

Are you a wag?

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“Wag” (sacudir, mover, menear) is a verb you may know. Some examples:

- The dog wagged its tail (el perro sacudió la cola).
- Mr. Podemos wagged his finger at Mrs. Merkel (...hizo un gesto admonitorio con el dedo a...)
- Mr. Sanchez was shouting and wagging his finger at Mr. Casado (...gritaba y movía el dedo arriba y abajo a...).

As a noun, here are some examples:

- The dog gave a wag of its tail (el perro sacudió la cola).
- Mr. Trump is a wag.

Are you a wag? Probably, sometimes. A wag is a witty person, a joker or a humourist. In Spanish, you might say “bromista”. Another example:

- Mr. Morales makes me laugh: he is a wag (Mr. Morales me hace reír: es muy ingenioso).

There are also two expressions that use wag:

- Tongues will wag (se dará a hablar).
- Tongues are wagging about the relationship between Mr. Putin and Mr. Trump (las malas lenguas hablaban de las relaciones entre el Señor Putin y el Señor Trump).

So, perhaps, sometimes you are a wag, and sometimes you wag your finger at someone, and sometimes people are wagging about you. That is life!