

**fortune****1. ['fɔ:tʃ(ə)n] n**

1. счастье; удача; счастливый случай

bad /ill/ fortune - несчастье, неудача

by good fortune - по счастливой случайности

to seek one's fortune - искать счастья (*обыкн. на стороне*)

to try one's fortune - попытаться счастья

it was my good fortune to be present - мне посчастливилось быть там

to push one's fortune - делать карьеру

2. (*часто Fortune*) судьба, фортуна жребий

to tempt fortune - искушать судьбу

Fortune favours the brave - фортуна улыбается храбрым

the fortune of war - военная фортуна превратности войны

to tell fortunes, to read smb.'s fortune - гадать, предсказывать судьбу

fortune is variant - судьба изменчива /капризна/

3. богатство, состояние

a man of fortune - богатый человек

to come into a fortune - получить богатое наследство

to make a fortune - разбогатеть, нажить состояние

to marry a fortune - жениться «на деньгах»

to marry smb. for a fortune - жениться на ком-л. ради денег

a small fortune - *разг.* ≅ кругленькая сумма◇ fortune is easily found, but hard to keep - *посл.* найти счастье легко, да удержать трудноhe dances well to whom fortune pipes - *посл.* ≅ кому счастье служит, тот ни о чём не тужит**2. ['fɔ:tʃ(ə)n] v арх.**

1. случаться

it fortuneed that ... - случилось так, что ...

2. (уроп) наткнуться, случайно натолкнуться

3. дать богатство, приданое

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**for-tune** [fortune fortunes] *BrE* ['fɔ:tʃu:n] *n* *NAmE* ['fɔ:rtʃən] **noun****1. uncountable** chance or luck, especially in the way it affects people's lives• I have **had the good fortune to** work with some brilliant directors.• **By a stroke of fortune** he found work almost immediately.• **Fortune smiled on me** (= I had good luck) .**2. countable** a large amount of money• He **made a fortune** in real estate.

• She inherited a share of the family fortune.

• A car like that costs **a small fortune** .• You don't have to **spend a fortune** to give your family tasty, healthy meals.• She is hoping her US debut will be the first step on the road to **fame and fortune** .• That ring must be **worth a fortune** .**3. countable, usually plural, uncountable** the good and bad things that happen to a person, family, country, etc

• the changing fortunes of the film industry

• the fortunes of war

• a reversal of fortune(s)

**4. countable** a person's ↑fate or future• She can **tell your fortune** by looking at the lines on your hand.**see** a hostage to fortune **at** ↑hostage, seek your fortune **at** ↑seek**see also** ↑soldier of fortuneWord Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin **Fortuna**, the name of a goddess personifying luck or chance.Thesaurus:**fortune** noun**1. U**

• She had the good fortune to work with a top designer.

**luck** • • **chance** • • **fate** •**good/bad/ill** fortune/luck**have the ...fortune/luck to do sth**a **stroke** of fortune/luck/fate**2. C, usually sing.**

• She inherited the family fortune.

**money** • • **wealth** • • **prosperity** • |**literary riches** •(a) **personal/family** fortune/money/wealth/prosperity**have/possess/accumulate/acquire/inherit** (a) fortune/money/wealth/riches**make** a fortune/money (on/out of sth)

