

**flower**

1. ['flavə] *n*

- 1. **цветок** цветущее растение  
natural [artificial] flowers - живые [искусственные] цветы  
wild [cut] flowers - полевые [срезанные] цветы  
bunch of flowers - букет (цветов)  
to deck smb., smth. with flowers - украшать кого-л., что-л. цветами  
flower market - цветочный рынок  
flower seeds and plants - цветочные семена и растения

- 2. **мк. sing** **цвет, краса (чего-л.)**  
the flower of the nation's youth - цвет молодёжи страны  
the flower of the army - цвет армии  
the flower of a family - краса семьи

- 3. 1) **цветение**  
in flower - в цвету  
to be in flower - цвести  
to burst into flower - распуститься, расцвести

- 2) **расцвет**  
the flower of life - расцвет жизни  
in the flower of one's strength - в расцвете сил

- 4. **рl** **украшение, орнамент**  
flowers of speech - цветы красноречия; красивые обороты речи

- 5. **полигр.** **растительный орнамент, виньетка**

- 6. **сл.** **гомосексуалист, гомик**  
◇ flower of the winds - **мор.** роза ветров  
to sprinkle the flowers - **амер.** давать взятки; ≅ «подмазывать»

2. ['flavə] *v*

- 1. **цвести**  
this plant flowers in June - это растение цветёт в июне
- 2. 1) **находиться в расцвете**  
the Italian genius flowered at the Renaissance - гений итальянского народа достиг (наивысшего) расцвета в эпоху Возрождения
- 2) **расцветать, развиваться**  
his talent flowered very early - его талант расцвёл очень рано
- 3. **выращивать, доводить до цветения**  
to flower azaleas under glass - добиваться цветения азалий в теплице
- 4. **украшать цветами или цветочным орнаментом**

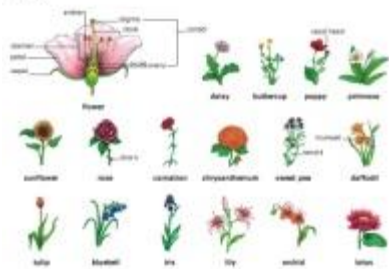
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**flower** [flower flowers flowered flowering] **noun, verb** BrE ['flaʊə(r)] <sup>1</sup> NAmE

['flaʊə]

**noun**



- 1. the coloured part of a plant from which the seed or fruit develops. **Flowers** usually grow at the end of a <sup>↑</sup>stem and last only a short time
    - The plant has a beautiful bright red flower.
    - The roses are **in flower** early this year.
    - The crocuses are late **coming into flower** .
  - 2. a plant grown for the beauty of its **flowers**
    - a garden full of flowers
    - a **flower garden/show**
  - 3. a flower with its <sup>↑</sup>stem that has been picked as a decoration
    - I **picked some flowers** .
    - a **bunch of flowers**
    - a **flower arrangement**
- see also** <sup>↑</sup>bouquet

Word Origin:

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Collocations:

## The living world

### Animals

animals **mate/breed/reproduce/feed** (on sth)  
fish/amphibians **swim/spawn** (= lay eggs)  
birds **fly/migrate/nest/sing**  
insects **crawl/fly/bite/sting**  
insects/bees/locusts **swarm**  
bees **collect/gather** nectar/pollen  
spiders **spin/weave** a web  
snakes/lizards **shed their skins**  
bears/hedgehogs/frogs **hibernate**  
insect larvae **grow/develop/pupate**  
an egg/a chick/a larva **hatches**  
**attract/find/choose** a mate  
**produce/release** eggs/sperm  
**lay/fertilize/incubate/hatch** eggs  
**inhabit** a forest/a reef/the coast  
**mark/enter/defend** (a) territory  
**stalk/hunt/capture/catch/kill** prey

### Plants and fungi

trees/plants **grow/bloom/blossom/flower**  
a seed **germinates/sprouts**  
leaves/buds/roots/shoots **appear/develop/form**  
flower buds **swell/open**  
a fungus **grows/spreads/colonizes** sth  
**pollinate/fertilize** a flower/plant  
**produce/release/spread/disperse** pollen/seeds/spores  
**produce/bear** fruit  
**develop/grow/form** roots/shoots/leaves  
**provide/supply/absorb/extract/release** nutrients  
**perform/increase/reduce** photosynthesis

### Bacteria and viruses

bacteria/microbes/viruses **grow/spread/multiply**  
bacteria/microbes **live/thrive** in/on sth  
bacteria/microbes/viruses **evolve/colonize** sth/cause disease  
bacteria **break** sth down/**convert** sth (into sth)  
a virus **enters/invades** sth/the body  
a virus **mutates/evolves/replicates** (itself)  
be **infected with/contaminated with/exposed to** a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria  
**contain/carry/harbour** (*especially US*) harbor bacteria/a virus  
**kill/destroy/eliminate** harmful/deadly bacteria

### Example Bank:

- He stopped to smell the flowers.
- He took her flowers and chocolates.
- I ordered flowers online for her birthday.
- I sent him flowers to apologize.
- I'm learning flower arranging.
- If the winter weather is mild, plants may come into flower too early.
- It has deep pink scented flowers.
- It was June and the roses were in flower.
- It was the first year that the cactus had produced flowers.
- The alleys were adorned with banks of flowers.
- The bush was absolutely covered in flowers.
- The flowers are pollinated by insects.
- The flowers were still tightly closed.
- The forest floor was a carpet of wild flowers.
- The park will have cherries in full flower this month.
- The spring flowers were just coming out.
- They sell a few pot plants, but they mainly sell cut flowers.
- What beautiful flowers!
- What lovely flowers!
- What time of year do daffodils flower?

