

swan [swɒn] *n* (*pl тж. без измен.*)

1. **зоол.** лебедь (*Cygnus*)

white swan - белый лебедь

black swan - а) чёрный лебедь; б) аномалия, странное явление, большая редкость

mute swan - лебедь-шипун

2. (Swan) **астр.** Лебедь (*созвездие*)

3. **поэт.** бард, поэт

the Swan of Avon - Шекспир, бард Эйвона (*по имени родины Шекспира - Стратфорда-на-Эйвоне*)

◇ all his geese are swans - он (всегда) преувеличивает /перебарщивает/

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swan [swan swans swanned swanning] *noun, verb* BrE [swɒn] [ⓘ] NAmE

[swɑːn]

noun

a large bird that is usually white and has a long thin neck. **Swans** live on or near water.

Word Origin:

Old English, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zwaan** and German **Schwan**. The current sense of the verb originated as military slang, referring to the free movement of armoured vehicles.

verb (-nn-) **intransitive + adv./prep.** (BrE, informal, disapproving)

to go around enjoying yourself in a way that annoys other people or makes them jealous

• They've gone swanning off to Paris for the weekend.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	swan
	BrE /swɒn/
	NAmE /swɑːn/
he / she /it	swans
	BrE /swɒnz/
	NAmE /swɑːnz/
past simple, past participle	swanned
	BrE /swɒnd/
	NAmE /swɑːnd/
-ing form	swanning
	BrE /swɒnɪŋ/
	NAmE /swɑːnɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

• They're always swanning off to Paris for shopping trips.

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I. **swan**¹ /swɒn \$ swɑːn BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English]

a large white bird with a long neck that lives on rivers and lakes

II. **swan**² BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] *verb* (past tense and past participle **swanned**, present participle **swanning**) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

British English informal to enjoy yourself and behave in a relaxed way that is annoying to other people

swan off/around

He's gone swanning off to Rome for the weekend!

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swans 523

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469 **26554**⁶⁸⁴ *nn1*

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