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yackety, *int.*

("j&kltl) Also **yackity, yaketty, yakkety, yakkity**. [Echoic.]

Expressing the sound of incessant chatter. Usu. reduplicated or with *ya(c)k*.

**1953** Berrey & Van den Bark *Amer. Thes. Slang* (1954) §189/2 Idle talk; chatter.+ Yackety-yack,+yacketty-yacketty. **1955** M. Millar *Beast in View* vi. 93 She+parks herself in the phone booth, and there she sits, yackity, yackity, yackity. **1959** S. Gibbons *Pink Front Door* iii. 36 She went yaketty-yak to Katy. **1959** L. Smith *One Hour* (1960) xviii. 231 The TV going yakkety yak. **1959** 'J. Welcome' *Stop at Nothing* vii. 113 Mildred+has been going yackety yack-yack about you to some purpose. **1976** *Billings* (Montana) *Gaz.* 26 June 5-b/5 I'm talking away, yakkity yak, and he started gasping for breath. **1982** D. Bagley *Windfall* xxix. 288 The Sergeant+only talks when he has something to say. Everybody else goes yaketty-yack all the time.

Also %**yackety-"yack(ety** *n.* = [yack \*n.\*](#) 2a; *v. intr.* = [yack \*v.\*](#); %**yackety-"yack(et)ing** *vbl. n.* and *ppl. a.*

**1953** M. Dickens *No More Meadows* iv. 185 Our laundry's full of yackety-yacketing women this morning. **1958** *Observer* 15 June 15/7 A muddle-headed momma+who knows no better than to drive away her husband+by constant yackety-yack and pleas to stay at home. **1959** *Woman* 6 June 10/1 For once the place will be free of giggles and girlish yakitty-yak. **1960** *N.Y. Times Bk. Rev.* 3 July 1 (*heading*) How to dig the hips' yackety-yak. **1976** *Billings* (Montana) *Gaz.* 26 June b-14/8 A man working alone could never have enjoyed 'chewing the fat and the yakety yaking and drinking coffee'.