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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(verb) FAF

Waste time by ineffectual activity or doing unimportant tasks, dither.

If members of a political partyâ€™Sinn Feinâ€™hesitate and**faff** around and cannot condemn, as the hon. Gentleman rightly did, a vicious, nasty, murderous attack on a Catholic recruit in Ballymena, and instead sit on the fence, intimidation will continue.

Lady Hermon, *Hansard* (pt. 20, c. 691), 10 February 2003. *Hansard*

MR PRATT: Do you not recall that it was Minister Corbell who **faffed** around for two years on the realignment issue, adding to the other delays, some of which were out of your control?

MR HARGREAVES: I remember nothing of the sort, Mr Pratt. Mr Corbell doesnâ€™t**faff** around, but you do.

Extract from the *Transcript of Evidence of the Legislative Assembly for The Australian Capital Territory, Select Committee On Estimates 2006-2007*, 23 June 2006. *Australian Hansard*

Luckily, the cosmos has decided to deliver a kick up your elegantly attired back end, making it nigh impossible to **faff** about any longer.

Neil Spencer, *The Observer* (horoscope), 3 July 2005. *The Observer*

"I just **faff** around. I'm amazed how little I manage to get done, given the time I've got to do it."

Iain Banks, quoted in an article by Colin Hughes, *The Guardian*, 7 August 1999, *Guardian* reporting on an interview with Banks, discussing the novel, *The Business*.