. of fixed objects or of persons: *Young oaks sway in the breeze.* OSCILLATE refers to the smooth, regular, alternating movement of a body within certain limits between two fixed points. ROCK indicates

swing² [swing]  [Show IPA](#)**,noun, adjective, verb**, swung, swing·ing.**-noun**

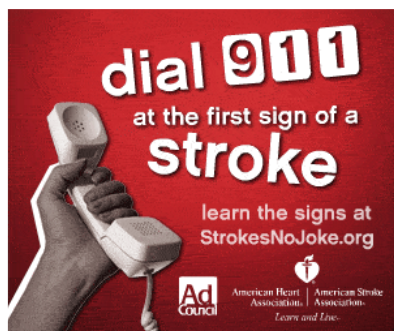

1. Also called Big Band music, swing music. a style of jazz, popular esp. in the 1930s and often arranged for a large dance band, marked by a smoother beat and more flowing phrasing than Dixieland and having less complex harmonies and rhythms than modern jazz.
2. the rhythmic element that excites dancers and listeners to move in time to jazz music.

-adjective

3. of, pertaining to, or characteristic of swing: *a swing record*.


-verb (used with object)

4. to play (music) in the style of swing.

Origin:special use of [swing](#)¹**swinge**¹ [swinj]  [Show IPA](#)**-verb (used with object)**, swung, swinge·ing. *British Dialect*. to thrash; punish.**Origin:**1250–1300; ME *swengen* to shake, smite, OE *swengan*, causative of *swingan* to swing, or denominative deriv. of OE *sweng* a blow**-Related forms**swing·er [swin-jer]  [Show IPA](#)**, noun**

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1. a person regarded as being modern and lively
2. a person who swaps sexual partners in a group, esp habitually

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public opinion" is from 1899. The meaning "variety of big dance-band music with a swinging rhythm" is first recorded 1933, though the sense has been traced back to 1888; its heyday was from mid-30s to mid-40s. Swinging "uninhibited" dates from 1958; and swinger "person who is lively in an unrestrained way" is from 1965. Both had various other slang senses traceable to 1590s. Swing shift first recorded 1941, typically 4 p.m. to midnight. Phrase in full swing "in total effect or operation" (1570) is probably from bell-ringing.

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swing definition

A kind of [jazz](#) generally played by a "Big Band" and characterized by a lively [rhythm](#) suitable for dancing. The bands of Count [Basie](#), Duke [Ellington](#), Benny [Goodman](#), and Glenn [Miller](#) played swing.

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Slang Dictionary

swing definition

1. in.
[for a person] to be up to date and modern. : *Tom really swings. Look at those blue suede shoes!*
2. in.
[for a party or other event] to be fun or exciting. : *I've never been to a gathering that swings like this one.*
3. in.
to be involved in sexual fads, group sex, or the swapping of sexual partners. : *Carol says that Tom, Ted, and Heidi swing. How does she know?*

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1. n.
a person who participates in innovative sexual activities. (See also [swing](#).) : *We watched a movie about a swinger, but everything interesting happened in dim blue light.*
2. n.
a youthful, socially active, and knowledgeable person. : *Tom is a swinger. Look at those mod shoes.*

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