

fondle [ˈfɒndl] v

1. ласкать, нежно поглаживать
to fondle with smb.'s hair - играть чьими-л. волосами
2. редк.
 - 1) ласкаться
 - 2) быть ласковым

fondle Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
fon·dle [**fondle fondles fondled fondling**] *BrE* [ˈfɒndl] *AmE* [ˈfɑːndl] **verb**

~ **sb/sth**
 to touch and move your hand gently over sb/sth, especially in a sexual way, or in order to show love

Syn: ↑caress

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	fondle
	BrE / ˈfɒndl/
	NAme / ˈfɑːndl/
he / she / it	fondles
	BrE / ˈfɒndlz/
	NAme / ˈfɑːndlz/
past simple, past participle	fondled
	BrE / ˈfɒndld/
	NAme / ˈfɑːndld/
-ing form	fondling
	BrE / ˈfɒndlɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈfɑːndlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 17th cent. (in the sense 'pamper'): back-formation from obsolete fondling 'much-loved or petted person', from ↑fond + ↑-ling.

Example Bank:

- He kissed and fondled her face and neck.
- She fondled the dog's ears affectionately.

fondle Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)
fon·dle /ˈfɒndl \$ ˈfɑːndl *BrE* *AmE* **verb** [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: fond 'to love too much' (16-17 centuries), from ⇒ ↑fond]

to gently touch and move your fingers over part of someone's body in a way that shows love or sexual desire:

She fondled his neck.

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THESAURUS

■ touch somebody gently or lovingly

- **stroke** to move your hand gently over something, especially in a loving way: She stroked the child's hair. | Our cat won't let people stroke him.
- **pat** to touch an animal or child lightly several times, with your hand flat: He knelt down to pat the dog. | She patted the little boy's head.
- **pet** to touch and move your hand gently over someone, especially an animal or child: The goats, pigs, sheep, and cows here allow you to pet them.
- **caress** /kə'res/ to gently touch a part of someone's body in a loving way: a mother caressing her child | She caressed his cheek.
- **fondle** to touch a part of someone's body in a loving or sexual way – use this especially about touching someone in a sexual way that is not wanted: He tried to fondle her and she immediately pulled away from him.

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