

**Kerfuffle**

**Doohickey**

# Etymology Project

**Noel** BY KEARSTEN  
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**Hoosegow**

**Ragamuffin**

# Kerfuffle > kər'fəfəl

- ▶ It originated in the UK
- ▶ Noun; Commotion, disorder, agitation
- ▶ Verb; to put into disorder or disarray
- ▶ Synonyms include: Commotion or fuss

**Example:**



# Doohickey > 'doo hikē

- ▶ It originated in North America and is informal
- ▶ Noun: A small object or gadget that the speaker does no recall or doesn't know
- ▶ Similar phrases include: so and so, whatever it's called.



# Noel > nō'el/

- ▶ It originated in France and comes from the saying Joyeux Noel
- ▶ It means: Christmas especially in carols and Christmas cards
- ▶ Synonyms: Ballad or Christmas song



# Ragamuffin > 'rage məfən

It is also a breed of cat

It originated in Middle England as Ragamoffyn, as the name of the demon in the poem Piers Plowman

- ▶ Synonyms include: urchin, guttersnipe, or street kid
- ▶ A person usually a child that is in ragged and dirty clothes



# Hoosgow > 'hōosgou

- ▶ It originated in North America and it is Informal English
- ▶ Noun: A prison
- ▶ Synonyms: Jail, Doghouse



# Resources

- ▶ <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/ragamuffin>
- ▶ <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/kerfuffle>
- ▶ <http://www.thesaurus.com/browse/noel>
- ▶ <https://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20061216164521AAIsJQB>
- ▶ [https://www.google.com/search?q=ragamuffin&espv=2&biw=1517&bih=752&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=ffBIVZHFM479oQT27YD4DA&ved=0CAYQ\\_AUoAQ&dpr=0.9&safe=active&ssui=on#safe=active&tbm=isch&q=noel](https://www.google.com/search?q=ragamuffin&espv=2&biw=1517&bih=752&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=ffBIVZHFM479oQT27YD4DA&ved=0CAYQ_AUoAQ&dpr=0.9&safe=active&ssui=on#safe=active&tbm=isch&q=noel)
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