

firework['faɪəwɜːk] *n*

1. *обыкн. pl* фейерверк
2. *pl* блеск ума; фейерверк остроумных замечаний
3. *pl* гнев, ярость

there will be fireworks if you are late - если ты опоздаешь, будет скандал

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fire-work [firework fireworks] *BrE* ['faɪəwɜːk] *NAmE* ['faɪərɜːk] *noun*

1. **countable** a small device containing powder that burns or explodes and produces bright coloured lights and loud noises, used especially at celebrations: (BrE) to let off a few fireworks
 - (NAmE) to set off a few fireworks
 - a firework(s) display
 - The firework spluttered and went out.
2. **fireworks plural** a display of fireworks
 - When do the fireworks start?
3. **fireworks plural (informal)** strong or angry words; exciting actions
 - There'll be fireworks when he finds out!

Example Bank:

- They set off fireworks in their back garden.
- Thousands of people jammed into People's Square to watch the fireworks.

Culture:**Bonfire Night**

British people celebrate Bonfire Night every year on 5 November in memory of a famous event in British history, the **Gunpowder Plot**. On 5 November 1605 a group of **Roman Catholics** planned to blow up the **Houses of Parliament** while King **James I** was inside. On the evening before, one of them, **Guy Fawkes**, was caught in the **cellars** with **gunpowder** (= an explosive), and the **plot** was discovered. He and all the other **conspirators** were put to death. Bonfire Night is sometimes called **Guy Fawkes Night**. Originally, Bonfire Night was celebrated as a victory for **Protestants** over Catholics, but the festival is now enjoyed by everyone. Some children make a **guy**, a figure of a man made of old clothes stuffed with newspaper or straw to represent Guy Fawkes. The guy is then burned on top of a **bonfire** on Bonfire Night. A few days before, children take their guy into the street and ask for a 'penny for the guy', money for **fireworks** (= small packets of explosives which, when lit, make a bang or send a shower of coloured light into the air). Only adults are legally allowed to buy fireworks.

Some people hold private **bonfire parties** in their gardens, while others attend larger public events organized by local councils or charities. **Chestnuts** or potatoes are often put in the bonfire so that they will cook as it burns. Fireworks such as Roman candles, Catherine wheels (**AmE** pinwheels), **bangers** and **rockets** are put in the ground and are **let off** one by one. Children hold lighted **sparklers** (= metal sticks covered in a hard chemical substance that burns brightly when lit) in their hands and wave them around to make patterns. Unfortunately, there are sometimes accidents involving fireworks and there are now restrictions on the type of fireworks that can be used by the general public.

The events of 5 November 1605 are celebrated in a nursery rhyme: **Please to remember, The fifth of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot.**

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firework /'faɪəwɜːk/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable usually plural]

1. a small container filled with powder that burns or explodes to produce coloured lights and noise in the sky:
 - a New Year's Eve **fireworks display**
 - Jeff and David were in the back yard **setting off fireworks**.
2. **spoken** used to say that someone will be angry:
 - There'll be **fireworks** if I get home late again.
3. something that is exciting or impressive:
 - The real fireworks are provided by Shakespeare's poetry.

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