

fair

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[feə] *n*

1. ярмарка
the Leipzig Spring Fair - весенняя Лейпцигская ярмарка
2. благотворительный базар
church fair - церковный (благотворительный) базар
3. выставка
World Fair - всемирная выставка
◇ a day after [before] the fair - слишком поздно [рано]

II

1. [feə] *n*

1. *арх.*, *поэт.*
1) красавица; возлюбленная
the fair - прекрасный пол
2) женщина
2. посредственная, удовлетворительная отметка; посредственно, удовлетворительно
◇ for fair - *амер.* действительно, несомненно; полностью
the rush was on for fair - (предпраздничная) толкотня развернулась вовсю
no fair - *амер.* не по правилам
that was no fair - это нарушение правил

2. [feə] *a*

1. честный; справедливый, беспристрастный, законный
by fair means - честным путём
by fair means or foul - любыми средствами
fair deal - честная /справедливая/ сделка [*см. тж.* Fair Deal]
fair play - а) игра по правилам; б) честная игра; честность; справедливость
it was a fair fight - бой вёлся по правилам (бокс)
fair price - справедливая /настоящая/ цена
fair employment practices - *амер.* приём на работу без дискриминации
strict but fair - строгий, но справедливый
fair game - *охот.* законная добыча (*тж. перен.*)
it's all fair and above-board - здесь всё честно
it's all fair and proper - это только справедливо
to give smb. [to get] a fair hearing - дать кому-л. [получить] возможность изложить свою точку зрения, оправдаться *и т. п.*
2. 1) достаточно хороший, сносный
in fair condition - в приличном состоянии
a fair number - достаточное количество
house of fair size - довольно большой дом
to have a fair amount of sense - быть не лишённым здравого смысла
he is in a fair way of business - его дела /дела его фирмы/ идут неплохо
- 2) посредственный
it's only a fair movie - это весьма посредственный фильм
- 3) благовидный
to put smb. off with fair speeches [promises] - успокоить, убедить кого-л. прекрасными речами [обещаниями]
3. белокурый; светлый
fair hair - светлые волосы
fair skin - белая кожа
fair man [woman] - блондин [блондинка]
4. чистый, незапятнанный
fair name - хорошая репутация, честное имя
5. 1) ясный и солнечный
fair weather - хорошая /ясная/ погода
fair sky - чистое /ясное/ небо
fair day /daylight/ - дневной свет
- 2) благоприятный
fair wind - благоприятный/попутный/ ветер
to have a fair chance of success - иметь много шансов на успех
to be in the fair way to smth. /to do smth./ - быть на пути к чему-л., иметь шансы на что-л.
- 3) ясный, чёткий
fair writing /hand/ - ясный /разборчивый/ почерк
fair copy - беловик, чистовик, чистовой экземпляр (*документа и т. п.*)
please make a fair copy of this letter - пожалуйста, перепишите это письмо набело
6. *арх.*, *поэт.* красивый, прекрасный
fair woman - красавица
fair one - красивая *или* любимая женщина
the fair sex - прекрасный пол
fair landscape - красивый пейзаж
(as) fair as a lily [as a rose] - прекрасный как лилия [как роза]

7. **амер.** чистый, полный

a fair swindle /do/ - чистое мошенничество

it's a fair pleasure to watch him - смотреть на него одно удовольствие

◇ fair enough - справедливо; согласен

fair go - правда, честно

fair wear and tear - **тех.** естественный износ

fair and square - честный и справедливый [см. **тж.** fair2 III ◇]

fair cop - **вор. жарг.** обоснованный арест; ≅ попался за дело, поймали с поличным

fair do's - **сл.** справедливый делёж; равные доли

all is fair in love and war - в любви и на войне все средства хороши

fair without, false /foul/ within - красиво снаружи, да гнило внутри

3. [feə] **adv**

1. **честно**

to play fair - а) играть честно /по правилам/; б) действовать открыто /честно/

to hit fair - **спорт.** нанести удар по правилам

2. **прямо, точно**

to strike smb. fair on the chin - ударить кого-л. прямо в подбородок

3. **чисто; ясно**

to copy a letter out fair - переписать письмо начисто /набело/

4. **арх.** вежливо, учтиво

to speak to smb. fair - учтиво, любезно поговорить с кем-л.

