

I

1. [fɑ:st] *n*

1. запор, задвижка
door fast - дверной засов
window fast - оконная задвижка, шпингалет
2. *мор.* швартов
3. *геол.* первый твёрдый слой породы
4. припай (*лёд, примёрзший к берегам*)

2. [fɑ:st] *a*

1. 1) прочный, крепкий
hard and fast rule - жёсткое правило
fast grip - крепкая хватка
to take /to have/ fast hold of smth. - крепко ухватиться /держаться/ за что-л.
she kept a fast hold on her purse - она не выпускала из рук свою сумочку
- 2) твёрдый
2. 1) прочный, прочно закреплённый *или* прикреплённый
fast roof - *горн.* устойчивая кровля
to make fast - а) закреплять, привязывать (*лодку и т. п.*); б) запирать
all the drawers were made fast - все ящики были заперты
movable items were made fast to the deck - все подвижные предметы были принатовлены к палубе
a shell fast in the chamber of a gun - снаряд, застрявший в пушке
- 2) нелиняющий, прочный (*о краске*)
fast to light - *слец.* светопрочный
3. стойкий, верный
fast friend - верный друг
fast foe - заклятый враг
4. *арх.*
- 1) крепко спящий
- 2) крепкий, глубокий (*о сне*)

3. [fɑ:st] *adv*

1. прочно, крепко, твёрдо
to be fast asleep - крепко спать
the lake was frozen fast - озеро покрылось толстым слоем льда
2. накрепко
he was fast bound by the feet - ему крепко связали ноги
the door was fast shut - дверь была плотно закрыта
to stick fast - безнадежно застрять; \cong ни с места (*тж. перен.*)
the car stuck fast in the mud - машина завязла в грязи
3. верно, преданно
◇ stand fast! - *воен.* стой!
fast by /beside/ - *поэт.* совсем рядом

II

1. [fɑ:st] *a*

1. скорый, быстрый
fast horse - быстрый конь
fast tank - быстроходный танк
fast train - скорый поезд
he is a fast worker [reader] - он быстро работает[читает]
fast neutron - *физ.* быстрый нейтрон
fast fission - *физ.* деление быстрыми нейтронами
fast milker - *с.-х.* легкодойная корова
2. приспособленный для быстрого движения *или* быстрой езды
fast track - *ж.-д.* линия, приспособленная для быстрого движения поездов
fast tennis-court - хороший теннисный корт
3. 1) спешащий (*о часах*)
my watch is 5 minutes fast - мои часы на 5 минут спешат
- 2) неточный, показывающий больший вес (*о весах*)
the scales are 2 g fast - весы показывают на 2 грамма больше
4. легкомысленный, фривольный
the fast set - кутилы, гуляки
fast woman - женщина нестрогих правил
to lead a fast life - вести беспутную жизнь, прожигать жизнь
◇ fast time - «летнее» время
to pull a fast one (on) - *амер.* обманывать, надувать, мошенничать
fast and furious - весёлый и шумный (*об играх и т. п.*); живой, активный

2. [fɑ:st] *adv*

1. быстро, скоро

to run fast - бежать быстро
her tears fell fast - её слёзы закапали одна за другой
his health was breaking fast - его здоровье быстро ухудшалось
give me a cup of coffee and make it fast - дайте мне чашку кофе, да поскорей

2. легкомысленно; беспутно

to live fast - прожигать /вести беспутную/ жизнь

II

1. [fɑːst] n

1) пост

fast day, a day for a general fast - постный день

to observe the fasts and feasts of the church - соблюдать церковные посты и праздники

to break (one's) fast - разговестись

2) голодание (лечебное); строгая диета

3) голодовка (заклѳючѳенного и т. п.)

