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faint  (fānt)

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adj. **faint·er, faint·est**

1.

- a. Done with little strength or vigor; feeble: *a faint attempt to apologize.*
- b. So weak as to be difficult to perceive; *a faint light in the distance; a faint echo.*
- c. Lacking clarity or distinctness: *a faint recollection.*
- d. Small in degree or amount; meager: *faint chance of getting a raise.*
- 2. Lacking conviction, boldness, or courage; timid: *a tourist who is faint at heart.*
- 3. Likely to fall into a faint; dizzy and weak: *felt faint for a moment.*

n.

An abrupt, usually brief loss of consciousness, generally associated with failure of normal blood circulation.

intr.v. **faint·ed, faint·ing, faints**

- 1. To fall into a usually brief state of unconsciousness.
- 2. *Archaic* To weaken in purpose or spirit.

[Middle English, deceitful, cowardly, from Old French, past participle of *feindre*, to feign; see [FEIGN](#).]

faint **er** *n.*

faint **ly** *adv.*

faint **ness** *n.*

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