◇ to bid fair **см.** bid II ◇

fair and softly! - тише, легче!

fair and square - а) честно и справедливо; б) прямо, точно

4. [feə] **v**

1. **проясняться (о погоде)**

2. **переписывать начисто; перебеливать (документ)**

3. **тех.** обеспечивать обтекаемость, сглаживать контур

fair

fair [fair **fairs fairer fairest**] **adjective, adverb, noun** BrE [feə(r)] ¹ NAmE [fer] ²

adjective (fair-er, fair-est)

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ACCEPTABLE/APPROPRIATE

1. **acceptable and appropriate in a particular situation**

- a fair deal/wage/price/question
- The punishment was very fair.
- In the end, a draw was a fair result.
- I give you fair warning, I'm not always this generous.
- ~ **to sb (to do sth)** Was it really fair to him to ask him to do all the work?
- ~ **on sb (to do sth)** It's not fair on the students to keep changing the timetable.
- ~ **to do sth It's only fair** to add that they were not told about the problem until the last minute.
- I think **it is fair to say that** they are pleased with this latest offer.
- ~ **that...** It seems only fair that they should give us something in return.
- **To be fair**, she behaved better than we expected.
- (especially BrE) 'You should really have asked me first.' 'Right, okay, **fair comment**.'

Opp: ↑unfair

TREATING PEOPLE EQUALLY

2. **treating everyone equally and according to the rules or law**

- She has always been scrupulously fair.
- demands for a fairer distribution of wealth
- ~ **(to sb)** We have to be fair to both players.
- to receive a fair trial
- free and fair elections
- **It's not fair!** He always gets more than me.
- The new tax is fairer than the old system.
- They are fair and decent employers.
- his vision of a fairer, kinder society

Opp: ↑unfair

QUITE LARGE

3. **only before noun** quite large in number, size or amount

- A fair number of people came a long.
- a fair-sized town
- We've still got **a fair bit** (= quite a lot) to do.
- My birthday's still a fair way off (= it's still a long time until my birthday).

QUITE GOOD

4. (especially BrE) quite good

- There's a **fair chance** that we might win this time.
- It's a fair bet that they won't turn up.
- I have a fair idea of what happened.
- His knowledge of French is only fair.

HAIR/SKIN

5. pale in colour

- a fair complexion
- She has long fair hair.
- All her children are fair (= they all have fair hair).

Opp: ↑dark

WEATHER

6. bright and not raining

Syn: ↑fine

- a fair and breezy day
- The day was set fair with the spring sun shining down.

7. (literary) (of winds) not too strong and blowing in the right direction

- They set sail with the first fair wind.

BEAUTIFUL

8. (literary or old use) beautiful

- a fair maiden

Word Origin:

adj. and adv. Old English *fæger* 'pleasing, attractive' Germanic Old High German *fagar*

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Thesaurus:

fair adj.

- We want a fair wage.

reasonable • • **equal** • • **even-handed** • • **just** • |formal **equitable** •

Opp: unfair

be fair/reasonable/just/equitable **that...**

a/an fair/reasonable/equal/just/equitable **division/distribution/share** of sth

be fair/reasonable/just **law/punishment/sentence/judgement /person/man/woman**

Example Bank:

