

BACKWARD/BACKWARDS

Backwards is the more common of the two (45 out of 58) almost always used as an adverb. **Backward** is used less frequently (12 out of 58) as an adjective. One instance of **backwardness**. Possible inconsistencies include:

NN-MS-03, .p58

"the high moon rushing **backward** with frightful speed"

SL-MSY-2, .p119

"the body and head of a man projecting **backward** as it were"

OIMSPR22, .p377

"He made only about three steps **backward** but"

TYPMSAF1, .p45

"that he made more than one step **backwards**"

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AF-MS-05, p.18

He gazed into her eyes hungrily for a
minute and let her go with a sigh then
laying down in the canoe he put his
head on her knees, gazing upwards and
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stretching his arms **backwards** till
his hands met round the girls waist.

AF-MS-05, .p25

Fortune seemed
to elude his grasp, and in his weary tramp
backwards and forwards under the steady-falling
rain from the lowering sky a sort of despairing
indifference crept over him.

AF-MS-12, .p35

The crowd massed in a semi circle before
the steps of {op"}Almayer's Folly" swayed silently
backwards and forwards and opened out before
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the group of white robed and turbaned
men advancing through the grass towards
the house.

AF-TSR05, .p86

He looked into her eyes eagerly for a minute and let her
go with a sigh, then lying down in the canoe he put his head on
her knees, gazing upwards and stretching his arms **backwards** till
his hands met round the girl's waist.

AF-TSR05, .p92

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grasp; and in his weary tramp **backwards** and forwards under the
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the steady rain falling from the lowering sky a sort of despairing
indifference took possession of him.

AF-TSR12, .p279

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The crowd massed in a semi circle before the steps of

{op"}Almayer's Folly" swayed silently **backwards** and forwards and opened out before the group of white robed and turbaned men advancing through the grass towards the house.

CHNTYR14,

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She screamed out all

at once {op"} You mustn't speak like this of Papa!"

The effort of it uprooted her from that spot where her little feet seemed dug deep into the thick luxurious carpet

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and she retreated **backwards** to a distant part of the room, hearing herself repeat {op"} You mustn't, you mustn't as if it were somebody else screaming.

UWE-MS24, .p669

It

remained quite still after alighting, one

hind leg stretched **backwards** and

the very tip of its tail moving slightly.

UWE-MS24, .p747

Afterwards he glanced **backwards**

and forwards at us both,

while the faint commencement of a forced smile

followed by the suspicion of a

slight frown vanished one after

another: I detected

them, though neither could

have been noticed by a

person less intensely bent

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upon divining him, than

myself.

UWETSR24, .p314

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alighting, one hind leg stretched **backwards**.

UWETSR24, .p348

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though neither could have been noticed by a person less intensely bent upon divining him, than myself.

VICTPR42, .p519

By that time, walking **backwards**, his eyes, his very throat, strained with fearful excitement, his extended arm still pointing at the curtain, Wang had disappeared through the back door.

VICTPR42, .p522

On the contrary it

helped in a way her first instinctive attempt to drive her assailant

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backwards.

VICTPR42, .p523

She had resisted Ricardo in perfect consciousness of her efforts with the conviction at the back of her head that there was always a soft spot in men's sudden furies; she had defended herself principally by means of her fingers on Ricardo's windpipe, till she felt the terrific hug in which he stupidly and ineffectually persisted to hold her relax a little, when with a supreme effort of her arms and of her suddenly raised knee she sent him flying **backwards** against the partition.

VICTPR25, .p175

Schomberg flung himself **backwards**.

VICTPR27, .p233

-- {op"}I think you are made yet" said Ricardo, and , not even unfolding his arms or shifting his attitude an inch, he lowered his voice to add: {op"}And if I thought you have been to the police I would tell Pedro to catch you round the waist and break your fat neck by jerking your head **backwards** -- snap.

CHNTYR25, .p170

Smith with a slight **backward** jerk of his small head at the footsteps on the other side of the sky-light would insist in his swful, hopelessly gentle voice that he knew very well what he was saying.

