

WAVE

wave (way.v) n-s 1. A ridge that advances and recedes whenever the surface of the sea rises and falls. 2. A large, looming form that tilts and slides. 3. The motion that makes the shining crest burst, a transparent sheet of its pale-green water spilling over the top that breaks into the blue-white foam that cascades down the front of the wave and collapses into the curve that carries it to the shore. 4. A movement that occurs with some degree of regularity. 5. On the surface of the sea, a ripple of infinity.

Synonyms: billow, breaker, comber, surf, surge. A swelling of the sea. Wave is used more often for the forward momentum than the form that flashes with sunlight, seaweed and shells.