Idiom: †flower of something

### verb

1. **intransitive** (of a plant or tree) to produce flowers

**Syn:** †bloom

- This particular variety flowers in July.

- early-flowering spring bulbs
- 2. **intransitive** (literary) to develop and become successful

**Syn:** †blossom

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flower
	BrE / 'flaʊə(r) /
	NAme / 'flaʊər /
he / she / it	flowers
	BrE / 'flaʊəz /
	NAme / 'flaʊəz /
past simple, past participle	flowered
	BrE / 'flaʊəd /
	NAme / 'flaʊəd /
-ing form	flowering
	BrE / 'flaʊərɪŋ /
	NAme / 'flaʊərɪŋ /

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1. **flower** <sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /'flaʊə \$ -ər/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> **noun** [countable]

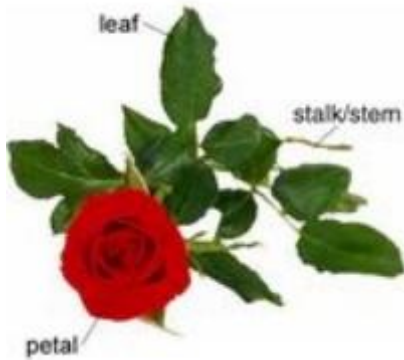
[Word Family: adjective: †flowered, †flowery, flowering; verb: †flower, †deflower; noun: †flower, †flowering]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: flor, flour, from Latin flos]

1. a coloured or white part that a plant or tree produces before fruit or seeds ⇒ **floral**:

- a lovely rose bush with delicate pink flowers
- fields full of beautiful wild flowers

2.



a small plant that produces beautiful flowers:

- He wasn't interested in growing flowers in the garden.
- She bent down and picked a flower.

**bunch/bouquet of flowers**

- The first night we met he gave me a bunch of flowers.
- a beautiful flower arrangement (=flowers arranged together in an attractive way)

3. **in flower** a plant or tree that is in flower has flowers on it **SYN in bloom**:

- It was May, and the apple trees were all in flower.
- Roses start to come into flower in June.

4. **the flower of something** literary the best part of something:

- young men killed in the flower of their youth

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)**

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + flower**

- **lovely/pretty/beautiful** They admired the lovely flowers in the garden.
- **delicate** The plant produces delicate purple flowers.
- **rare** A number of rare flowers grow in these woods.
- **dead** There were dead flowers in a vase of green water.
- **artificial** a basket of artificial flowers
- **a wild flower** The meadows were covered with wild flowers.
- **a garden flower** Dahlias have become one of the best loved garden flowers.
- **an exotic flower** We grow exotic flowers from all over the world.
- **a spring/summer/autumn/winter flower** The mountainsides were blanketed with spring flowers.
- **cut flowers** Make cut flowers last longer by changing the water in the vase.
- **dried flowers** She had brightened up the room with a vase of dried flowers.
- **a silk flower** She wore a huge silk flower in her hair.

■ **verbs**

- **flowers grow** Flowers were growing along the side of the road.

- **flowers bloom** (=start appearing on a plant) Spring flowers bloomed in the meadows.
- **flowers open** As the weather gets warmer, the flowers open.
- **grow flowers** He grows flowers as well as vegetables.
- **pick flowers** I'll pick some flowers to put on the table.
- **produce flowers** The plant will produce beautiful trumpet-shaped flowers.
- **pollinate flowers** (=give a flower or plant pollen so that it can produce seeds) Various insects pollinate the flowers.
- **be covered in flowers** (=have flowers on every part) The fields were covered in wild flowers.

### phrases

- **a bunch of flowers** He gave me a lovely bunch of flowers.
- **a bouquet of flowers** (=a large bunch of flowers that is given to someone) The bride held a bouquet of flowers.
- **a vase of flowers** On the table was a vase of flowers.
- **the flowers are in bloom** (also **the flowers are out**) (=they appear on a plant) At this time of the year, the flowers are in bloom.
- **be a mass of flowers** (=have a lot of flowers growing on every part) In spring, the valley is a mass of flowers.

### flower + NOUN

- **a flower shop** He used to run a flower shop.
- **a flower arrangement** She produced dried flower arrangements for sale.
- **flower arranging** I learnt flower arranging from my mother.
- **a flower pot** The terrace was covered in flower pots.
- **a flower bed** (=an area for growing flowers in a garden) The flower beds had been weeded.

## II. flower<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb [intransitive]

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1. to produce flowers:

▪ Bulbs that you plant in the autumn should flower the following spring.

2. *literary* to develop in a very successful way **SYN flourish**:

▪ the economic and social conditions that will allow democracy to flower

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