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**fi·an·cé**  (fě'än-sā , fē-än sā')

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*n.*

A man to whom one is engaged to be married.

[French, from past participle of *fiancer*, to betroth, from Old French *fancier*, from *fiance*, trust, from *fier*, to trust, from Vulgar Latin *\*fīdāre*, from Latin *fīdere*; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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