

belle
 [bel] *n*
 красавица
 southern belle - *амер.* красавица с юга (*особ.* из семьи плантатора)
 the belle of the ball - царица бала

belle Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

belle [belle belles] *BrE* [bel] ^m *NAmE* [beɪ] ^m **noun** (old-fashioned)
 a beautiful woman; the most beautiful woman in a particular place
 • You were **the belle of the ball** (= the most beautiful woman at a party, etc.) .
 • a dainty Southern beach belle from Virginia

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from French, feminine of **beau**, from Latin **bella**, feminine of **bellus** 'beautiful' .

belle Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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 [Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: from the feminine form of beau; ⇔ ↑beau]
 a beautiful girl or woman
the belle of the ball (=the most beautiful girl at a dance or party)

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