# pheasant

phea·sant [pheasant pheasants] BrE ['feznt] NAmE ['feznt] noun countable, uncountable (pl. phea·sants or phea·sant)



a large bird with a long tail, the male of which is brightly coloured. People sometimes shoot **pheasants** for sport or food. Meat from this bird is also called **pheasant**: (BrE) to shoot pheasant

- (NAmE) to hunt pheasant
- roast pheasant

#### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French fesan, via Latin from Greek phasianos '(bird) of Phasis ', the name of a river in the Caucasus (a mountainous region in SE Europe), from which the bird is supposed to have spread westwards.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Anglo-French, Origin: fesaunt, from Latin, from Greek phasianos, from Phasis ancient river in Asia]



a large bird with a long tail, often shot for food, or the meat of this bird

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