## Example Bank:

- A horseshoe nailed to your door is supposed to bring good fortune.
- All we can do is hope for a change in fortune.
- As good fortune would have it, a bus came along just when I needed it.
- By a stroke of good fortune, Steven was still in his office.
- For once, fortune was on our side: the weather improved in time for the game.
- Fortune smiled on me that day.
- He built his fortune from breeding horses.
- He has amassed a considerable fortune out of trading shares.
- He lost his fortune in the crash of 1929.
- He was sole heir to the family fortune.
- Her aunt died and left her a fortune.
- I had the good fortune to work with people I liked.
- Rebuilding the house must have cost a small fortune.
- She made a fortune in the property boom.
- She spends a fortune on clothes!
- She squandered the family fortune.
- Some of those old toys are worth a fortune now.
- The company suffered a great reversal of fortunes when public taste changed.
- The party still hopes to revive its flagging electoral fortunes.
- They sold their house at the right time and made a fortune on it.
- They went to America in search of fame and fortune.
- They went to have their fortunes read.
- They went to seek their fortune abroad.
- They went to seek their fortune in the city.
- a year of mixed fortunes for the company
- as the country's fortunes rose and fell
- fans who follow the fortunes of their chosen team
- A car like that costs a small fortune.
- By a stroke of fortune he found work almost immediately.
- She is hoping her US debut will be the first step on the road to fame and fortune.
- That ring must be worth a fortune.
- The fortune teller said she could tell my fortune by looking at the lines on my hand.
- The share price tends to follow the changing fortunes of the film industry.
- The team had a dramatic reversal of fortune in the second half.
- You don't have to spend a fortune to give your family tasty, healthy meals.

## fortune

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**fortune** S3 W3 /'fɔːtʌn \$ 'fɔːtʃ-BrE ˈ AmE ˈ noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑fortune, ↑misfortune, ↑unfortunate; adverb: ↑fortunately ≠ ↑unfortunately; adjective: ↑fortunate ≠ ↑unfortunate]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: French; Origin: Latin fortuna]

### 1. MONEY [countable] a very large amount of money:

- He made a fortune selling property in Spain.
- My first painting sold for £25, a small fortune then for an art student.
- He died in poverty in 1947, but his art is worth a fortune.
- The carpet must have cost a fortune.
- It is quite easy to decorate your house without spending a fortune.
- Her personal fortune was estimated at £37 million.

### 2. CHANCE [uncountable] chance or luck, and the effect that it has on your life:

- I had the good fortune to work with a brilliant head of department.
- Sickness or ill fortune could reduce you to a needy situation.
- I felt it was useless to struggle against fortune.

### 3. WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU [countable usually plural] the good or bad things that happen in life:

- a downturn in the company's fortunes
- This defeat marked a change in the team's fortunes.
- The geographical position of the frontier fluctuated with the fortunes of war (=the things that can happen during a war).

### 4. tell sb's fortune to tell someone what will happen to them in the future by looking at their hands, using cards etc

⇒ ↑soldier of fortune, ⇒ fame and fortune at ↑fame, ⇒ a hostage to fortune at ↑hostage(3), ⇒ seek your fortune at ↑seek(4)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **make a fortune** (also **amass a fortune formal**) (=gain a lot of money) His family amassed a fortune during that period.
- **make your fortune** (=become rich) She made her fortune in the cosmetics industry.
- **earn a fortune** He hopes to earn a fortune from his latest invention.
- **lose a fortune** (=lose a lot of money) He lost a fortune in an unwise business deal.
- **cost a fortune** (=be very expensive) It'll cost a fortune if we go by taxi.
- **spend a fortune** You don't have to spend a fortune giving your family healthy meals.
- **pay a fortune** (=pay a lot of money) We had to pay a fortune in rent.

- **inherit a fortune** (=gain a lot of money after someone dies) He inherited a fortune of a million pounds from his uncle.
- **leave somebody a fortune** (=arrange for someone to receive a lot of money after you die) He left his wife a modest fortune.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + fortune**

- **a huge/vast/immense fortune** Timothy was the heir to a vast fortune.
- **a large/substantial/considerable fortune** His father, an oil magnate, amassed a large fortune.
- **a small fortune** (=a very large amount of money) He made a small fortune in the London property boom.
- **a personal/private fortune** She is one of the richest women in Britain, with an estimated personal fortune of £90 million.
- **a £20 million/\$40 million etc fortune** She is believed to have a £25 million fortune.

■ **phrases**

- **be worth a fortune** *informal*: The building itself is worth a fortune.

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