

ferret

I

1. ['ferɪt] *n*
 1. *зоол.* хорёк (*Mustela furo*)
 2. *разг.*
 - 1) ищейка
 - 2) упорный исследователь; человек, производящий разыскания (в какой-л. области); сыщик
 - ◇ ferret satellite - спутник-шпион
2. ['ferɪt] *v*
 1. охотиться с хорьком (*обыкн.* to go ferreting)
 2. (from, out of) выгонять (из норы; *мж.* ferret off)
 3. разыскивать, рыться, шарить (*мж.* ferret about)
 - to ferret (about) in one's pockets - шарить в карманах (в поисках чего-л.)
 - to ferret about among old documents - рыться в старых документах
 4. преследовать, беспокоить
 - his problems ferreted him day and night - неприятности не давали ему покоя ни днём ни ночью

II

- ['ferɪt] *n*
- 1) шёлковая отделочная тесьма
 - 2) плотная бумажная или шерстяная тесёмка

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fer-ret [ferret ferrets ferreted ferreting] *noun, verb* *BrE* ['ferɪt] ^m *NAmE* ['ferɪt] ^e

noun

a small aggressive animal with a long thin body, kept for chasing ↑rabbits from their holes, killing ↑rats, etc.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *fuiret*, alteration of *fuiron*, based on late Latin *furo* 'thief, ferret', from Latin *fur* 'thief'.

Derived ↑ferret somebody out

verb

1. **intransitive** ~ (about/around) (for sth) (*informal*) to search for sth that is lost or hidden among a lot of things
 - She opened the drawer and ferreted around for her keys.
2. **intransitive** to hunt ↑rabbits, ↑rats, etc. using ↑ferrets

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	ferret
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ferɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'ferɪt/
he / she / it	ferrets
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ferɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'ferɪts/
past simple, past participle	ferreted
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ferɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'ferɪtɪd/
-ing form	ferreting
	<i>BrE</i> / 'ferɪtɪŋ/
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 [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: furet, from Latin fur 'thief']



a small animal with a pointed nose, used to hunt rats and rabbits

II. **ferret**² *BrE* ^e *AmE* ^e *verb* [intransitive]

1. [always + adverb/preposition] *informal* to search for something that is lost or hidden among a lot of things or inside a drawer, box etc

ferret around/round/about

" He started ferreting around in his desk.

ferret for

" She ferreted in her bag for a pen.

2. to hunt rats and rabbits using a ferret

ferret somebody/something ↔ out *phrasal verb*

1. to succeed in finding something such as a piece of information, that is difficult to find:

" It's been difficult for reporters to ferret out the facts in this case.

" Uncle Vernon ferreted out the laundry box from under the stairs.

2. *American English* to find and usually get rid of someone who is causing a problem:

" The new program is meant to ferret out problem cops.

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RANGE: **5k** FERRET ⁹³⁵

ferret ⁵⁵¹

ferrets ²⁰⁶

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

¹¹³ **46705**²⁵³ *nn1*

²³⁵ **47999**²⁴⁰ *vvi*

³³ **125668**³⁸ *vv0*

⁸ **179470**²⁰ *np1*
