

fancy**1. ['fænsɪ] n****1. фантазия воображение**

to have a lively fancy - иметь живое воображение

the power of fancy - сила воображения

all those stories only tickled his fancy - все эти рассказы только дразнили его воображение

2. воображаемый, мысленный образ; иллюзия, мечта

fancies of a poet - поэтические образы

I have a fancy that ... - мне кажется, что ...

did I really hear it or was it only a fancy? - я действительно слышал это или мне показалось?

3. прихоть, каприз

passing fancy - мимолётная прихоть

it was his fancy that we should go there by plane - это он придумал, чтобы мы летели туда самолётом

4. вкус, склонность, пристрастие

to have a fancy for smb. - любить кого-л., увлекаться кем-л.

to take a fancy for /to/ smb. - полюбить кого-л., привязаться к кому-л.

to take a fancy for smth. - захотеть чего-л.

to catch /to take/ smb.'s fancy - поразить чьё-л. воображение, понравиться, прийти по вкусу /по душе/ (кому-л.)

the place caught my fancy at once - место сразу понравилось мне

5. понимание, (художественный) вкус

to possess fancy for form - обладать чувством формы

6. (the fancy) собир. энтузиасты, любители болельщики

the great book-sale had congregated all the fancy - большой книжный аукцион собрал всех любителей

2. ['fænsɪ] a**1. причудливый, затейливый, прихотливый, фантастический**

fancy picture - фантастическая картина

fancy design - причудливый узор

a fancy hairdo - затейливая причёска

2. 1) орнаментальный украшенный; фасонный

fancy bread - фигурный хлеб

fancy cakes - фасонные пирожные

fancy weaving - фигурное /жаккардовое/ ткачество

2) фигурный, непростой

fancy dives - фигурные /спортивные, сложные/ прыжки в воду

fancy swimming - фигурное плавание

fancy skating - фигурное катание

3. модный; изысканный, высшего качества

fancy articles /goods/ - модные товары; безделушки; галантерея

fancy haberdasher - продавец модных товаров мужского туалета

fancy fruit - изысканные фрукты

this dress is too fancy to wear to work - это платье слишком нарядно для работы

4. фантастический экстравагантный

at a fancy price - по баснословно дорогой цене

fancy names - вымышленные экстравагантные имена

5. (о животном или растении) обладающий особыми свойствами; выведенный для получения особых свойств**6. пёстрый, многоцветный (о растении)****3. ['fænsɪ] v****1. воображать, представлять себе**

I can't fancy him as a soldier! - никак не могу представить его солдатом!

fancy his doing a thing like that - подумать только, что он мог это сделать

just fancy!, only fancy! - можете себе представить!, подумайте только!

fancy that, now! - удивительно!, странно!

2. предполагать, полагать

I fancy he has gone - я полагаю, что его уже нет /что он уже ушёл/

I rather fancy she isn't happy - я не думаю, что она счастлива

3. нравиться, любить

I don't fancy this place at all - мне совсем не нравится это место

the patient may eat anything that he fancies - больной может есть всё, что захочет

what do you fancy for your dinner? - что бы ты съел на обед?

4. разг. быть высокого мнения о себе, быть самодовольным, «воображать» (обыкн. to fancy oneself)

he fancies himself as an orator - он воображает себя оратором

5. воображать; напрасно надеяться

he fancies that he can succeed without working hard - он воображает, что может достичь успеха без труда

6. выводить вид животного или растения для получения особых свойств**fancy****fancy** [fancy fancies fancied fancying fancier fanciest] verb, noun, adjective BrE

['fænsɪ] * NAmE ['fænsɪ] *

verb (fan-cies, fancy-ing, fan-cied, fan-cied)

1. **transitive** (BrE, informal) to want sth or want to do sth

Syn: feel like

- ~ **sth** Fancy a drink?
- I fancied a change of scene.
- She didn't fancy (= did not like) the idea of going home in the dark.
- ~ **doing sth** Do you fancy going out this evening?

2. **transitive** ~ **sb** (BrE, informal) to be sexually attracted to sb

- I think she fancies me.

3. **transitive** ~ **yourself** (BrE, informal, disapproving) to think that you are very popular, attractive or intelligent

- He started to chat to me and I could tell that he really fancied himself.

4. **transitive** (BrE) to like the idea of being sth or to believe, often wrongly, that you are sth

- ~ **yourself (as) sth** She fancies herself (as) a serious actress.
- ~ **yourself + adv./prep.** He fancied himself in love with me, the silly boy.

5. **intransitive, transitive Fancy!** (BrE, informal, becoming old-fashioned) used to show that you are surprised or shocked by sth

- Fancy! She's never been in a plane before.
- ~ **doing sth** Fancy meeting you here!
- ~ **sth** 'She remembered my name after all those years.' ' **Fancy that!** '

6. **transitive** (BrE) ~ **sb/sth** to think that sb/sth will win or be successful at sth, especially in a race

- Which horse do you fancy in the next race?
- He's hoping to get the job but I don't **fancy his chances** .

