

pleasure

1. ['pleɪzə] *n*

1. удовольствие

to take /to find, to have/ pleasure in (doing smth.) - находить большое удовольствие (в чём-л.)

to do smb. a pleasure - доставлять кому-л. удовольствие

I will do myself the pleasure of calling on you - я с большим удовольствием навещу вас

with great pleasure - с большим удовольствием

with the greatest (of) pleasure - с огромным удовольствием

I shall have great pleasure in seeing you again - буду очень рад снова увидеть вас /встретиться с вами/

I have pleasure in informing you - с (большим) удовольствием сообщаю вам /ставлю вас в известность/

it will be a pleasure to me ... - мне будет очень приятно ...

it is a great pleasure to me to be present - мне доставляет большое удовольствие присутствовать

it is a real pleasure to learn that - я с большим удовольствием узнал, что

I have not the pleasure of knowing him - я не имею удовольствия быть с ним знакомым

it gave me great pleasure to make his acquaintance - я был очень рад познакомиться с ним

may I have the pleasure of a dance? - разрешите пригласить вас на танец?

do me the pleasure of dining with me - окажите мне честь и отобедайте со мной

they request the pleasure of your company to dinner - они просят оказать им честь и отобедать с ними

2. 1) наслаждение; удовольствие

man of pleasure - жуир, сибарит

woman of pleasure - *арх.* проститутка; женщина лёгкого поведения

life of pleasure, life given up to pleasure - жизнь, полная наслаждений

on pleasure bent - жаждущий (только) наслаждаться жизнью; думающий только о развлечениях *и т. п.*

2) развлечение

pleasure trip - увеселительная прогулка /поездка/

to be fond of pleasure - любить развлекаться

to take one's pleasure - развлекаться

if you take your pleasures in that way - если вас это забавляет /развлекает/

a place with no opportunities for pleasure - место, где нет никаких развлечений

3. *книжн.* воля, соизволение, желание

at (smb.'s) pleasure - по (чьему-л.) желанию; как заблагорассудится

during smb.'s pleasure - так долго, как /пока/ кому-л. угодно

what is your pleasure? - что вам угодно?

without consulting my pleasure - не спросив о моём желании

I shall not consult his pleasure - я не буду считаться с его желанием

◇ I'm so glad to meet you. - The pleasure is (all) mine - очень рад с вами познакомиться. - И я тоже

2. ['pleɪzə] *v* *книжн.*

1. доставлять удовольствие

I pleasure in your company - мне доставляет удовольствие быть среди вас

will you not pleasure us with your company? - не доставите ли вы нам удовольствие своим присутствием?

I'll do anything to pleasure you - я сделаю всё, чтобы доставить вам удовольствие

it pleases me to know you - я рад знакомству с вами

2. (*часто in*) находить удовольствие

how can anyone pleasure in such music? - как может нравиться такая музыка?

3. *разг.* развлекаться; искать развлечений

pleasure

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pleas·ure [pleasure pleasures pleased pleasuring] *BrE* ['pleɪzə(r)]^o *NAmE*

['pleɪzə]^o *noun*

1. **uncountable** a state of feeling or being happy or satisfied

Syn: ↑enjoyment

• to read **for pleasure**

• ~ (**in sth/in doing sth**) He **takes** no **pleasure** in his work.

• ~ (**of sth/of doing sth**) She **had the pleasure of** seeing him look surprised.

• (*formal*) We request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of our daughter Lisa.

• **It gives me great pleasure** to introduce our guest speaker.

• Caring for a sick relative is a task that brings both pleasure and pain.

• She **took pleasure** in shocking her parents.

2. **uncountable** the activity of enjoying yourself, especially in contrast to working

• Are you in Paris on business or pleasure?

3. **countable** a thing that makes you happy or satisfied

• the pleasure and pains of everyday life

• the simple pleasures of the countryside

• **It's a pleasure** to meet you.

• 'Thanks for doing that.' '**It's a pleasure.**'

• Swimming is one of my greatest pleasures.

• Chocolate is one of life's little pleasures.

compare ↑displeasure

Idioms: ↑at your pleasure ▪ ↑my pleasure ▪ ↑with pleasure

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **plaisir** 'to please' (used as a noun). The second syllable was altered under the influence of abstract nouns ending in -ure, such as **measure**.

