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vaunt  (vônt, vönt)

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v. vaunt·ed, vaunt·ing, vaunts

v.tr.

To speak or write about (something) in a strongly positive way; praise or boast about.

v.intr.

To speak boastfully; brag. See Synonyms at [boast](#)¹.

n.

1. A boastful remark.

2. Speech of extravagant self-praise.

[Middle English *vaunten*, from Old French *vanter*, from Late Latin *vānitāre*, to talk frivolously, frequentative of Latin *vānāre*, from *vānus*, empty; see [euə-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

vaunt **er** *n.*

vaunt **ing·ly** *adv.*

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