- I don't care what he thinks. It seems perfectly fair to me.
- I'll give you ten pounds each to make it fair.
- It's hardly fair that I should be working while everyone else is enjoying themselves!
- It's important to be scrupulously fair when grading the final exam paper.
- That doesn't seem quite fair.
- That seems fair to all sides.
- To be fair, we hadn't really spent enough time on the job.
- 'You really should have asked me first.' 'OK. Fair comment.'
- All we're asking for is a fair wage.
- Everyone has the right to a fair trial.
- For the first time, free and fair elections will be held.
- I don't think the sentence was very fair.
- I give you fair warning, I'm not always this generous.
- It was a fair and breezy day.
- It wasn't really fair to ask him to do all the work.
- It's a fair question, and it deserves to be taken seriously.
- It's fair to say that they are pleased with the latest offer.
- It's not fair on the students...
- It's not fair to the students to keep changing the schedule.
- It's not fair! He always gets more than me!
- It's only fair to say that this is the first time she's heard about the problem.
- It's quite expensive, but I still think it's a fair price.
- Scoring twenty points was a fair achievement
- The day was set fair with the spring sun shining down.
- The new tax is fairer than the old one.
- They are demanding a fairer distribution of the earth's resources.
- To be fair, she behaved better than we expected.

Idioms: ↑all's fair in love and war ▪ ↑by fair means or foul ▪ ↑fair and square ▪ ↑fair crack of the whip ▪ ↑fair enough ▪ fair hearing ▪ fair shake ▪ ↑fair to middling ▪ ↑fair! ▪ ↑fair's fair ▪ ↑fairly and squarely ▪ ↑it's a fair cop ▪ ↑set fair ▪ ↑your fair share of something

according to the rules; in a way that is considered to be acceptable and appropriate

- Come on, you two, fight fair!
- They'll respect you as long as you **play fair** (= behave honestly) .

more at you can't say (any) fairer (than that) **at** ↑say v.

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noun

ENTERTAINMENT

1. (BrE also **fun-fair**) (NAmE also **car-ni-val**) a type of entertainment in a field or park at which people can ride on large machines and play games to win prizes

- Let's take the kids to the fair.
- all the fun of the fair

2. (NAmE) a type of entertainment in a field or park at which farm animals and products are shown and take part in competitions

- the **county/state fair**

3. (BrE) = ↑**fête**

BUSINESS

4. an event at which people, businesses, etc. show and sell their goods

- a world trade fair
- a craft/a book/an antique fair

ANIMAL MARKET

5. (BrE) (in the past) a market at which animals were sold

- a horse fair

JOBS

6. **job/careers** ~ an event at which people who are looking for jobs can get information about companies who might employ them

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Culture:

fairs

Some British fairs, such as St Giles Fair in ↑**Oxford** and the Goose Fair in ↑**Nottingham**, date back hundreds of years. They are travelling fairs that occupy part of a town centre for a few days each year. The people who run the fairs usually live in **caravans**. Originally, animals were sold at these fairs and people could change employers there. The Appleby Horse Fair in ↑**Cumbria** still has animals, but most fairs now consist only of **fairground rides** and **amusements** such as rifle ranges where people shoot to win prizes. They are especially popular with children and young people and some holiday towns, for example Blackpool, have permanent **fairgrounds**. In modern times a number of **theme parks**, such as ↑**Alton Towers**, have also been developed in which the rides are based on particular ideas or themes.

Some fairs in the US also have long histories. **State** and **county fairs** held at the end of summer were important in the days when transport was limited and most Americans were farmers living far from the nearest town. They provided an opportunity to see friends, buy supplies and look at the latest farm equipment. People entered their best animals in competitions and afterwards sold them. Today there are also competitions for crops, e.g. the sweetest corn, and for home crafts like baking and sewing. The winner of the first prize gets a **blue ribbon**. In Britain, competitions like these take place at **village horticultural shows** and **agricultural shows**, such as the ↑**Royal Show**. Many Americans who are not farmers go to fairs for other kinds of entertainment. There is a **midway**, a large area with different kinds of rides and games, and an area where ice cream, pies and **candy** (**BrE** sweets) are sold. The US also has permanent **amusement parks** or **theme parks**, which have rides like those at British fairs. Fairs and amusement parks in Britain and the US typically include rides such as **merry-go-rounds** or **carousels**, **shooting galleries**, where people can win small prizes by shooting at **targets**, and **stalls** selling traditional food such as **candy floss** (**AmE** **cotton candy**; pink spun sugar on a stick), **toffee apples** (**AmE** **candy apples**; apples coated in a boiled sugar mixture) and **hot dogs** (= sausages in bread rolls). Many have a **Ferris wheel**, also called a **big wheel**, **bumper cars** (**BrE** also **dodgems**; small cars in which people crash into each other), a **helter-skelter** (= a tall, circular slide), and a **roller coaster** or **big dipper** (= a steep track on which people ride in special cars). There is often a 'dark ride' or **ghost train** (= a ride in the dark past things that jump out or make a frightening noise).

