

phantom['fæntəm] *n*

- фантом призрак; видение
pale phantoms - бледные призраки
phantom ship - корабль-призрак
- иллюзия; плод фантазии воображения
the phantom of watery surface - иллюзия водной поверхности
- 1) фиктивный руководитель, номинальный начальник; «ширма»
2) фиктивное учреждение, дутая организация
3) подставное лицо

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phantom [phantom phantoms] *noun, adjective* BrE ['fæntəm] [ⓘ] NAmE['fæntəm] [ⓘ]*noun*

- a ↑ghost
 - the phantom of his dead father
- a thing that exists only in your imagination
 - Phantoms and chimeras inhabited her brain.

Word Origin:

Middle English (also in the sense 'illusion, delusion'): from Old French *fantosme*, based on Greek *phantasma*, from *phantazein* 'make visible', from *phainein* 'to show'.

adjective only before noun

- like a ↑ghost
 - a phantom horseman
- existing only in your imagination
 - phantom profits
 - phantom illnesses
 - a **phantom pregnancy** (= a condition in which a woman seems to be pregnant but in fact is not)

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I. **phan·təm** ¹ /'fæntəm/ BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] *noun* [countable] *literary*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: fantosme, from Latin phantasma; ⇨ ↑phantasm]

- the image of a dead person or strange thing that someone thinks they see **SYN** ghost
- something that exists only in your imagination

THESAURUS

- ghost** the spirit of a dead person that some people think they can feel or see in a place: His ghost is believed to haunt the house.
- spirit** a creature without a physical body, such as an angel or ghost: evil spirits | the spirit world
- apparition** an image of a dead person that someone sees suddenly for a short time: He claimed to have seen an apparition in the church.
- poltergeist** a ghost that people cannot see, which throws things or moves things around: The house was haunted by a poltergeist that makes things move around all by themselves, sometimes quite big things like beds or wardrobes.
- spook** *informal* a ghost: I'm not scared of spooks.
- phantom** *literary* a frightening and unclear image of a dead person: They had seen phantoms gliding on the surface of the water.
- spectre** *British English*, **specter** *American English literary* a ghost, especially a frightening one: She had looked like a spectre. | The following night, the spectre appeared again.

II. **phan·təm** ² BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] *adjective* [only before noun]

- literary* seeming to appear to someone:
 - a phantom ship
- not real, but seeming real to the person affected:
 - a phantom pregnancy
- made to seem real in order to deceive people:
 - Phantom contracts were used to make the company seem more successful than it was.
- used humorously to describe an unknown person that you blame for something annoying:
 - The phantom pen stealer strikes again!

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