

buff

I

1. [bʌf] *n*
 1. буйволо́вая кожа; толста́я быча́чья кожа
 2. *разг. уст.* кожа (человека)
in the buff - нагишом, в чём мать родила
to strip to the buff - раздеться(ся) догола
 3. цвет буйволо́вой кожи, светло-жёлтый *или* желтовато-коричневый цвет
 4. = buff-coat
 5. *уст.* кожаный камзол сержантов *или* полицейских
 6. *тех.* полировальный круг
◇ blue and buff - *уст.* цвета партии вигов

2. [bʌf] *a*
 1. из буйволо́вой кожи
 2. цвета буйволо́вой кожи; светло-жёлтый желтовато-коричневый
buff gloves - жёлтые кожаные перчатки
 3. *разг.* голый, нагой
3. [bʌf] *v*
 1. полировать (на полировальном круге)
 2. красить в жёлтый цвет

II

1. [bʌf] *n уст.*
удар
to stand buff - стоять, держаться
2. [bʌf] *v*
поглощать удар, амортизировать толчок

III

[bʌf] *n разг.*
чепуха, ерунда

IV

[bʌf] *n амер. разг.*
болельщик, приверженец, любитель
jazz buff - любитель джаза

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buff [buff buffs buffed buffing] **noun, adjective, verb** BrE [bʌf] ^ˈ NAmE [bʌf] ^ˈ

noun

1. **countable** (used in compounds) a person who is very interested in a particular subject or activity and knows a lot about it
• an opera buff
2. **uncountable** a pale yellow-brown colour
Syn: ↑beige
3. **uncountable** soft strong yellowish-brown leather
see also ↑blind man's buff
Syn: ↑naked

Word Origin:

n. senses 2 to 3 and adj. v. mid 16th cent. French **buffle** Italian **bufalo** late Latin **bufalus bubalus** Greek **boubalos** 'antelope, wild ox' 'buffalo' 'oxhide' 'colour of oxhide'
n. sense 1 early 20th cent. ↑buff

Example Bank:

- Opera buffs should enjoy the summer season this year.
- They were a group of computer buffs who used to meet every Thursday evening

Idiom: ↑in the buff

Derived ↑buff somebody up ▪ ↑buff up ▪ ↑buff yourself up

adjective

1. pale yellow-brown in colour
Syn: ↑beige
• a buff envelope
2. (slang) physically fit and attractive with big muscles

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verb ~ sth (up)

to polish sth with a soft cloth

- She buffed up the brass with a cloth.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	buff
	BrE /bʌf/
	NAmE /bʌf/
he / she / it	buffs
	BrE /bʌfs/
	NAmE /bʌfs/
past simple, past participle	buffed
	BrE /bʌft/
	NAmE /bʌft/
-ing form	buffing
	BrE /bʌfɪŋ/
	NAmE /bʌfɪŋ/

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I. buff¹ /bʌf/ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun

[Sense 1: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: buff 'someone very interested in going to watch fires' (1900-2000) from the buff-colored coats worn by volunteer New York City firefighters in the early 19th century.]

[Sense 2: Date: 1700-1800; Origin: buff 'yellow leather made from buffalo skin' (16-18 centuries), from Old French buffle 'wild cattle', from Old Italian bufalo; ↑buffalɔ]

[Sense 3: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: buff 'bare skin' (17-19 centuries), from 'leather'; ⇒ ↑buff¹(2)]

1. **wine/film/opera etc buff** someone who is interested in wine, films etc and knows a lot about them

2. [uncountable] a pale yellow-brown colour **SYN beige**

3. **in the buff** *old-fashioned* not wearing any clothes **SYN naked**

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- **expert** someone who has a lot of knowledge about something or skill at doing something: a computer expert | an expert on beetles | It's best to ask an expert.
- **specialist** an expert who has studied a particular medical or technical subject for a long time and knows much more about it than other people: She is a specialist in corporate finance. | My doctor sent me to see a heart specialist.
- **authority** an expert whose knowledge and opinions are greatly respected: The professor is one of the world's leading authorities on African art.
- **connoisseur** /,kɒnə'sɜː/\$,kɑːnə'sɪːəm expert on food, art, literature, or design, who has had a lot of experience and knows when something is of very good quality: He was a connoisseur of fine wines. | His works are popular among connoisseurs.
- **buff** /bʌf/ *informal* someone who is very interested in a subject and knows a lot about it: a wine buff | Jazz buffs will be familiar with the band's first album.
- **virtuoso** /,vɜːtʊə'sɔː/\$,vɜːtʊə'sɔːn expert player or performer: The piece was played by violin virtuoso Pavel Sporcl. | a virtuoso pianist

II. buff² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ (also buff up) verb [transitive]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇒ ↑buff¹; because leather was used for polishing (⇒ ↑buff¹(2))]

to polish something with a cloth:

Sandra was buffing her nails.

buff up *phrasal verb informal*

to exercise in order to make your muscles bigger:

Smith buffed up for his role as Muhammad Ali.

III. buff³ BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ adjective

1. having a pale yellow-brown colour:

buff envelopes

2. *informal* attractive and looking as if you do a lot of exercise – used especially by young people:

He's so buff!

buff

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15000 **7106**^{COCA}

RANGE: **7k** **BUFF** 1801

buff 1001

buffs 800

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

537 **29130**⁵⁸⁵ *nn1*

231 **47370**²⁴⁶ *jj*

63 **85837**⁷⁹ *np1*
49 **109698**⁴⁹ *vvi*
41 **118818**⁴² *vv0*