In Britain and the US other events are sometimes called fairs. At **craft fairs** (**AmE** **arts and crafts fairs**) people sell things they have made, e.g. pottery, jewellery, candles and leather goods. But **trade fairs** are large events where business companies show their products and make new contacts.

Example Bank:

- I bought it at a local craft fair.
- She is organizing next year's book fair.
- The city is holding its annual trade fair in May this year.

fair

I. **fair**¹ **S1 W2** /feə \$ fer/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑fairly ≠ ↑unfairly, ↑fair; **noun**: ↑fairness ≠ ↑unfairness; **adjective**: ↑fair ≠ ↑unfair]

[Language: Old English; Origin: fæger 'beautiful']

1. REASONABLE AND ACCEPTABLE a fair situation, system, way of treating people, or judgment seems reasonable, acceptable, and right **OPP unfair**:

- All we are asking for is a fair wage.
- £150 is a fair price.

fair trial/hearing

- the right to a fair trial
- What do you think is the fairest solution?
- The report is a fair summary of the issues facing us.

it is fair to do something

- It seems fair to give them a second chance.

it's only fair (that) (=used to say that it is right to do something)

- It's only fair that we tell him what's happening.

it's fair to say (that) (=used when you think what you are saying is correct or reasonable)

- It's fair to say that by then he had lost the support of his staff.

it's not fair on somebody

- I can't carry on working such long hours. It's not fair on my family.

2. TREATING EVERYONE EQUALLY treating everyone in a way that is right or equal **OPP unfair**:

- Why does Eric get to go and I don't? It's not fair!
- Life isn't always fair.

fair to

- The old law wasn't fair to women.

it's only fair (that)

- You pay him \$10 an hour – it's only fair that I should get the same.
- My boss expects a lot – but he's very fair.

3. QUITE LARGE a fair size/amount/number/bit/distance etc especially British English quite a large size, number etc:

- I've still got a fair amount of work left to do.
- We had travelled a fair way (=quite a long distance) by lunch time.

there's a fair chance (that)/of something (=it is quite likely that something will happen)

- There's a fair chance we'll be coming over to England this summer.

4. HAIR/SKIN someone who is fair, or who has fair hair or skin, has hair or skin that is very light in colour **OPP dark**

5. ACCORDING TO THE RULES a fair fight, game, or election is one that is played or done according to the rules **OPP unfair**

6. LEVEL OF ABILITY neither particularly good nor particularly bad **SYN average** :

- Her written work is excellent but her practical work is only fair.

7. WEATHER weather that is fair is pleasant and not windy, rainy etc **SYN fine** :

- It should be generally fair and warm for the next few days.

8. have had more than your fair share of something to have had more of something, especially something unpleasant, than seems reasonable:

- Poor old Alan! He's had more than his fair share of bad luck recently.

9. give somebody a fair crack of the whip *British English informal* to give someone the opportunity to do something, especially so that they can show that they are able to do it

10. give somebody/get a fair shake *American English informal* to treat someone, or to be treated, in a way that gives everyone the same chances as everyone else:

- Women don't always get a fair shake in business.

11. by fair means or foul using any method to get what you want, including dishonest or illegal methods

12. all's fair in love and war used to say that in some situations any method of getting what you want is acceptable

13. PLEASANT/ATTRACTIVE *old use* or *literary* pleasant and attractive:

- a fair maiden

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SPOKEN PHRASES

14. fair enough *especially British English* used to say that you agree with someone's suggestion or that something seems reasonable **SYN OK**:

- 'I think we should split the bill.' 'Fair enough.'

15. to be fair used when adding something after someone has been criticized, which helps to explain or excuse what they did **SYN in fairness**:

- She should have phoned to tell us what her plans were although, to be fair, she's been very busy.