◇ a clean fast is better than a dirty breakfast - ≅ лучше беднее, да честнее

2. [fɑːst] v

1) поститься

2) голодать, не есть

I have been fasting since breakfast - я ничего не ел с самого завтрака

fast

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fast [fast fasts fasted fasting faster fastest] adjective, adverb, verb, noun BrE [fɑːst]

" NAmE [fæst] "

adjective (fast-er, fast-est)

QUICK

1. moving or able to move quickly

- a fast car/horse
- the world's fastest runner

2. happening in a short time or without delay

- the fastest rate of increase for years
- a fast response time

3. able to do sth quickly

- a fast learner

SURFACE

4. producing or allowing quick movement

- a fast road/pitch

see also ↑fast lane

WATCH/CLOCK

5. not before noun showing a time later than the true time

- I'm early— my watch must be fast.
- That clock's ten minutes fast.

PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM

6. (technical) very sensitive to light, and therefore useful when taking photographs in poor light or of sth that is moving very quickly

FIRMLY FIXED

7. (of a boat, etc.) firmly fixed and safe

- He made the boat fast .

COLOURS IN CLOTHES

8. not likely to change or to come out when washed There is no noun related to fast. Use speed in connection with vehicles, actions, etc; quickness is used about thinking.

more at make a fast/quick buck at ↑buck n., be quick/fast on the draw at ↑draw n., hard and fast at ↑hard adj., pull a fast one at ↑pull v.

Word Origin:

adj. and adv. Old English fæst 'firmly fixed, steadfast' fæste 'firmly' Germanic Dutch vast German fest 'firm, solid' fast 'almost' Middle English 'strongly, vigorously' run hard 'close, immediate' fast by hard by 'closely, immediately' 'quickly'

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Thesaurus:

fast adj.

- She loves driving fast cars.

quick • • rapid • • brisk • • swift • • high-speed • • express • • supersonic • • speedy • • hurried • |often disapproving hasty •

Opp: slow

be fast/quick at doing sth

a fast/quick/rapid/brisk/swift **movement /pace**
a fast/quick **reader /worker/learner /rhythm**
a/an fast/high-speed/express **train/link**

Fast or quick? Use **fast** to talk about travelling

- a fast road/car

✗ a quick road/car A person may be **fast** or **quick**, but **fast** is not used in expressions where sb does sth in a short time:

- a fast/quick reader/runner/learner
- The kids were quick to learn.

✗ The kids were fast to learn.

Synonyms:

fast / quick / rapid

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

fast ~ quick ~ rapid ~		
car	glance	change
train	look	growth
bowler	reply	increase
pace	decision	decline
lane	way	progress

Fast is used especially to describe a person or thing that moves or is able to move at great speed.

Quick is more often used to describe something that is done in a short time or without delay.

Rapid, swift and speedy are more formal words.

Rapid is most commonly used to describe the speed at which something changes. It is not used to describe the speed at which something moves or is done: a rapid train ◊ We had a rapid coffee.

Swift usually describes something that happens or is done quickly and immediately: ▪ a swift decision ◊ ▪ The government took swift action.

Speedy has a similar meaning: ▪ a speedy recovery . It is used less often to talk about the speed at which something moves: a speedy car.

For the use of fast and quick as adverbs, see the usage note at ↑quick.

Example Bank:

- Her pulse seemed very fast.
- I should make a very fast profit on these.
- I suppose delivery in two days is pretty fast, really.
- Are you a fast reader with the ability to retain the key points?
- He's just become the world's fastest runner.
- It's a very fast road and people do not realize what speed they are doing.
- She loves driving fast cars.
- These are complex programs needing very large and fast computers.
- We can guarantee a fast response time.
- We've recorded the fastest rate of increase for several years.

Idioms: ↑as fast as your legs can carry you ▪ ↑fast and furious ▪ ↑fast talker ▪ ↑fast worker ▪ ↑hold fast to something ▪ ↑play fast and loose ▪ ↑stand fast

adverb (fast-er, fast-est)

QUICKLY

1. quickly

- Don't drive so fast!
- How fast were you going?
- I can't go any faster.
- The water was rising fast.
- Her heart beat faster.
- (formal) Night was fast approaching.
- a fast-flowing stream

2. in a short time; without delay

- Children grow up so fast these days.
- Britain is **fast becoming** a nation of fatties.
- The police said that they had reacted as fast as they could.

