

# Argle-Bargle



Argle-bargle is **meaningless nonsense**. If you ask a politician and they respond in a confusing, inconsistent manner, then you can say their answer is nothing but *argle-bargle*. It's more common to hear the word *argle-bargle* in **Great Britain** rather than in the US, but wherever you are, it's an effective way to refer to gibberish or foolish talk. You can also use the word to mean an **argument** or **quarrel**. In effect, *argle-bargle* comes from the 1580s word *argle*, "to argue obstinately," which might be a combination of *argue* and *haggle*. The variation *argy-bargy* comes from a Scottish rhyme.