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1 bulldog

noun | bull-dog | \ˈbɪl-,dɒg also ˈbɛl-\

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: a short, strong, muscular dog with short hair, short legs, and a wide square head

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Full Definition of BULLDOG

- 1 : any of a breed of compact muscular short-haired dogs having widely separated forelegs and an undershot lower jaw that were developed in England to fight [bulls](#)
 - 2 : a handgun with a thick usually short barrel
 - 3 : a proctor's attendant at an English university
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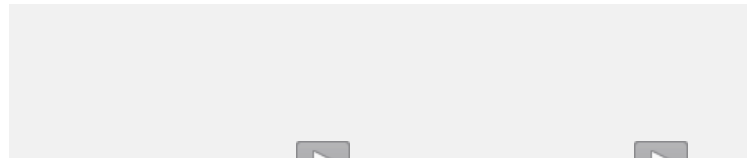


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a sudden violent wind

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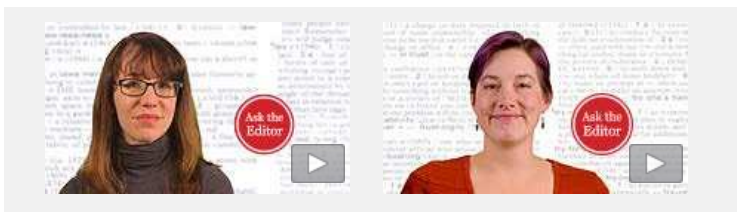
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It is? Or sho
It's? 😊



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Lay vs. Lie

'Try and' vs. 'Try to'



First Known Use of BULLDOG

circa 1500

²bulldog

adjective

Definition of BULLDOG

: suggestive of a bulldog <*bulldog* tenacity>

First Known Use of BULLDOG

1816

Rhymes with BULLDOG

backlog, bandog, befog, bird dog, bird-dog, bullfrog, corn dog, coydog, defog, eclogue, feed dog, firelog, gas log, groundhog, guide dog, ...

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³bulldog

verb

Definition of BULLDOG

transitive verb

: to throw (a steer) by seizing the horns and twisting the neck

— **bull-dog-ger** | *noun*

— **bull-dog-ging** | *noun*

First Known Use of BULLDOG

1905

BULLDOG Defined for Kids

bulldog

noun | bull·dog | ˈbl-,dg\

Definition of BULLDOG for Kids

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Name That Thing



True or False?



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: a dog of English origin with short hair and a stocky powerful build

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