

bunch¹ S2

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noun

1 | group of things [countable] GROUP OF THINGS a group of things that are fastened, held, or growing together:

bunch of

*I'll send her a **bunch of flowers**.*

*He had a **bunch of keys** on his belt.*

*a **bunch of grapes***

2 | group of people [singular] (informal) GROUP OF PEOPLE a group of people:

*The ancient Egyptians were a **clever bunch**.*

bunch of

*a **friendly bunch of people***

3 the best/pick of the bunch BEST

the best among a group of people or things

4 | large amount [singular] (AmE) (informal) LOT/LARGE NUMBER OR AMOUNT a large number of people or things, or a large amount of something:

bunch of

*There's a **whole bunch of places** I want to visit.*

5 bunches [plural] (BrE)

if a girl wears her hair in bunches, she ties it together at each side of her head

→ **thanks a bunch** AT THANKS (5)

COLLOCATIONSense 1

phrases

a bunch of flowers/roses/daffodils etc *I picked a bunch of flowers from the garden.*

a bunch of keys *A bunch of keys dangled from his belt.*

a bunch of grapes *She served the cheese with a bunch of black grapes.*

a bunch of bananas *Bunches of bananas hung in the trees.*

a bunch of herbs/ parsley/ thyme etc *You might like to add a bunch of fresh herbs to the stock.*

bunch² (also **bunch together, bunch up**) verb

1 [intransitive and transitive] NEAR to stay close together in a group, or to make people do this:

The children bunched together in small groups.

John stopped, forcing the rest of the group to bunch up behind him.

2 [intransitive and transitive] FIGHT to make part of your body tight, or to become tight like this:

Sean bunched his fists.

3 [intransitive and transitive] PULL to pull material together tightly in folds:

She bunched the cloth up and threw it away.

4 [transitive] HOLD to hold or tie things together in a bunch

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