FIRMLY

3. firmly; completely

- Within a few minutes she was **fast asleep** (= sleeping deeply) .
- The boat was **stuck fast** (= unable to move) in the mud. There is no noun related to **fast**. Use **speed** in connection with vehicles, actions, etc; **quickness** is used about thinking.

more at thick and fast at †thick adv.

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v. and n. Old English fæstan Germanic Dutch vasten German fasten fasta

Example Bank:

- Don't drive so fast!
- I can't go any faster.
- He came round the corner blindingly fast.

verb intransitive

to eat little or no food for a period of time, especially for religious or health reasons

- Muslims fast during Ramadan.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	fast
	BrE /fɑːst/
	NAme /fæst/
he / she / it	fasts
	BrE /fɑːsts/
	NAme /fæsts/
past simple, past participle	fasted
	BrE /fɑːstɪd/
	NAme /fæstɪd/
-ing form	fasting
	BrE /fɑːstɪŋ/
	NAme /fæstɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- During Ramadan they fast from sunrise to sunset.

noun

a period during which you do not eat food, especially for religious or health reasons

- to go on a fast
- to break (= end) your fast

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- All members of the religious community keep these fasts.
- In the evening the people break their fast.
- He observes the fast of Ramadan.
- In Cyprus this soup is served on Easter morning to break the long Lenten fast.

fast

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **fast**¹ **S2 W3** /fɑːst/ fæst/ BrE " AmE " *adverb*

1. **MOVING QUICKLY** moving quickly:

- " Slow down – you're driving too fast.
- " a fast-moving river
- " Johnny ran off as fast as his legs could carry him (=running as quickly as he could).

2. **IN A SHORT TIME** happening in a short time:

- " Kids grow up fast these days.
- " The survivors needed help fast.
- " How fast can you get the job done?

fast becoming/disappearing/approaching etc

- " Access to the Internet is fast becoming a necessity.
- " It all happened so fast I didn't even notice I was bleeding.

3. **fast asleep** sleeping very deeply:

- " Nick was lying on the sofa, fast asleep.

4. **be stuck/held fast** to become or be firmly fixed and unable to move:

The boat was stuck fast in the mud.

She tried to pull her hand free, but it was held fast.

5. **be getting/be going nowhere fast** *informal* to not succeed in making progress or achieving something:

I kept asking her the same question, but I was getting nowhere fast.

6. **not so fast** *spoken* used to tell someone not to be too eager to do or believe something:

Not so fast. We've got to prove it first, haven't we?

7. **make something fast** to tie something such as a boat or tent firmly to something else

8. **fast by something** *literary* very close to something:

fast by the river

⇒ **play fast and loose with somebody** at ↑**play**¹(30), ⇒ **stand fast** at ↑**stand**¹(25), ⇒ **thick and fast** at ↑**thick**²(2)

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THESAURUS

- **quickly** at a high speed or without taking much time: The stream was flowing quite quickly. | They quickly became friends.
- **fast** at a high speed – used especially when talking about how something moves: You're driving too fast! | He ran home as fast as he could.
- **quick** *spoken* quickly – used in exclamations or in comparatives: Quick! There's a mouse!
- **swiftly** *written* quickly: The government acted swiftly. | She was surprised that he agreed so swiftly.
- **rapidly** quickly – used especially about changes, increases, improvements etc: The population is growing rapidly. | a rapidly changing world
- **speedily** quickly and therefore efficiently: All problems were speedily dealt with.
- **briskly** quickly and energetically: He walked briskly back along the path.
- **at high/great speed** at a very fast speed – used especially in technical descriptions: The molecules are travelling at great speed.
- **at a rapid rate** *especially written* quickly – used about changes, increases, improvements etc: Internet shopping is growing at a rapid rate.
- **as quick as a flash/in a flash** extremely quickly: As quick as a flash, I was back in my bed and under the covers.
- **like lightning** moving extremely quickly: Like lightning, the cat darted under the bushes.
- **flat out** *especially British English* at the fastest speed possible: The car was going flat out. | He was running flat out.

