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yack, v.

(j&k) Also **yak**. [Echoic, or f. [yack n.](#)]

intr. **a.** *rare*. To make a snapping sound (cf. [yack n.](#) 1).

1873 W. Cory *Lett. & Jrnls.* (1897) 318 He opens his beak, and yacks like the young jackdaw.

b. To engage in trivial or unduly persistent conversation; to chatter.

1950 'P. Quentin' *Follower* v. 38 Yakked a lot. Know how she is. Talk your ear off.+ She yakked on about you being in South America. **1955** 'H. Robbins' *Stone for Danny Fisher* i. ix. 65, I was busy yakking with a broad. **1956** W. H. Whyte *Organization Man* (1957) xxvi. 359 Four or five of the girls and their kids will be yakking away. **1958** T. Roethke *Let.* 16 Aug. (1970) 220 I've spent nearly the whole of three sessions with my doctor yakking about you. **1958** L. Whishaw *As far as You'll take Me* iv. 47 Didn't have any breakfast, too busy yakking about women. **1977** J. Porter *Who the Heck is Sylvia?* vi. 57 She should have acted first and yacked about it afterwards. **1981** J. Trenhaile *Kyril* xix. 142 Those two will yak all day.

Hence **"yacking, yakking** *vbl. n.* and *ppl. a.*

1959 'S. Ransome' *I'll die for You* ii. 29 She could sit at any bar+, with an ear out for all the yakking that goes on, and pick up any amount of gossip. **1971** *Time* 7 June 31/1 [The ability] to switch away from yakking actresses and the necessity of having yakking starlets for the ratings. **1976** N. Freeling *Lake Isle* xxvii. 192 Shop~keepers+yelling in the street at yakking housewives. **1977** *N.Y. Rev. Bks.* 12 May 6/4 The sound which emerges from the pages is that of the yakking of debutantes.