

keen

I

1. [ki:n] *n*
причитание по покойнику (*в Ирландии*)
to set up a keen for smb. - причитать/голосить/ по покойнику
2. [ki:n] *v*
1) причитать по покойнику (*в Ирландии*); вопить; голосить
the women were keening - женщины голосили /причитали/
2) оплакивать покойника с причитаниями (*по ирландским обычаям*)

II

- [ki:n] *a*
1. острый, остро отточенный с острым лезвием, краем, концом *и т. п.*
keen knife /sword, spear/ - острый нож /меч, -ое копье/
keen edge - а) острый край; б) острое лезвие; в) *спец.* хорошо режущая кромка
keen as a razor - острый как бритва
 2. острый (*на вкус*); пикантный, пряный
dishes with a keen relish - острые /пряные/ блюда
 3. 1) резкий, пронизывающий
keen wind - резкий /пронизывающий/ ветер
keen cold - пронизывающий холод
keen frost - жестокий /трескучий/ мороз
 - 2) сильный, острый
keen pain - острая боль
keen hunger - мучительный голод
keen appetite - хороший аппетит
 4. острый, тонко, остро воспринимающий; обострённый
keen sight [intelligence] - острое зрение [-ый ум]
keen glance - пронзительный взгляд
keen hearing - тонкий слух
keen intellect [interest] - живой ум [интерес]
keen sensibilities [understanding] - тонкая чувствительность /восприимчивость/ [-ое понимание]
 5. 1) острый, глубокий
keen sorrow [disappointment] - глубокое горе [разочарование]
keen pleasure - огромное удовольствие
keen delight - пылкий восторг
astoundingly [exceedingly] keen - изумительно [исключительно] тонкий /глубокий/
 - 2) напряжённый, острый, интенсивный
keen fight /struggle/ - острая борьба
keen intellectual exertion - напряжённое умственное усилие
keen contest [competition] - трудное состязание [соревнование]
 - 3) едкий, острый, язвительный, колкий
keen criticism - острая критика
keen satire - едкая сатира
keen wit - острый ум
keen reproaches - горькие упрёки
keen speeches - язвительные речи
with keen sarcasm [retorts] - с едким сарказмом [с колкими репликами]
 - 4) хитрый, пронзительный
keen reasoning - хитроумное рассуждение
keen bargainers - люди, изощрённые в искусстве торговаться, вести переговоры *и т. п.*
 - 5) соревновательный
keen prices - конкурентоспособные /низкие/ цены
 6. 1) живо интересующийся, страстно увлекающийся
keen sportsman [dancer, climber] - страстный спортсмен [танцор, альпинист]
keen reader - любознательный читатель
to be keen on smth. - очень любить что-л., увлекаться чем-л.
to be keen on /upon, about/ sport [music, horses, mountaineering] - увлекаться спортом [музыкой, лошадьми, альпинизмом]
so keen about his game as to forget everything - так увлечён игрой, что забывает обо всём
I'm not very keen on jazz - я не очень люблю джаз
to be keen on smb. - *разг.* быть влюблённым в кого-л., любить кого-л.
 - 2) страстно желающий чего-л., стремящийся к чему-л.
keen for gain [money, pleasure, variety] - жаждущий наживы [денег, удовольствий, разнообразия]
to be keen to do smth. /on doing smth./ - сильно желать /стремиться/ сделать что-л.
he is very keen to see his birthplace again - он мечтает снова повидать место, где родился
 7. *разг.* чудесный, превосходный
◇ keen as mustard - а) крайне заинтересованный б) страстно стремящийся; в) горячий, полный энтузиазма

keen [keen keens keened keening keener keenest] **adjective, verb** *BrE* [kiːn]

NAmE [kiːn]

adjective (keen-er, keen-est)

EAGER/ENTHUSIASTIC

1. (especially *BrE*) wanting to do sth or wanting sth to happen very much

Syn: †eager

- ~ **(to do sth)** John was very keen to help.
- ~ **(that...)** We are keen that our school should get involved too.
- ~ **(on doing sth)** I wasn't too keen on going to the party.

