

## fan

## I

1. [fæn] *n*

1. веер, опахало
2. 1) вентилятор  
electric fan - электрический вентилятор  
fan draught - ветерок от вентилятора
- 2) фен, сушилка для волос
3. 1) крыло ветряной мельницы
- 2) *тех.* лопасть винта (*воздушного или гребного*)
4. *поэт.* крыло
5. *с.-х.* веялка
6. *с.-х.* провеянное зерно
7. обмахивание
8. *геол.* конус выноса
9. *мат.* веер

2. [fæn] *v*

1. обмахивать  
to fan oneself - обмахиваться веером  
to fan away flies - отмахиваться от мух
2. раздувать  
to fan the flame - а) раздувать пламя; б) разжигать страсти  
this conduct fanned his rage - такое поведение привело его в ярость
3. *поэт.* обвевать, освежать (*о ветерке*)
4. *с.-х.* веять (*зерно*)
5. развёртывать веером (*часто fan out*)  
to fan out the cards - держать карты веером
6. *тех.* дуть, подавать дутьё
7. *амер. сл.*
  - 1) наслёпать, надавать шлепков
  - 2) ощупать (*человека*); обыскать, обшарить
  - 3) болтать; сплетничать  
◇ to fan the breeze *см.* 7, 3)  
to fan the air - замахнутья, но попасть мимо; зря руками махать

## II

[fæn] *n разг.*

- поклонник, почитатель фанат  
 football fan - болельщик футбола  
 film fan - любитель кино  
 Charlie Chaplin fan - поклонник Чарли Чаплина

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**fan** [fan fans fanned fanning] *noun, verb* *BrE* [fæn]<sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [fæn]<sup>ˈ</sup>

**noun**

fans



1. a person who admires sb/sth or enjoys watching or listening to sb/sth very much
  - movie fans
  - crowds of football fans
  - a big fan of Madonna
  - **fan mail** (= letters from fans to the person they admire)
2. a machine with blades that go round to create a current of air
  - to switch on the electric fan
  - a fan heater

**see also** ↑extractor
3. a thing that you hold in your hand and wave to create a current of cool air  
**see** when the shit hits the fan **at** ↑shit *n.*

Word Origin:

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*n.* sense 1 late 19th cent. ↑fanatic

Thesaurus:

**fan** noun C

- She's a great fan of Madonna.

**enthusiast** • • **admirer** • • **lover** • • **devotee** • • **follower** • |BrE **supporter** • |sometimes disapproving **fanatic** • • **addict** •

a **great** fan/enthusiast/admirer/lover

a **keen** fan/enthusiast/admirer/follower/supporter

a **music/art/jazz** fan/enthusiast/lover/devotee/fanatic

a **sports/football/boxing/cricket, etc.** fan/enthusiast/devotee/fanatic

Example Bank:

- For armchair fans back home, it was one of the highlights of the Olympics.
- Hundreds of fans besieged the star's hotel.
- Hundreds of fans clamoured/clamored to catch a glimpse of the star.
- I have a piece of fan fiction on their website.
- I'm a big fan of Italian food.
- More than 40 000 fans turned up for the 12-hour event
- Only diehard Tolkien fans will enjoy this book.
- Over 120 000 fans packed into the stadium.
- Over 25 000 fans applauded both teams off the field.
- Soccer fans converged on the capital for the cup final.
- Tennis fans flocked to Wimbledon.
- The actress is asking the court to protect her from an obsessive fan who is making her life a misery.
- The big band sound of Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra will delight fans.
- The goal was greeted by jubilation from the home fans.
- The show has an extensive and loyal fan base.
- The singer says her dad is her number one fan.
- There were clashes between opposing fans after the game.
- a fan blowing cold air
- a film that millions of rabid fans have waited years to see
- one of the team's biggest fans
- Crowds of football fans filled the streets.
- He's always been a big fan of Pavarotti.
- He's a big Yankees fan.
- Movie fans will be familiar with his work already.
- She received bags of fan mail.

Idiom: ↑**fan the flames**

Derived ↑**fan out** ▪ ↑**fan something out**

**verb** (-nn-)

1. ~ **sb/sth/yourself** to make air blow onto sb/sth by waving a fan, your hand, etc

- He fanned himself with a newspaper to cool down.
- A warm breeze fanned her cheeks.