II. **fast**² **S2 W2 BrE** **AmE** *adjective*

[Language: Old English; Origin: fæst 'firm']

1. **MOVING QUICKLY** moving or able to move quickly:

a fast car

He's one of the fastest runners in the world.

2. **IN A SHORT TIME** doing something or happening in a short time:

The subway is the fastest way to get downtown.

The company must give a faster response to clients' requests.

The rain forests are being chopped down at an alarmingly fast rate.

I'm a fast learner.

3. **CLOCK** [not before noun] a clock that is fast shows a later time than the real time:

That can't be the time – my watch must be fast.

five minutes/an hour etc fast

I always keep my watch 15 minutes fast.

4. **fast track** a way of achieving something more quickly than is normally done

on the fast track

a young actress on the fast track to fame and success

5. **fast road** a road on which vehicles can travel very quickly

6. **fast film/lens** a film or ↑**lens**(2) that can be used when there is little light, or when photographing something that is moving very quickly

7. **COLOUR** a colour that is fast will not change when clothes are washed ⇒ ↑**colourfast**

8. **SPORTS** a fast surface is one on which a ball moves very quickly

9. **fast and furious** done very quickly with a lot of effort and energy, or happening very quickly with a lot of sudden changes:

Arsenal's opening attack was fast and furious.

10. **somebody is a fast worker** *informal* used to say that someone can get what they want very quickly, especially in starting a sexual relationship with another person

11. **fast talker** someone who talks quickly and easily but is often not honest or sincere

12. **WOMAN** *old-fashioned* becoming involved quickly in sexual relationships with men:

fast cars and fast women

13. **fast friends** *literary* two people who are very friendly for a long time

⇒ ↑**fast food**, ↑**fast-forward**, ↑**fast lane**, ⇒ **make a fast buck** at ↑**buck**¹(1), ⇒ **pull a fast one** at ↑**pull**¹(10)

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THESAURUS

- **fast** moving or able to move quickly: The cheetah is the fastest animal in the world. | a fast car
- **quick** moving fast or doing something in a short time: He was much quicker than I was over the first 100 metres. | Do I have time for a quick shower?
- **high-speed** [only before noun] designed to travel or operate very quickly: a high-speed train | high-speed Internet access
- **rapid** *especially written* happening in a short period of time – used about changes, increases, improvements etc: a rapid increase in the population | the rapid expansion of the firm's business in the Middle East | a rapid decline in profits
- **swift** *written* moving quickly or happening after only a short time: The horses ran along the track at a swift trot. | He received a swift response to his letter.

- **brisk** quick and energetic: a brisk walk in the countryside | His manner was very brisk.
- **speedy** [only before noun] happening after only a short time: Everyone wishes you a speedy recovery. | a speedy resolution to the problem
- **hurried** done more quickly than usual, because you do not have much time: She ate a hurried breakfast in the cafe before catching her train. | We made a hurried departure.
- **hasty** deciding or doing something very quickly, especially when this has bad results: It was a hasty decision, which he later regretted. | Let's not be too hasty.

III. **fast**³ BrE " AmE " verb [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: fæstan]

to eat little or no food for a period of time, especially for religious reasons:

" Muslims fast during Ramadan.

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THESAURUS

■ to eat less food or stop eating

- **be on a diet** to be eating less or different food than normal in order to become thinner: No cake thanks – I'm on a diet.
- **fast** to not eat for a period of time, often for religious reasons: Muslim people fast during the month of Ramadan.

IV. **fast**⁴ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

a period during which someone does not eat, especially for religious reasons:

" Gandhi drank some orange juice to break (=end) his three-week fast.

fast

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