

**I. nan** <sup>f297</sup> 1 [nan nans] *BrE* [næn] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [næn] <sup>u</sup> noun (BrE)  
= ↑nanny (2)

Word Origin:

1940s ↑nanny ↑gran

**II. nan** <sup>f16</sup> 2 [nan nans] (also naan) *BrE* [nɑːn] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [nɑːn] <sup>u</sup> (also 'nan bread, 'naan bread) noun uncountable  
a type of soft flat S Asian bread  
See also: ↑naan ▪ ↑naan bread ▪ ↑nan bread

Word Origin:

Urdu Persian nān

**nan**

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**I. nan** <sup>1</sup> /næn/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> (also nan[na]) /'næneɪ/ noun [countable] *British English informal*  
grandmother – used by children **SYN** nanny

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### THESAURUS

#### ■ words for grandparents

- **grandfather/grandmother**: She looks just like grandmother. | My grandfather was a farmer.
- **grandpa** *informal* grandfather: My grandpa died when I was a baby. | Ask Grandpa if he'll buy us an ice cream.
- **grandma** *informal* grandmother: I was at my grandma's house yesterday.
- **grandad** *informal* (also **granddad** *American English*) grandfather: Grandad collects me from school on Fridays.
- **granny** *informal* grandmother: Granny, can I come with you?
- **nan/nanna** *British English informal* grandmother – used especially by children: She's staying at her nan's. | You can have a cuddle on the sofa with Nanna.

**II. nan** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup>, **naan** /nɑːn/ (also 'nan bread) noun [uncountable]  
a type of bread made without ↑yeast and eaten with Indian food

**nan**

Freakuency Pack

12500 **5120**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **5720**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** NANNY <sup>2387</sup>

nanny <sup>1645</sup>

nannies <sup>378</sup>

nan <sup>243</sup>

nans <sup>10</sup>

nana <sup>100</sup>

nanas <sup>11</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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