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hawk¹ (hōk)

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n.

1. Any of various birds of prey, especially of the genera *Accipiter* and *Buteo* in the family Accipitridae, characteristically having a short hooked bill and strong claws used for seizing.

2. Any of various similar birds of prey.

3. A person who preys on others; a shark.

4.

a. One who demonstrates an actively aggressive or combative attitude, as in an argument.

b. A person who favors military force or action in order to carry out foreign policy.

intr.v. **hawked**, **hawk·ing**, **hawks**

1. To hunt with trained hawks.

2. To swoop and strike in the manner of a hawk: "It was fun to watch the scattered snail kites ... lifting and falling in the wind as they hawked across the shining grass and water" ([Peter Matthiessen](#)).

[Middle English *hawk*, from Old English *hafoc*; see **kap-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

hawk ish *adj.*

hawk ish·ly *adv.*

hawk ish·ness *n.*

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hawk² (hōk)

Share:

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v. **hawked**, **hawk·ing**, **hawks**

v.intr.

To peddle goods aggressively, especially by calling out.

v.tr.

To peddle (goods) aggressively, especially by calling out.

[Middle English *hauken*, back-formation from *hawker*; see [HAWKER](#).]

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v. **hawked**, **hawk·ing**, **hawks**

v.intr.

To clear or attempt to clear the throat by or as if by coughing up phlegm.

v.tr.

To clear the throat of (phlegm).

n.

An audible effort to clear the throat by expelling phlegm.

[Imitative.]

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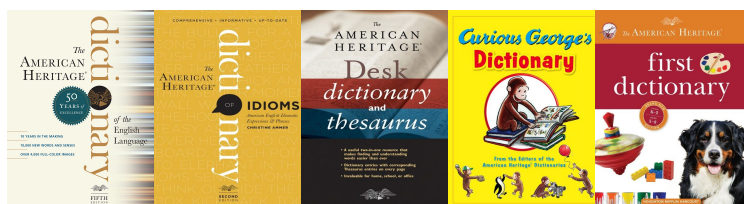
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