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bon fire [**bonfire bonfires**] *BrE* ['bonfaɪə(r)] *NAmE* ['ba nfa]^{*} noun a large outdoor fire for burning waste or as part of a celebration

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from **†bone** + **†fire**. The term originally denoted a large open-air fire on which bones were burnt (sometimes as part of a celebration), also one for burning heretics or proscribed literature. Dr Johnson accepted the mistaken idea that the word came from French bon **'good'**.

Example Bank:

- It was 5 November- Bonfire Night- and the children were excited.
- Tell the neighbours before you light the bonfire in case they're in the garden.
- There will be a bonfire and a firework display.
- What are you doing for Bonfire Night?

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