forte

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[fɔ:t, ˈfɔ:teɪ] *n*

   1. сильная сторона (*человека*)

     writing is his forte - он хорошо пишет; у него прекрасный слог

   2. клинок меча от рукоятки до середины

II

[ˈfɔ:t(e)ɪ] *муз.*

   форте

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▪ **I.** **forte** [**forte fortes**] noun, adverb *BrE* [ˈfɔ͏te]　*NAmE* [fɔ͏rt]

noun singular

  a thing that sb does particularly well

    • Languages were never my forte.

    Word Origin:
    n. mid 17th cent. fort French fort forte **'strong'** Latin fortis
    adv. Italian Latin fortis

adverb (music)

  played or sung loudly

   Opp: ↑piano

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▪ **II.** **forte** adjective

    Main entry: ↑forte~derived~

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I. for‧te[1] /ˈfɔ͏teɪ $ fɔ͏rt/ *BrE*　*AmE*　noun

  [Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: fort (influenced by ⇨ ↑forte[1]); ⇨ ↑fort]

  1. **be sb's forte** to be something that you do well or are skilled at:

    He found that running long distances was not his forte.

    As a writer, her forte is comedy.

  2. [countable] a note or line of music played or sung loudly

II. for‧te[2] /ˈfɔ͏teɪ $ ˈfɔ͏rt/ *BrE*　*AmE*　*adjective, adverb* *technical*

  played or sung loudly **OPP piano**

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  15000**11473**^COCA

  RANGE: **7k** FORTE ^469

   forte ^450

   fortes ^19

  COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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   48**81827**^87 *rr*