Thesaurus:

pleasure noun

1. U

- Reading for pleasure and reading for study are not the same.

enjoyment • • **fun** • |especially spoken **good time** • • **great time** • • |AmE, informal **blast** •

do sth **for** pleasure/enjoyment/fun

do sth **with** pleasure/enjoyment

get/derive pleasure/enjoyment **from** sth

Pleasure or enjoyment? **Pleasure** can come either from sth that you do or sth that happens; **enjoyment** usually comes from sth that you do:

- He beamed with pleasure at seeing her.

✗ He beamed with enjoyment at seeing her.

2. U

- Are you in Paris on business or pleasure?

entertainment • • **amusement** • • **play** • • **fun** • • **recreation** • • **relaxation** •

do sth **for** pleasure/entertainment/amusement/fun/recreation/relaxation

pure pleasure/entertainment/fun

3. C

- the pleasures and pains of everyday life

delight • • **joy** • • **pride** • • **privilege** • • |BrE **honour** • • |AmE **honor** • • |especially spoken **treat** •

Opp: pain

the pleasures/delights/joys **of** sth

It's a great pleasure/joy to me that...

It's a pleasure/delight/joy/privilege/honour/treat to do sth

Pleasure, delight or joy? A **delight** or **joy** is greater than a **pleasure**; a person, especially a child, can be a **delight** or a **joy**, but not a **pleasure**.

Synonyms:

entertainment

fun • recreation • relaxation • play • pleasure • amusement

These are all words for things or activities used to entertain people when they are not working.

entertainment • films, television, music, etc. used to entertain people: ▫ There are three bars, with live entertainment seven nights a week.

fun • (rather informal) behaviour or activities that are not serious but come from a sense of enjoyment: ▫ It wasn't serious—it was all done ▫ in fun ▫. ◇ ▫ We didn't mean to hurt him. It was just ▫ a bit of fun ▫. ◇ ▫ The lottery provides ▫ harmless fun ▫ for millions.

recreation • (rather formal) things people do for enjoyment when they are not working: ▫ His only form of recreation is playing football.

relaxation • (rather formal) things people do to rest and enjoy themselves when they are not working; the ability to relax: ▫ I go hill-walking for relaxation.

recreation or relaxation?

Both these words can be used for a wide range of activities, physical and mental, but **relaxation** is sometimes used for gentler activities than **recreation**: ▫ I play the flute in a wind band for recreation. ◇ ▫ I listen to music for relaxation.

play • things that people, especially children, do for enjoyment rather than as work: ▫ the happy sounds of children ▫ at play

pleasure • the activity of enjoying yourself, especially in contrast to working: ▫ Are you in Paris ▫ for business or pleasure ▫?

amusement • the fact of being entertained by sth: ▫ What do you do for amusement round here?

to do sth **for** entertainment/fun/recreation/relaxation/pleasure/amusement

to **provide** entertainment/fun/recreation/relaxation/amusement

Synonyms:

fun

pleasure • (a) good time • enjoyment • (a) great time

These are all words for the feeling of enjoying yourself, or activities or time that you enjoy.

fun • (rather informal) the feeling of enjoying yourself; activities that you enjoy: ▫ We had a lot of fun at Sarah's party. ◇ ▫ Sailing is ▫ good/great fun ▫.

pleasure • (rather formal) the feeling of enjoying yourself or being satisfied: ▫ Reading for pleasure and reading for study are not the same.

(a) good time • (rather informal) a time that you spend enjoying yourself: ▫ We had a good time in Spain.

enjoyment • (rather formal) the feeling of enjoying yourself: ▫ I get a lot of enjoyment from music.

pleasure or enjoyment?

Enjoyment usually comes from an activity that you do; **pleasure** can come from sth that you do or sth that happens: ▫ He beamed with pleasure at seeing her. ◇ ▫ He beamed with enjoyment at seeing her.

(a) great time • (rather informal) a time that you spend enjoying yourself very much: ▫ We had a really great time together.

to do sth **for** fun/pleasure/enjoyment

great fun/pleasure/enjoyment

to **have** fun/a good time/a great time
to **get** pleasure/enjoyment **from** sth
to **spoil** the fun/sb's pleasure/sb's enjoyment

Synonyms:

pleasure

delight • joy • privilege • treat • honour

These are all words for things that make you happy or bring you enjoyment.

pleasure • a thing that brings you enjoyment or satisfaction: ▪ the pleasures and pains of everyday life ◇▪ It's been a pleasure ▪ meeting you.

delight • a thing or person that brings you great enjoyment or satisfaction: ▪ the delights of living in the country

joy • a thing or person that brings you great enjoyment or happiness: ▪ the joys and sorrows of childhood

pleasure, delight or joy?

