

**feast****1. [fi:st] n****1. пир; празднество; банкет**

marriage feast - брачный пир

to make (a) feast - пировать, устраивать пир

to give /to hold/ a feast - дать банкет

to make a feast of smth. - лакомиться чем-л., наслаждаться хорошей едой; наедаться до отвала

feast for the gods - пища богов, чудесная еда

feast of fat things, the feast of Lucullus - лукуллов пир, роскошное угощение

**2. наслаждение**

intellectual feast - интеллектуальноенаслаждение

feast for the eyes - наслаждение для глаз, приятное зрелище

feast of intelligent conversation - удовольствие, получаемое от разговора с умным собеседником

**3. (религиозный) праздник**

movable [immovable] feasts - праздники, отмечаемые в разные [в одни и те же] дни

feast day - праздничный день, *особ.* день приходского праздника

feast rite - праздничный обряд, праздничная служба

◇ enough is as good as a feast - *посл.* ≅ от добра добра не ищутfeast today and fast tomorrow - *посл.* ≅ разом густо, разом пустоDutch feast *см.* Dutch II ◇

a death's head [a skeleton] at the feast - кто-л. омрачающий веселье; ≅ унылая физиономия на празднике; то, что портит

удовольствие /отравляет веселье/; неприятное происшествие во время праздника

Feast of Fools /of Asses/ - *исм.* «пир дураков» (*средневековое празднество*)**2. [fi:st] v****1. пировать, праздновать**

they feasted the night away - они пировали всю ночь

**2. угощать; потчевать; принимать, чествовать**

the king feasted his friends - король созвал на пир своих приближённых

to feast smb. on chicken and green peas - угощать кого-л. цыплёнком с зелёным горошком

**3. 1) наслаждаться****2) услаждать, ласкать (слух, зрение)**

to feast one's eyes on a landscape - любоваться ландшафтом

to feast the ears with music - услаждать слух музыкой

**4. совершать богослужение в праздники; праздновать (рождество и т. п.)****feast**

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**feast** [feast feasts feasted feasting] noun, verb *BrE* [fiːst] *NAmE* [fiːst]**noun****1. a large or special meal, especially for a lot of people and to celebrate sth**

• a wedding feast

**2. a day or period of time when there is a religious festival**

• the feast of Christmas

• a feast day

**3. usually singular a thing or an event that brings great pleasure**

• a feast of colours

• The evening was a real feast for music lovers.

**Word Origin:**Middle English: from Old French *feste* (noun), *fester* (verb), from Latin *feſta*, neuter plural of *feſtus* 'joyous'. Compare with *fete* and *fiesta*.**Example Bank:**

• The migrating salmon provide a delicious feast for the brown bear.

• The women were busy preparing the wedding feast.

• Villagers used to hold a great feast at harvest time.

• a feast of Spanish food and wine

• a veritable feast of music

• on the feast of St John

• The wedding feast traditionally lasts three days.

**Idiom: feast your eyes****verb intransitive ~ (on sth)**

to eat a large amount of food, with great enjoyment

• We sat in the yard feasting on barbecued chicken and beer.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	feast
	BrE /fɛ:st/
	NAmE /fɛ:st/
he / she / it	feasts
	BrE /fɛ:sts/
	NAmE /fɛ:sts/
past simple, past participle	feasted
	BrE /fɛ:stɪd/
	NAmE /fɛ:stɪd/
-ing form	feasting
	BrE /fɛ:stɪŋ/
	NAmE /fɛ:stɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Flies were feasting on the rotting flesh.
- The chief invited the villagers to feast and make merry.
- They feasted on eggs, bacon, toast and coffee.

**feast**

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I. **feast**<sup>1</sup> /fɛɪst BrE<sup>ˈ</sup> AmE<sup>ˈ</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: feste 'occasion of celebration', from Latin festum]

1. a large meal where a lot of people celebrate a special occasion ⇒ **banquet**:

- a wedding feast
- The king promised to hold a great feast for all his people.

2. a very good large meal:

- all the ingredients for a spaghetti feast

**midnight feast** (=a meal eaten secretly at night by children)

3. an occasion when there are a lot of enjoyable things to see or do

**feast for**

- Next week's film festival should be a real feast for cinema-goers.
- The play is also a visual feast.

4. a day or period when there is a religious celebration:

- the feast day of St. Francis

⇒ **↑movable feast**

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **verbs**

- **have a feast** We decided to have a feast to celebrate the victory.
- **give a feast** He gave a feast to which all the villagers were invited.
- **hold a feast** (=arrange for a feast to take place) The feast was held in the college dining hall.
- **prepare a feast** A catering company was hired to prepare the feast.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + feast**

- **a great feast** (=a large and impressive feast) A great feast took place at the palace.
- **a wedding/marriage feast** This dish is traditionally served at wedding feasts.

II. **feast**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>ˈ</sup> AmE<sup>ˈ</sup> verb

1. **feast on/upon something** to eat a lot of a particular food with great enjoyment:

- We feasted on chicken and roast potatoes.

2. **feast your eyes on somebody/something** to look at someone or something with great pleasure:

- If you like luxury cars, feast your eyes on these.

3. **[intransitive]** to eat and drink a lot to celebrate something

**feast**

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