CHNTYR25, .p185

Powell
the steward retreated **backwards**.

NN-MS-02, .p32

Couples tramped **backwards** and forwards keeping step and balance without effort, in a confined space.

NN-MS-03, .p58

Above the torn clouds glimpses could be caught of the high moon rushing **backward** with frightful speed over the sky, right into the wind's eye.

NN-MS-03, .p66

He yelled waving
his arms, and two men began to crawl **backwards** and forwards with the mug.

NOS-MS15, .p101.

But I had
no notion that a place on a
seacoast could remain so **backward**
so retired out of the stream of events.
It if had been a thousand
miles inland now . . .

NOS-MS15, .p107

But he had heard the most
discouraging reports of the
backwardness of Sulaco
{--}the Occidental Province for
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whose very development the

railway was intended.

NSMS106B, .p187

Don Jose Avellanos discoursed with great smoothness
thus in the sala of the Gould
house frequently while his
reclining body jerked
backwards and forwards in a
rocking chair of the
sort exported from the
United States.

NSMS204B, .p555

He even
pushed his attentions so far
that he desired the aide-de-
camp at his side (a thickset, short
captain with a Tartar physiognomy)
to bring along a corporal
with a file of men in front
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of the carriage, lest the crowd
in its **backward** surges should
"incommode the mules of the
Senora".

NSTYR1-B, .p44

He
descended the stairs **backwards** with the usual sense of having been
somehow baffled by this woman's disparagement of this
reputation he had obtained and desired to keep.

OIMSPR10, .p148

A small heap of
damar-gum torches lay by each, and between them
Babalatchi strolled **backwards** and forwards stopping often
with his face to the river and his head on one side listening
to the sounds that came from the darkness over
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the water.

OIMSPR10, .p156

Bahassoen,
his hand on the hilt of his sort sword, strutted
backwards and forwards in the full light
of the fire looking very warlike and reckless;
the envy and admiration of the throng of Lakamba's
retainers who stood in groups or moved about
noiselessly in the distant shadows of the courtyard. --

The messenger who had been sent to Omar came back and stood at a distance, waiting till
somebody noticed him.

OIMSPR11, .p166

Babalatchi stumbled
backwards, recovered himself and wriggled his
shoulders laboriously.

OIMSPR20, .p334

Her bare arms pressed
down close to her body with hands open
and outstretched fingers, her slightly elevated shoulders
and the **backward** inclination of her torso gave
her the appearance of one defiant yet shrinking from a coming
blow.

OIMSPR21, .p359

He pushed out his left arm
opening the hand with haste as if he had
just perceived that he got hold by accident of something
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repulsive and he watched with stupefied eyes Willems tottering
backwards in groping strides, the white sleeve of his jacket
across his face; he watched his distance from that man
increase while he remained motionless, without being
able to account to himself or the fact that so much
empty and peaceful space came in between them.

OIMSPR22, .p377

He had made only about three steps
backward but he believed that another step would
take him out of earshot for ever.

OIMSPR23, .p449

The calashes stretched forward head first and
lap** back with their faces to the sky alternatively in a regular saving that sent the
boat flying through the water; and the two sitters
very upright in the stern sheets swayed **backwards** rhythmically a little at every ****
of the long oars plied vigorously
The mate observed.
-- {op"} the tide is with us.
-- {op"} the current always runs down in this river" -- said Almayer
-- {op"} Yes.

OIMSPR24, .p495

She saw nothing distinctly and
unhesitating, she flew down the plankway calling
out" {op"} I come!"

He heard her cry and with unexpected
rush drove his wife **backwards** to the seat.
she fell on it, he jerked himself
altogether out of his jacket, and she covered
her face with the soiled rags.