7. **transitive** ~ **(that)...** (literary) to believe or imagine sth

- She fancied (that) she could hear footsteps.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	fancy
	BrE / 'faensɪ/
	NA.mE / 'faensɪ/
he / she /it	fancies
	BrE / 'faensɪz/
	NA.mE / 'faensɪz/
past simple, past participle	fancied
	BrE / 'faensɪd/
	NA.mE / 'faensɪd/
-ing form	fancying
	BrE / 'faensɪŋ/
	NA.mE / 'faensɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: contraction of ↑fantasy.

Example Bank:

- She didn't fancy the idea of going home in the dark.

Idioms: ↑as the fancy takes you ▪ ↑take a fancy to somebody ▪ ↑take somebody's fancy

noun (pl. **fancies**)

1. **countable, uncountable** something that you imagine; your imagination

Syn: ↑fantasy

- night-time fancies that disappear in the morning
- a child's wild **flights of fancy**

2. **singular** a feeling that you would like to have or to do sth

Syn: ↑whim

- She said she wanted a dog but it was only a passing fancy.

3. **countable, usually plural** (BrE) a small decorated cake

more at tickle sb's fancy **at** ↑tickle _{v.}

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Example Bank:

- The kitchen was full of fancy gadgets.
- We sell a wide range of fancy goods.

adjective (**fan-cier**, **fan-ci-est**)

1. **unusually complicated, often in an unnecessary way; intended to impress other people**

- a kitchen full of fancy gadgets
- They added a lot of fancy footwork to the dance.
- He's always using fancy legal words.

Opp: ↑simple

2. **only before noun** (especially of small things) with a lot of decorations or bright colours

- fancy goods (= things sold as gifts or for decoration)

- He was the fanciest dresser in the room.

compare ↑plain

- (sometimes disapproving) expensive or connected with an expensive way of life
 - fancy restaurants with fancy prices
 - Don't come back with any fancy ideas.
- (NAme) (of food) of high quality

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Thesaurus:

fancy adj. usually before noun

- They sell a wide range of fancy goods.

decorative • • **ornamental** • • **elaborate** •

Opp: plain, **Opp:** simple

a/an fancy/decorative/ornamental/elaborate **design**

fancy/decorative **packaging**

fancy

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I. **fancy**¹ **S2** /'fænsi/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **verb** (past tense and past participle **fancied**, present participle **fancying**, third person singular **fancies**) [transitive]

- LIKE/WANT** *British English informal* to like or want something, or want to do something **SYN feel like**:

" Fancy a quick drink, Emma?

fancy doing something

" Sorry, but I don't fancy going out tonight.

- SEXUAL ATTRACTION** *British English informal* to feel sexually attracted to someone:

" All the girls fancied him.

- fancy yourself** *British English informal* to behave in a way that shows you think you are very attractive or clever:

" That bloke on the dance floor really fancies himself.

- fancy yourself (as) something** *British English* to believe, usually wrongly, that you have particular skills or are a particular type of person:

" He fancies himself an artist.

" She fancies herself as another Madonna.

- THINK SOMETHING WILL BE SUCCESSFUL** *British English* to think someone or something is likely to be successful in something:

" Which team do you fancy this year?

" I don't fancy our chances of getting a ticket this late.

- fancy!/fancy that!** *British English spoken* used to express your surprise or shock about something:

" 'The Petersons are getting divorced.' 'Fancy that!'

" Fancy seeing you here!

- THINK/BELIEVE** *literary* to think or believe something without being certain

fancy (that)

" She fancied she heard a noise downstairs.

II. **fancy**² **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **noun** (plural **fancies**)

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: fantasy]

- LIKING/WISH** [singular] *especially British English*

a) a feeling, especially one that is not particularly strong or urgent, that you like someone or want to have something

take a fancy to somebody/something (=decide that you like someone or want to have something)

" Mr Hill took a real fancy to Clara.

" Wanting to go to Mexico was just a passing fancy (=the feeling did not last long).

" Because of its high cost, a carpet is not an item that you change as the fancy takes you (=whenever you want).

b) **take/catch your fancy** if something takes or catches your fancy, you like it or want to have it:

" Did you see anything that took your fancy?

- tickle sb's fancy** *informal* to seem attractive or amusing to someone:

" The idea of playing a joke on her tickled his fancy.

- IDEA** [countable] *old-fashioned* an idea or opinion that is not based on fact:

" Oh, that was just a fancy of his.

- IMAGINATION** [uncountable] *literary* imagination or something that you imagine ⇒ **flight of fancy** at ↑flight(6)

III. **fancy**³ **S3** **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **adjective** (comparative **fancier**, superlative **fanciest**)

- fancy hotels, restaurants, cars etc are expensive and fashionable **SYN swanky**:

" Harry took me to a fancy restaurant for our anniversary.

fancy prices *British English* (=very high and often unreasonable prices)

- having a lot of decoration or bright colours, or made in a complicated way:

" fancy soaps in seashell shapes

" I just want a basic sports coat – nothing fancy.

- complicated and needing a lot of skill **OPP straightforward**:

I can't do all that fancy stuff on the computer.

Negotiating a deal can take some fancy footwork (=skill at making deals).

4. [only before noun] *American English* fancy food is of a high quality

fancy

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RANGE: **2k** FANCY ⁷⁵³¹

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