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*n. pl. fan·dan·gos*

1.
  - a. An animated dance in triple time of Spanish origin, popular on the Iberian Peninsula and in Latin America.
  - b. The music for this dance.
2. *Informal* Nonsense; tomfoolery.

[Spanish, possibly alteration of *\*fadango*, from *fado*, from Portuguese, sad song; see [FADO](#).]

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