2. usually before noun (especially *BrE*) enthusiastic about an activity or idea, etc

- a keen sportsman
- one of the keenest supporters of the team
- She was a star pupil— keen, confident and bright.

LIKING SB/STH

3. (*BrE*, informal) liking sb/sth very much; very interested in sb/sth

- ~ **on sb/sth** Tom's very keen on Anna.
- ~ **on doing sth** She's not keen on being told what to do.

CLEVER

4. only before noun quick to understand

- a keen mind/intellect

Syn: †sharp, **Syn:** †acute

IDEAS/FEELINGS

5. usually before noun strong or deep

- a keen sense of tradition
- He took a **keen interest** in his grandson's education.

SENSES

6. only before noun highly developed

Syn: †sharp

- Dogs have a keen sense of smell.
- My friend has a **keen eye** for (= is good at noticing) a bargain.

COMPETITION

7. involving people competing very hard with each other for sth

- There is keen competition for places at the college.
- They were keen rivals.
- It was the subject of keen debate.

PRICES

8. (especially *BrE*) kept low in order to compete with other prices

Syn: †competitive

- The company hopes its keen pricing policy will increase sales.

WIND

9. (*literary*) extremely cold

KNIFE

10. usually before noun (*literary*) having a sharp edge or point

Syn: †sharp

more at mad keen (on sb/sth) **at** †mad

Word Origin:

adj. Old English *cēne* 'wise, clever' 'brave, daring' Germanic Dutch *koen* German *kühn* 'bold, brave' Middle English
v. mid 19th cent. Irish *caoinim* 'I wail'

Thesaurus:

keen **adj.** (especially *BrE*)

- Dan was keen to help.

eager • **enthusiastic** • **avid** • **anxious** • **hungry** • |informal **mad** • |formal **zealous** •

Opp: reluctant

keen/eager/avid/anxious/hungry/mad **for** sth

keen/mad **on** sth

keen/eager/enthusiastic/anxious **to do sth**

keen/eager/anxious **that...**
a/an keen/enthusiastic/avid **collector/fan**

Synonyms:

like

love • be fond of • be keen on sth • adore

These words all mean to find sth pleasant, attractive or satisfactory, or to enjoy sth.

like • to find sth pleasant, attractive or satisfactory; to enjoy sth: ▫ Do you like their new house? ◇ ▫ I like to see them enjoying themselves.

love • to like or enjoy sth very much: ▫ He loved the way she smiled.

be fond of sth • to like or enjoy sth, especially sth you have liked or enjoyed for a long time: ▫ We were fond of the house and didn't want to leave.

be keen on sth • (BrE informal) (often used in negative statements) to like or enjoy sth: ▫ I'm not keen on spicy food. ◇ ▫ She's not keen on being told what to do.

adore • (informal) to like or enjoy sth very much: ▫ She adores working with children.

love or adore?

Adore is more informal than **love**, and is used to express a stronger feeling.

to like/love/be fond of/be keen on/adore **doing sth**

to like/love **to do sth**

to like/love sth **very much**

I like/love/adore **it** here/there/when...

to like/love/adore **the way** sb does sth

to **really** like/love/adore sb/sth

to be **really** fond of/keen on sth

Example Bank:

- He's particularly keen on football.
- Sally's quite keen on the idea.
- She is extremely keen to remain with the police and we are equally keen to retain her.
- She was always keen to hear the local gossip.
- She was naturally keen to make a good impression.
- She's a very keen gardener.
- The banks were not at all keen to lend to somebody who actually seemed to need money.
- They were desperately keen for information.
- He's a keen sportsman and enjoys football, fishing and rugby.
- I wasn't too keen on going to the party.
- Pete's very keen on Anna.
- She takes a keen interest in politics.
- We are keen that Britain should get involved too.

