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tusk¹  (tŭsk)

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n.

1. An elongated pointed tooth, usually one of a pair, extending outside of the mouth in certain animals such as the walrus, elephant, or wild boar.
2. A long projecting tooth or toothlike part.

tr. & intr.v. **tusked**, **tusk-ing**, **tusks**

To gore or dig with the tusks or a tusk.

[Middle English *tux*, *tusce*, from Old English *tūx*, *tūsc*, canine tooth; see **dent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

tusked *adj.*



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tusk1

of an African elephant

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tusk²  (tŭsk)

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n.

See [cusk](#).

[Of North Germanic origin; akin to dialectal Norwegian *tosk* and Faroese *toskur*, cod, both from Old Norse *thorskr*; see **ters-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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