

fable1. [ˈfeɪb(ə)] *n*

1. басня
 Aesop's fables - басни Эзопа
 fable book - сборник басен
 fable writer - баснописец

2. **небылица** **выдумка**; **ложь**

this is a mere fable - это всё выдумка
 old wife's /women's/ fables - бабьи сказки

3. **предмет всеобщих толков**, **излюбленная тема**

he became the chief fable of the village - в деревне только о нём и говорили

4. **легенда**; **предание**5. *редк.* **фабула** **сюжет**2. [ˈfeɪb(ə)] *v* *поэт.*1) **сочинять** *или* **рассказывать** **басни**; **придумывать** **небылицы**; **рассказывать** **сказки**; **лгать**

to say verity, and not to fable - говорить правду, а не выдумывать

2) **болтать** **вздор**3) **гласить** (*о предании*)**fable**

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fable [**fable** **fables** **fabled** **fabling**] *BrE* [ˈfeɪbəl] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈfeɪbəl] ^ˈ **noun**1. **countable**, **uncountable** a traditional short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially one with animals as characters; these stories considered as a group

- Aesop's Fables
- a land rich in fable

2. **uncountable**, **countable** a statement, or an account of sth, that is not trueWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French **fable** (noun), from Latin **fabula** 'story', from **fari** 'speak'.Example Bank:

- Is there a copy of Aesop's Fables in the library?

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fable /ˈfeɪbəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin fabula 'conversation, story']

1. [**countable**] a traditional short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially a story about animals:

the fable of the fox and the crow

2. [**uncountable**] fables or other traditional stories:

monsters of fable

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- **story** a description of how something happened that is intended to entertain people, and may be true or imaginary: a ghost story | a love story | It's a story about a man who loses his memory. | a book of short stories
- **tale** a story about strange imaginary events, or exciting events that happened in the past: a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen | I loved hearing tales of his travels.
- **myth** *noun* [**uncountable and countable**] a very old imaginary story about gods and magical creatures: an ancient myth | Greek and Roman myths
- **legend** *noun* [**uncountable and countable**] an old story about brave people or magical events that are probably not true: popular legends of the creation of the world | According to legend, King Arthur was buried there.
- **fable** a traditional imaginary short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially a story about animals: the fable of the tortoise and the hare | a Chinese fable
- **epic** a story told in a long book, film, or poem which is about great or exciting events, especially in history: an epic about 13th-century Scottish hero William Wallace
- **saga** a story about a series of events that take place over a long period of time, especially events involving one family: a family saga beginning in the 1880s
- **yarn** *informal* a long exciting story that is not completely true: The movie's a rattling good yarn and full of action.

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