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fence

[play](#)*noun, often attributive* \ˈfen(t)s\
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Simple Definition of *fence*

- : a structure like a wall built outdoors usually of wood or metal that separates two areas or prevents people or animals from entering or leaving
- : a person who buys stolen property from thieves and sells it

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

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Full Definition of *fence*

1. *1 archaic* : a means of protection : [defense](#)
2. *2 a* : a barrier intended to prevent escape or intrusion or to mark a boundary; *especially* : such a barrier made of posts and wire or boards *b* : an immaterial barrier or boundary line <*on the other side of the fence in the argument*>
3. *3* : [fencing](#) 1
4. *4 a* : a receiver of stolen goods *b* : a place where stolen goods are bought

fenceless

[play](#) \-ləs\ *adjective*

fencelessness

noun

on the fence

1. : in a position of neutrality or indecision

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Examples of *fence* in a sentence

1. We put up a *fence* around our yard.
2. <the only way to prevent motorists from trying to use that unsafe bridge is to put a *fence* across the road leading to it>

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Origin and Etymology of *fence*

Middle English *fens*, short for *defens* defense

First Known Use: 14th century

fence Synonyms

Synonyms

[barricade](#), [barrier](#), [hedge](#), [wall](#)

Related Words

[bar](#), [pale](#), [paling](#); [block](#), [chain](#), [clog](#), [crimp](#), [deterrent](#), [drag](#), [embarrassment](#), [encumbrance](#), [handicap](#), [hindrance](#), [hurdle](#), [impediment](#), [inhibition](#), [interference](#), [let](#), [obstacle](#), [obstruction](#), [roadblock](#), [stop](#), [stumbling block](#), [trammel](#); [fetter](#), [hobble](#), [manacle](#), [shackle](#) (s); [constraint](#), [curb](#), [restraint](#), [snag](#); [buffer](#), [bulwark](#), [bumper](#), [cushion](#), [dam](#), [fender](#), [pad](#), [rampart](#)

Near Antonyms

[door](#), [doorway](#), [entrance](#), [entranceway](#), [entry](#), [entryway](#), [gate](#), [portal](#); [break](#), [gap](#), [pass](#)

Other Combat Sports Terms

[foil](#), [riposte](#), [welter](#)

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fence

verb

Simple Definition of *fence*

- : to put a fence around (a place or area)
- : to keep (something or someone) in or out with a fence
- : to fight with swords : to practice the art or sport of fencing

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Full Definition of *fence*

fenced

fencing

1. *transitive verb*

2. *1 a* : to enclose with a fence *b (1)* : to keep in or out with a fence *(2)* : to ward off

3. *2* : to provide a defense for

4. *3* : to sell (stolen property) to a fence

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5. intransitive verb

6. *1 a* : to practice [fencing](#) *b (1)* : to use tactics of attack and defense resembling those of fencing *(2)* : to parry arguments by shifting ground

7. *2 archaic* : to provide protection

fencer

noun

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Examples of *fence* in a sentence

1. a house with a *fenced*-in yard
2. He stole watches and *fenced* them on the street.

15th Century

First Known Use of *fence*

15th century

fence Synonyms

Synonyms

[bulwark](#), [cover](#), [defend](#), [fend](#), [forfend](#), [guard](#), [keep](#), [protect](#), [safeguard](#), [screen](#), [secure](#), [shield](#), [ward](#)

Antonyms

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- [electrified fence](#)
- [mend fences](#)
- [the grass is always greener on the other side \(of the fence\)](#)

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fence[play](#)*noun* \ 'fens **Definition of *fence* for Students**

1. : a barrier (as of wood or wire) to prevent escape or entry or to mark a boundary

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fence[play](#)*verb***Definition of *fence* for Students****fenced****fencing**

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fencer*noun*

Law Dictionary

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2. *2a* : a receiver of stolen goods *b* : a place where stolen goods are bought

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 2. *f* : to sell (stolen property) to a fence
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[quid pro quo](#)[play](#)

something exchanged for something else

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