

flock

I

1. [flɒk] *n*
 1. стадо; стая (*птиц*); отара (*овец*)
a flock of wild ducks - стая диких уток
flocks and herds - овцы и рогатый скот
 2. толпа, скопление людей
a flock of visitors - толпа посетителей
to come in flocks - стекаться толпами, валить толпой
 3. 1) дети (*в семье*)
the flower of the flock - краса /украшение/ семьи
 - 2) ученики (*учёного, философа и т. п.*)
 4. *церк.* паства
 5. *редк.* собрание, комплект
a flock of pamphlets - стопка брошюр
◇ to stray from the flock - а) отбиться от стада; б) сбиться с пути истинного
to fire into the wrong flock - *амер.* ≅ попасть пальцем в небо
it is a small flock that has not a black sheep - ≅ в семье не без урода
2. [flɒk] *v*
 1. 1) стекаться, скапливаться, собираться толпой
to flock about smb. - толпиться вокруг кого-л., обступить кого-л.
to flock after smb. - толпой следовать за кем-л.
 - 2) держаться вместе, сбиться в кучу (*тж.* flock up)
 2. валить толпой
people flocked to the cities - народ повалил в города
the door opened and the public flocked in [out] - дверь открылась, и публика стала входить [выходить] гурьбой

II

1. [flɒk] *n*
 1. пушинка; клочок шерсти; пучок (*волос*)
 2. *pl*
 - 1) грубая шерсть
 - 2) *текст.* очёски
2. [flɒk] *v*
набивать (*пухом, шерстью, волосом*)

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flock [flock flocks flocked flocking] noun, verb BrE [flɒk] * NAmE [flɑːk] *

noun

1. **countable + singular or plural verb** ~ (of sth) a group of sheep, ↑goats or birds of the same type
compare ↑herd
2. **countable + singular or plural verb** ~ (of sb) a large group of people, especially of the same type
 - a flock of children/reporters
 - They came in flocks to see the procession.
3. **countable + singular or plural verb** (*literary*) the group of people who regularly attend the church of a particular priest, etc.
4. **uncountable** small pieces of soft material used for filling ↑cushions, chairs, etc
 - a flock mattress
5. **uncountable** small pieces of soft material on the surface of paper or cloth that produce a raised pattern
 - flock wallpaper

Word Origin:

n. senses 1 to 3 and v. Old English flocc 'a band or body of people' 'a number of animals kept together'

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Example Bank:

- These birds fly in huge flocks.
- a large flock of sheep
- A flock of birds passed overhead
- He looks after a flock of 500 sheep.

verb intransitive

to go or gather together somewhere in large numbers

- + **adv./prep.** Thousands of people flocked to the beach this weekend.
- Huge numbers of birds had flocked together by the lake.
- ~ **to do sth** People flocked to hear him speak.

see birds of a feather (flock together) **at** ↑bird

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flock
	BrE /flɒk/
	NAme /flɑ:k/
he / she / it	flocks
	BrE /flɒks/
	NAme /flɑ:ks/
past simple, past participle	flocked
	BrE /flɒkt/
	NAme /flɑ:kt/
-ing form	flocking
	BrE /flɒkɪŋ/
	NAme /flɑ:kɪŋ/

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[Sense 1-3: Language: Old English; Origin: flocc 'crowd']

[Sense 4-5: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: flocc 'piece of wool', from Latin floccus]

1. [countable] a group of sheep, goats, or birds

flock of

° a flock of small birds

2. [countable usually singular] a large group of people SYN crowd

flock of

° a flock of children

3. [countable usually singular] a priest's flock is the group of people who regularly attend his or her church

4. [uncountable] small pieces of wool or cotton that are used for filling ↑cushions

5. (also flocking /flɒkɪŋ \$ 'flɑ:k/-American English) [uncountable] a soft substance that is used to make patterns on the surface of ↑wallpaper, curtains etc

II. flock² BrE[°] AmE[°] verb [intransitive always +adverb/preposition]

if people flock to a place, they go there in large numbers because something interesting or exciting is happening there

flock to/into/down etc

° People have been flocking to the exhibition.

flock to do something

° Tourists flock to see the town's medieval churches and buildings.

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