

freak

I

1. [fri:k] *n*
 1. причуда; чудачество, каприз
out of mere freak - из чистой прихоти
by some strange freak a little snow fell in Егyпт - по какому-то капризу природы в Египте выпало немного снега
 2. 1) уродец (*мж.* freak of nature)
this calf is a freak, it has two tails - этот телёнок- монстр, у него два хвоста
 - 2) урод, чудище, посмешище
 3. *сл.*
 - 1) чудака
 - 2) хиппи
 4. *сл.*
 - 1) наркоман
 - 2) *амер.* фанатик помешанный на чём-л.
film freak - киноман
 - 3) педераст, «гомик»
 5. *спец.* ненормальный ход процесса
 6. *радио* внезапное прекращение *или* восстановление радиоприёма
 7. *кино проф.* частота
2. [fri:k] *a*
аномальный, странный, причудливый
freak weather - капризная погода; погода не по сезону
freak storm - неожиданно налетевшая буря
freak results - *радио* случайный приём отдалённых (коротковолновых) станций
3. [fri:k] *v*
 1. капризничать; чудить; дурачиться
 2. *сл.*
 - 1) приходить в возбуждение (*особ.* от наркотика)
 - 2) приводить в возбуждение, ярость

II

1. [fri:k] *n поэт.*
цветная полоска; яркое пятнышко
2. [fri:k] *v поэт.*
покрывать яркими пятнышками *или* полосками; испещрять

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freak [freak freaks freaked freaking] *noun, adjective, verb* BrE [fri:k] ^m NAmE[fri:k] ^m*noun*

1. (*informal*) a person with a very strong interest in a particular subject
 - a **health/fitness/jazz, etc. freak**
 - see also** ↑control freak
2. (*disapproving*) a person who is considered to be unusual because of the way they behave, look or think
 - She was treated like a freak because she didn't want children.
 - He's going out with a real freak.
3. (*also* ,**freak of 'nature**) (*sometimes offensive*) a person, an animal, a plant or a thing that is not physically normal
4. a very unusual and unexpected event
 - By some **freak of fate** they all escaped without injury.

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (originally meaning a whim or sudden change of mind): probably from a dialect word.

Example Bank:

- By some freak of fate, she won an enormous sum of money.
- For the real speed freak, there is a 2-litre, fuel-injection version of the car.
- Her dad is a total control freak.
- Her dad seems to be a bit of a control freak, always keeping a close watch on what anybody's doing.
- I felt a bit of a freak in my strange clothes.
- I'm such a neat freak that I clean up after other people.
- Other students regarded him as a freak.
- The manager described the 8–0 defeat as a freak result.
- This was no more than a freak of history.
- What kind of sick freak is this guy?
- He's a real fitness freak— he goes to the gym every single day.
- I wish people wouldn't stare, as if I were some kind of freak.
- In the past freaks were shown at fairs.
- This butterfly is a freak of nature, black and white instead of blue.

adjective only before noun (of an event or the weather)

very unusual and unexpected

- a **freak accident/storm/occurrence**
- freak weather conditions

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verb intransitive, transitive (informal)

if sb freaks or if sth freaks them, they react very strongly to sth that makes them suddenly feel shocked, surprised, frightened, etc

- ~ **(out)** My parents really freaked when they saw my hair.
- ~ **sb (out)** Snakes really freak me out.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	freak
	BrE /frɪ:k/
	NAmE /frɪ:k/
he / she / it	freaks
	BrE /frɪ:ks/
	NAmE /frɪ:ks/
past simple, past participle	freaked
	BrE /frɪ:kt/
	NAmE /frɪkt/
-ing form	freaking
	BrE /frɪ:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /frɪ:kɪŋ/

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I. **freak**¹ /frɪk BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from Old English frician 'to dance']

1. **informal** someone who is extremely interested in a particular subject so that other people think they are strange or unusual:

- a fitness freak
- a religious freak
- a computer freak

2. someone who is considered to be very strange because of the way they look, behave, or think **SYN weirdo**:

- These glasses make me look like a freak.
- Women who studied engineering used to be considered freaks.

3. a **control freak** someone who always wants to control situations and other people

4. (also **freak of nature**) something in nature that is very unusual:

- Due to some freak of nature, it snowed in June.

5. an unexpected and very unusual event:

- By some freak of fate, he walked away from the crash completely unhurt.
- April's sales figures were a freak.

II. **freak**² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ **adjective** [only before noun]

unexpected and very unusual:

- a freak result
- He was crushed to death in a freak accident.

freak wind/wave/storm etc

- The men drowned when a freak wave sank their boat.

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■ **events/situations**

- **unusual** different from what usually happens: We had snow in May, which is very unusual.
- **rare** not happening very often, or existing only in small numbers: Violent crimes are rare. | Hatton gathered many rare plants from all over the world.
- **exceptional** /ɪk'sepʃənəl/ very unusual and happening very rarely: 90-day visas can be extended only in exceptional circumstances. | The presence of a jury in a civil trial is now quite exceptional.
- **out of the ordinary** unusual and surprising or special: It was a small village where nothing out of the ordinary ever seemed to happen.
- **freak** extremely unusual and unexpected - used about an accident, storm etc: A freak wave wrecked most of the seafront. | Their car was crushed by a tree in a freak accident.
- **unprecedented** /ʌn'presədəntəd, ʌn'presɪdəntəd/ if something is unprecedented, it has never happened before - often used about successes and achievements: An unprecedented number of students have received top grades. | This kind of deal is unprecedented.
- **unheard of** if something is unheard of, it has never happened or been done before - used especially when something seems very surprising to people at that time: In our small town, this kind of crime was almost unheard of. | unheard-of luxuries such as electric windows and air-conditioning

III. **freak**³ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [intransitive] *informal*

to become suddenly angry or afraid, especially so that you cannot control your behaviour **SYN flip**:

" When Ben heard about the accident, he just freaked.

freak out *phrasal verb informal*

to become very anxious, upset, or afraid, or make someone very anxious, upset, or afraid:

" People just freaked out when they heard the news.

freak somebody out

" The whole idea freaked me out.

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freakish 204

freakishness 15

freakishly 61

freaky 313

freakier 0

freakiest 7

freaking 612

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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