

fence

1. [fens] *n*
- 1) забор, изгородь, ограда
green fence - живая изгородь
picket fence - частокол
sunk fence - низкая изгородь вокруг сада, проходящая по канаве
fence stone - бутовый камень (*из которого сложена ограда сухой кладки*)
fence wire - проволока для оград
 - 2) **воен.** (проволочный) забор; ограждение (*минного поля*)
 - 3) препятствие (*конный спорт*)
fence with ditch in the foreground - канава с палисадом
 - 4) **вчт.** барьер (*знак разделения последовательности элементов*)
 2. 1) **слец.** предохранительное ограждение
 - 2) **ав.** аэродинамическая перегородка
 - 3) **воен. разг.** рубеж радиолокационного обнаружения
 3. фехтование
master of fence - а) искусный фехтовальщик б) искусный спорщик
 4. **сл.**
 - 1) укрыватель *или* скупщик краденого
 - 2) притон для укрывания краденого
 5. **тех.** направляющая деталь
 - ◇ to be on both sides of the fence - **амер.** ≅ служить и нашим и вашим
 - to be on the other side of the fence - быть в другом лагере; придерживаться противоположного мнения
 - to be on the same side of the fence - быть в том же лагере; занимать такую же позицию
 - to sit on the fence, to be /to ride/ on the fence, **амер.** to straddle the fence - сохранять нейтралитет; занимать выжидательную позицию
 - to come down on the right side of the fence - встать на сторону победителя
 - to mend one's fences, to look after one's fences - **амер.** а) укреплять свои личные политические позиции; б) стараться подружиться, установить хорошие, дружеские отношения
 - to make a Virginia fence, to walk like a Virginia fence - **амер.** идти, шатаясь как пьяный
 - to rush one's fences - действовать слишком поспешно
 - to stop to look at a fence - остановиться в нерешительности перед препятствием; спастись перед трудностями
 - to hit it over the fence - **полит. жарг.** произвести впечатление (*о речи и т. п.*); донести до аудитории
2. [fens] *v*
1. ограждать, огораживать (*тж. fence about, fence in, fence around*)
to fence a town about with walls - обнести город стеной
the house was fenced about with olive trees - дом был окружён оливковыми деревьями
to fence in machinery - обнести машины (предохранительным) ограждением
she felt fenced in by her nine to five daily routine - **образн.** на своей однообразной работе с девяти до пяти она чувствовала себя как в ловушке
 2. фехтовать
 3. уклоняться от прямого ответа
to fence with a question - уклоняться от ответа на вопрос
let's stop fencing around this proposition - давайте перестанем ходить вокруг да около этого предложения
 4. **арх.** защищать
to fence one's head from /against/ blows - защищать голову от ударов
 5. брать барьер (*о лошади*)
 6. запрещать охоту и рыбную ловлю (*на каком-л. участке на определённый срок*)
 7. **сл.**
 - 1) укрывать краденое
 - 2) торговать краденым

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fence [fence fences fenced fencing] **noun, verb** *BrE* [fens] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [fens] [ⓘ]

noun

1. a structure made of wood or wire supported with posts that is put between two areas of land as a **↑boundary**, or around a garden/yard, field, etc. to keep animals in, or to keep people and animals out



2. a structure that horses must jump over in a race or a competition
 3. (*informal*) a criminal who buys and sells stolen goods
- see** the grass is (always) greener on the other side (of the fence) **at** **↑grass** _{n.}, mend (your) fences (with sb) **at** **↑mend** _{v.}, on the other side of the fence **at** **↑side** _{n.}, sit on the fence **at** **↑sit**

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'defending, defence'): shortening of ↑defence. Compare with ↑fend.

Thesaurus:

fence noun C

• Guards with dogs patrolled the perimeter fence.

railing • • **wall** •

a **high/low** fence/wall

(a) **metal/wooden** fence/railings

put up/build a fence/wall

Example Bank:

- She walked over to the tall wooden privacy fence.
- The White House already is struggling to mend fences with Europe.
- The house was surrounded by a white picket fence.
- There was a cottage garden at the front and a white picket fence.
- a fence around the site
- a proposal approved by people on both sides of the political fence
- the airport perimeter fence
- the fence line separating the United States from Mexico
- Security guards with dogs patrolled the perimeter fence.

Derived ↑fence somebody in ▪ ↑fence something off

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to surround or divide an area with a fence

• His property is fenced with barbed wire.

see also ↑unfenced

2. **intransitive** to take part in the sport of ↑fencing

3. **intransitive** ~ **(with sb)** to speak to sb in a clever way in order to gain an advantage in the conversation

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | fence |
| | BrE /fens/ |
| | NA.mE /fensz/ |
| he / she / it | fences |
| | BrE /fensɪz/ |
| | NA.mE /fensɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | fenced |
| | BrE /fensɪd/ |
| | NA.mE /fensɪd/ |
| -ing form | fencing |
| | BrE /fensɪŋ/ |
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I. **fence**¹ **S3** /fens/ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun [countable]

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1. a structure made of wood, metal etc that surrounds a piece of land
 2. a wall or other structure that horses jump over in a race or competition
 3. **informal** someone who buys and sells stolen goods
 4. **sit/be on the fence** to avoid saying which side of an argument you support
- ⇒ **mend (your) fences** at ↑mend¹(4)
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THESAURUS

- **wall** an upright flat structure made of stone or brick, that divides one area from another or surrounds an area: The estate is surrounded by high stone walls. | a brick wall
- **fence** a structure made of wood, metal etc that surrounds a piece of land: The garden was surrounded by an old wooden fence. | the chain link fence around the school
- **railings** a metal fence that is made of a series of upright bars: the iron railings in front of the house | The boy was leaning over the railing on the side of the boat.
- **barrier** a type of fence or gate that prevents people from moving in a particular direction: A guard stood near the barrier. | The police had put up barriers to keep the crowd under control.
- **screen** a piece of furniture like a thin wall that can be moved around and is used to divide one part of a room from another: the screen around his hospital bed | a Japanese bamboo screen | a fire screen (=that you put near a fire)
- **partition** a thin wall that separates one part of a room from another: The room was divided into two by a thin partition. | The offices are separated by partitions and you can hear everything that is said in the next office.
- **barricade** a line of objects that people have put across a road, to prevent people getting past, especially as part of a protest: The soldiers used tanks to smash through the barricades.

II. **fence**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*

1. **[transitive]** to put a fence around something:
old farmhouses and fenced gardens
2. **[intransitive]** to fight with a long thin sword as a sport
3. **[intransitive + with]** to answer someone's questions in a clever way in order to get an advantage in an argument

fence somebody/something ↔ *in phrasal verb*

1. to surround a place with a fence:
The yard was fenced in to keep out wolves.
2. to make someone feel that they cannot leave a place or do what they want:
Young mothers often feel fenced in at home.

fence something ↔ *off phrasal verb*

- to separate one area from another area with a fence:
a planting area fenced off from the main garden

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Frequency Pack

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 15000 **2197**^{COCA}
 RANGE: **2k FENCE** 14847
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 fencing 1240
 fences 2604
 fenced 529
 unfenced 50
 COCA 500k Unlemmatized
 5259 **3951**¹⁰²⁰³ *nn1*
 131 **63116**¹⁴³ *vvi*
 60 **94865**⁶⁵ *vv0*
 12 **224765**¹³ *np1*