Idiom: ↑**keen as mustard**

Derived Words ↑**keenly** ▫ ↑**keenness**

verb intransitive (usually used in the progressive tenses) (old-fashioned)

to make a loud high sad sound, when sb has died

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	keen
	BrE /ki:n/
	NAme /ki:n/
he / she / it	keens
	BrE /ki:nz/
	NAme /ki:nz/
past simple, past participle	keened
	BrE /ki:nd/
	NAme /ki:nd/
-ing form	keening
	BrE /ki:nɪŋ/
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I. **keen**¹ **S3 W3** /ki:n/ BrE " AmE " adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑**keenness**; adverb ↑**keenly**; adjective: ↑**keen**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: cene]

1. WANT SOMETHING especially British English wanting to do something or wanting something to happen very much **SYN eager**
keen to do something

He told me that he was keen to help.

keen on doing something

" I wasn't keen on going there on my own.

keen for something to happen

" The government is keen for peace talks to start again.

keen that

" The chairman is keen that the company should expand its product range.

2. LIKE be keen on somebody/something *British English spoken* to like someone or something:

" I'm not keen on cabbage.

not too/not very/not that keen on something

" She likes Biology, but she's not too keen on Physics.

" My flatmates want to have a party, but I'm not keen on the idea.

3. HOBBY/INTEREST *especially British English* someone who is keen on something is very interested in it or enjoys doing it very much:

" a keen photographer

" keen golfers

keen on

" Daniel's very keen on tennis.

mad keen on something (=very keen on something) *spoken*:

" I was mad keen on dinosaurs when I was little.

" She takes a keen interest in politics and current affairs.

4. EAGER TO WORK/LEARN someone who is keen is eager to work or learn, and enjoys doing it:

" keen students

" The kids in my class are all very keen.

" She was new in the job and keen as mustard (=very keen).

5. SIGHT/SMELL/HEARING a keen sense of smell or keen sight or hearing is an extremely good ability to smell etc:

" Dogs have a very keen sense of smell.

" She has a keen eye for (=is good at noticing) talent.

6. MIND someone with a keen mind is quick to understand things:

" a keen understanding of commerce

" With her keen mind and good business sense, she soon became noticed.

7. FEELING a keen feeling is one that is strong and deep:

" As she walked away, Joe felt a keen sense of loss.

8. COMPETITION used to describe a situation in which people compete strongly:

" We won the contest in the face of keen competition.

9. ATTRACTED *British English* **be keen on somebody** to be sexually attracted to someone

10. SHARP *literary* a keen knife or blade is extremely sharp

11. WIND *old-fashioned* a keen wind is cold and strong

12. PRICES *British English* keen prices are low

—keenly *adverb*:

" I was keenly aware of the dangers.

—keenness *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **enthusiastic** feeling or showing a lot of interest or excitement about something: He's really enthusiastic about his new job. | An enthusiastic crowd cheered the team onto the pitch.
- **eager** wanting to do something or know about something very soon: He was eager to hear every detail of her day. | She was always eager for her turn on the catwalk. | The room was full of eager young faces. | We waited in eager anticipation.
- **keen** eager to work or learn: She hasn't much experience but she's very keen. | John was a keen student who worked very hard.
- **zealous** doing something in a very enthusiastic way, especially supporting something or making sure that people obey rules : She was a zealous supporter of the revolution. | The company has been extremely zealous in defending its interests. | Officials have been very zealous in the application of the new regulations.
- **avid** [only before noun] *written* used when you want to emphasize that someone does something a lot or is very interested in something: an avid golfer | She was an avid reader all her life. | I've become an avid collector of his work. | Henry is an avid fan of the sport. | As a schoolboy he had an avid interest in birds.
- **fervent** *written* believing or feeling something very strongly and sincerely: Galinsoga was one of Franco's most fervent supporters. | One of Allen 's fervent admirers was Richard Nixon. | her fervent belief in promoting the work of good women artists
- **be mad about something** *British English informal* to like something very much and be very interested in it: My sister's mad about horses. | Since you're so mad about clothes, you can help me choose a wedding dress.
- **can't wait to do something** to be very eager to do something: I can't wait to get started.
- **be looking forward to something** to feel pleased and excited because you know that something is going to happen soon: I'm looking forward to the vacation.

II. keen ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [intransitive]

old use to sing a loud sad song for someone who has died

keen

12500 **2282** ^{MCW}

15000 **4354** ^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** KEEN 4642

keen 3331
keener 282
keenest 60
keenly 969

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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