2. ~ **sth** to make a fire burn more strongly by blowing on it

- Fanned by a westerly wind, the fire spread rapidly through the city.

3. ~ **sth** (*literary*) to make a feeling, an attitude, etc. stronger

**Syn:** ↑**fuel**

- His reluctance to answer her questions simply fanned her curiosity.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	fan
	BrE /fæn/
	NAme /fænz/
he / she /it	fans
	BrE /fænz/
	NAme /fænz/
past simple, past participle	fanned
	BrE /fænd/
	NAme /fænd/
-ing form	fanning
	BrE /fænrɪŋ/
	NAme /fænrɪŋ/

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1. **fan**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W2** /fæn/ BrE <sup>n</sup> AmE <sup>n</sup> noun [countable]

[Sense 1: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: fanatic]

[Sense 2: Date: 700-800; Language: Latin; Origin: vannus]

1. someone who likes a particular sport or performing art very much, or who admires a famous person:

Groups of football fans began heading towards the ground.

fan of

He's a **big fan** of Elvis Presley.

**fan mail/letters** (=letters sent to famous people by their fans)

2.

a) a machine with turning blades that is used to cool the air in a room by moving it around:

a ceiling fan

b) a flat object that you wave with your hand which makes the air cooler

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + fan

- **a football/tennis/baseball etc fan** Jack is a keen football fan.
- **a music/jazz/rock etc fan** Jazz fans are in for a treat at this year's Montreux Jazz Festival.
- **a film/movie fan** This book is a must for all film fans.
- **a Manchester United/Redsox/Colts etc fan** Manchester United fans were delighted with their team's victory.
- **a Rolling Stones/Kylie Minogue etc fan** Mike has been a lifelong Kylie Minogue fan.
- **a big/huge/massive fan** Elizabeth is a massive fan of Elton John.
- **a devoted fan** (=a strong supporter or admirer) Devoted fans from all over the country have travelled to the concert.
- **a loyal fan** (=fans who always support someone) He will be playing to hundreds of loyal fans on Sunday.
- **adoring fans** (=fans who like and admire someone very much) She's mobbed by adoring fans wherever she goes.
- **sb's number one fan** She told Dave that she was his number one fan.
- **rival/opposing/opposition fans** (=fans who support different teams competing against each other) There were fights between rival fans outside the stadium.
- **home fans** (=fans at their own team's sports field) The home fans cheered the team onto the pitch.
- **away fans** (=fans visiting another team's sports field) Two sections of the ground had been allocated to away fans.

#### fan + NOUN

- **fan mail** The group receives lots of fan mail.
- **a fan club** Her fan club has 25,000 members in the UK alone.
- **fan base** (=the people who are someone's biggest fans) The band has built up a loyal fan base over the years.

#### verbs

- **fans cheer/applaud (somebody/something)** Fans on both sides applauded their skill and spirit.
- **fans boo (somebody/something)** Their own fans booed them off the pitch.
- **fans chant something** England fans chanted his name.
- **disappoint fans** The concert was cancelled, disappointing hundreds of fans.

### II. fan<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb [transitive] (past tense and past participle **fanned**, present participle **fanning**)

1. to make air move around by waving a fan, piece of paper etc so that you feel cooler

**fan yourself**

People in the audience were fanning themselves with their programmes.

2. **literary** to make someone feel an emotion more strongly **SYN fuel**:

Her resistance only fanned his desire.

**fan the flames (of something)**

The book will serve to fan the flames of debate.

3. **fan a fire/flame etc** to make a fire burn more strongly by blowing or moving the air near it:

The wind rose, fanning a few sparks in the brush.

**fan out** phrasal verb

1. if a group of people fan out, they walk forwards while spreading over a wide area

2. **fan something** ↔ **out** to spread out a group of things that you are holding so that they make a half-circle:

Fan the cards out, then pick one.

3. if something such as hair or clothing fans out, it spreads out in many directions

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12500 **2107**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1138**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k FAN** 40758

fan 13898

fans 24550

fanning 1316

fanned 994

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

7651 **3548**<sup>11580</sup> *nn1*

1571 **13625**<sup>1969</sup> *vv0*

327 **40224**<sup>332</sup> *vvi*

10 **236507**<sup>12</sup> *np1*

5 **387102**<sup>5</sup> *nnu*