16. be fair! *especially British English* used to tell someone not to be unreasonable or criticize someone too much:

- Now Pat, be fair, the poor girl's trying her hardest!

17. fair's fair used when you think it is fair that someone should do something, especially because of something that has happened earlier:

- Come on, fair's fair – I paid last time so it's your turn.

18. fair comment *British English* used to say that a remark or criticism seems reasonable

19. you can't say fairer than that *British English* used to say that an offer you are making to someone is the best and fairest offer

they can possibly get:

I'll give you £25 for it – you can't say fairer than that, can you?

20. **it's a fair cop** *British English* used humorously to admit that you should not be doing something that someone has caught you doing

21. **with your own fair hands** *British English* if you do something with your own fair hands, you do it yourself without any help – used humorously ⇒ **have a fair idea of something** at ↑idea

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THESAURUS

- **fair** treating people equally or in the way that is right: It's not fair that she gets paid more than me. | Everyone has the right to a fair trial.
- **just** *formal* morally right and fair: a just punishment | a just cause | a just society | Do you think it was a just war?
- **reasonable** fair and sensible according to most people's standards: a reasonable request | Lateness, without a reasonable excuse, will not be tolerated.
- **balanced** giving fair and equal treatment to all sides of an argument or subject: Balanced reporting of the news is essential.
- **even-handed** giving fair and equal treatment to everyone, especially when it would be easy to favour one particular group: The drama takes an even-handed look at the consequences of violent crime, both on attackers and their victims. | The film is even-handed and does not try to make you support either side.
- **equitable** /'ekwətəbəl, 'ekwɪtəbəl/ *formal* giving equal treatment to everyone involved: We need an equitable solution to this problem. | a more equitable distribution of wealth

II. fair² *BrE* ^{AmE} *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: feire, from Latin feriae 'holidays']

1. (also **funfair** *British English*) a form of outdoor entertainment, at which there are large machines to ride on and games in which you can win prizes **SYN** *carnival* *American English*

2. *American English* an outdoor event, at which there are large machines to ride on, games to play, and sometimes farm animals being judged and sold

state/county fair

3. **book/antiques/craft/trade etc fair** an event at which people or businesses show and sell their products:

▪ the Frankfurt Book Fair

▪ an antiques fair

▪ a trade fair (=where companies show their newest products)

▪ a craft fair (=where people sell handmade products such as jewellery, paintings etc)

4. **job/careers fair** an event where people go to get information about different kinds of jobs

5. *British English* an outdoor event with games and things to eat and drink, usually organized to get money for a school, club etc **SYN** *fête*

6. *British English old-fashioned* a market where animals and farm products are sold:

▪ a horse fair

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THESAURUS

- **exhibition** an event at which a collection of paintings, interesting objects etc are shown to the public for a period of time: All the photographs in the exhibition are for sale. | The Great Outdoors Exhibition is a great place to find out about new outdoors activities.
- **show** an exhibition. **Show** is less formal than **exhibition**. It can be used about small events as well as big public ones: The artist is preparing a show at the Museum of Modern Art. | He is putting on a one-man show in a local gallery. | a trade show | the London Motor Show at Earl's Court
- **exhibit** *American English* an exhibition: an exhibit of Western paintings and sculptures
- **fair** an event at which people or businesses show or sell their products, which is often not open to the public: the Frankfurt Book Fair for publishers and the media
- **exposition** a large and important public event at which people or businesses show or sell their products: 177 galleries from nineteen countries will take part in the Chicago International Art Exposition.

III. fair³ *S2 W3 BrE* ^{AmE} *adverb*

[Word Family: *adverb* ↑fairly ≠ ↑unfairly, ↑fair; *noun*: ↑fairness ≠ ↑unfairness; *adjective*: ↑fair ≠ ↑unfair]

1. **win (something)/beat somebody fair and square** to win a competition, sports match etc honestly and without cheating

2. **play fair** to do something in a fair and honest way:

▪ In international trade, very few countries play fair.

fair

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