OIMSPR-7, .p97

Backwards and forwards he paced
muttering to himself, another two malays after a short
consultation in whispers left the fire quietly not
thinking it safe to remain in the vicinity of a
white man who behaved in such a strange manner.
They retired round the corner of the godown and
watched Willems curiously through the night till the short daybreak was
followed by the sudden blaze of the rising sun
and Almayer's establishment woke up to life and work

RESTR35, .p45

The day after the stranding they had landed

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on it -- {op"} to stretch their legs a bit", as the sailing-master defined it, and every evening since, as if exercising a privilege or performing a duty, the three paced there for an hour **backwards** and forwards, lost in dusky immensity, threading at the edge of water the belt of damp sand, smooth, level, elastic to the touch like living flesh and sweating a little under the pressure of their feet.

ROM-MS02, .p480

He seemed to hang awfully in his **backward** fall.

ROMMSD02, .p480

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ROVTSR11, .p227

He staggered **backwards** a little while Arlette shouted at him:

{op"} You can't order me about as you used to do." In all the changes from entreaty to anger she never struck a false note so that the whole thing seemed like a heart-moving performance of inspired art.

ROVTSR13, .p253

Directly Scevola turned his back on the fore part of the tartane in order to go **backwards** down the little cabin ladder, Symons crawled out from his concealment.

ROVTSR15, .p316

She pushed her aunt away with such force that the old woman staggered **backwards** and to save herself had to catch hold of the over mantel above her head.

ROVTSR15, .p332

Arlette, still stooping over her aunt's face, extended a hand **backwards** towards Re{a}al, who, making a step forward, took it silently into his grasp.

ROVTSR-2, .p13

His bare torso thrown **backwards** and sustained by his rigid big arms heavily tattooed on the white skin above the elbows, Peyrol drew a long breath into his broad chest with a pepper and salt pelt down the breastbone.

ROVTSR-6, .p83

perched up there near the head of the tree, mutter counting something: {op"} One, two, three," and then a loud {op"} Parbleu" after which the lieutenant in his trunk-bestridding attitude began to jerk himself **backwards**.

LJ-MS-09, .p228

One little tilt **backwards** and I would have gone -- after the others.

LJ-MS-25, .p514

The earth seemed to fly **backwards** under

his feet.

SA-MSK02, .p30

Under

his hat worn with a
slight **backward** tilt his hair
had been carefully brushed
into respectful sleekness: for
his business was with an
Embassy.

SA-MSK05, .p271

The big man got out
of a third class compartement
backwards with a bright
tin can in his hand.

SA-MSK08, .p476

Mrs

Verloc's mother got out
first **backwards** with a key in her
hand.

SA-MSK09, .p589

op"} Yes" she whispered, then
raised her head and staggered
backwards a little
{op"} Whatever is it torn out like
.p590
this?"

The Chief Inspector snatched across the counter
the cloth out of her hands and
she sat heavily on the chair.

SL-MSY-2, .p119

The first thing I saw down
there was the body and head
of a man projecting **backward**
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as it were from a door one
of the doors at the foot of
the stairs.

SMFTSR-5, .p100

She flung herself **backwards** violently her head going over the
back of the chair.

SMF-MS-5, .p107

I began to tremble myself

-- {op"} What on earth are you gone
wild about Miss Don't Care?"

She flung herself **backwards**
her head going over the back of her chair,
exposing her white, papitating throat to
my bewildered stare.

FRS-MS-1, .p1

The letter was of

the reminiscent, {op"}do you remember"
kind a wistful
letter of **backward** glances.

FRSTSR-1, .p1

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remember" kind -- a
wistful letter of **backward** glances.

FRSTSR-4, .p72

Antonia crouching in a corner rocked
herself **backwards** and forwards uttering feeble moans.

TYPMSAF1, .p45

But when
that being parting with his hands
the *** matted locks that hung before his
face, as you part the two halves of
a curtain with your hands looked
out at him with f***, wild black
and white eyes this impression
of incomprehensible weirdness **
*** He had admitted since
for the castaway's story had been a
subject of conversation for years) that he
made more than one step **backwards**.
A sudden burst of senseless speech
persuaded him at once that he
had to do with an escaped lu-
natic.

AF-MS-01, .p24

After carefully
placing before her master a cracked glass tumbler
and a tin spoon, she squatted by the door

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and drawing her sarong over her head swayed
gently **backwards** and forwards, uncomfortably
dozing.