A **delight** or **joy** is greater than a **pleasure**; a person, especially a child, can be a **delight** or **joy**, but not a **pleasure**; **joys** are often contrasted with **sorrows**, but **delights** are not.

privilege • (rather formal) something that you are proud and lucky to have the opportunity to do: ▪ It was a great privilege to hear her sing.

treat • (informal) a thing that sb enjoyed or is likely to enjoy very much: ▪ You've never been to this area before? Then you're ▪ in for a ▪ real ▪ treat ▪.

honour/honor • (formal) something that you are very pleased or proud to do because people are showing you great respect: ▪ It was a great honour to be invited here today.

the pleasures/delights/joys **of** sth

It's a great pleasure/joy to me that...

It's a pleasure/delight/joy/privilege/treat/honour to do sth

It's a pleasure/delight/joy to see/find...

a pleasure/delight/joy **to behold/watch**

a **real** pleasure/delight/joy/privilege/treat

a **great** pleasure/joy/privilege/honour

a **rare** joy/privilege/treat/honour

Example Bank:

- Children find endless pleasure in playing with water.
- Daytime TV is one of his guilty pleasures.
- He beamed with pleasure at seeing her.
- He gained vicarious pleasure from watching people laughing and joking.
- His eyes lit up with pleasure.
- I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you again.
- I often meet useful people at parties, so I combine business with pleasure.
- It gives me enormous pleasure to welcome my next guest.
- May I have the pleasure of the next dance?
- My grandfather got immense pleasure out of life until the end.
- Priests promise to forego the pleasures of the flesh.
- She enjoys the simple pleasures of life.
- She takes personal pleasure in tormenting her students.
- She was deriving a perverse pleasure from his discomfort.
- Some people read for pleasure, and others read to study.
- The audience nodded with quiet pleasure at her remark.
- The photographs are now available for your viewing pleasure.
- These memories bring both pleasure and pain.
- They took great pleasure in each other's company.
- one of life's little pleasures
- the dubious pleasure of growing up in the public eye
- 'Thanks for doing that.' 'It's a pleasure./My pleasure.'
- I never mix business with pleasure.
- It gives me great pleasure to introduce our guest speaker.
- It's been a pleasure meeting you.
- Reading for pleasure and reading for study are not the same.
- a pleasure boat/trip
- the pleasures and pains of everyday life

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plea **sure** **S2 W2** /'plezə \$ -ər/ **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **noun**

[**Word Family**: **adjective**: ↑pleasant ≠ ↑unpleasant, ↑pleased ≠ ↑displeased, ↑pleasing ≠ ↑displeasing, ↑pleasurable; **adverb**: ↑pleasantly ≠ ↑unpleasantly, ↑pleasingly, ↑pleasurably; **noun**: ↑pleasantry, ↑pleasure ≠ ↑displeasure; **verb**: ↑please ≠ ↑displease]

[**Date**: 1300-1400; **Language**: Old French; **Origin**: plaisir; ⇒ ↑please²]

1. [**uncountable**] the feeling of happiness, enjoyment, or satisfaction that you get from an experience ⇒ **pleasant**

with pleasure

She sipped her drink with obvious pleasure.

for pleasure

Are you taking the trip for business or pleasure?

2. [countable] an activity or experience that you enjoy very much ⇒ **pleasant**:

the simple pleasures of life

be a pleasure to read/work with/watch etc

Carol was a pleasure to work with.

3. (it's) my pleasure *spoken* used when someone has thanked you for doing something and you want to say that you were glad to do it

4. [singular] *spoken formal* used to be polite when you are meeting someone, asking for something, agreeing to do something etc

have the pleasure of (doing) something

May I have the pleasure of seeing you again?

It's been a pleasure to meet you.

It'll be a pleasure/With pleasure (=used to respond to a request)

'Give the kids a hug for me.' 'With pleasure.'

5. at your pleasure *formal* if you can do something at your pleasure, you can do it when you want to and in the way you want to

6. at His/Her Majesty's pleasure *British English law* if someone is put in prison at His or Her Majesty's pleasure, there is no fixed limit to the time they have to spend there

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- take pleasure in (doing) something He takes great pleasure in boasting about his big salary.
- get pleasure from/out of something Young children get a lot of pleasure from dressing up.
- find pleasure in (doing) something I find great pleasure in reading.
- give (somebody) pleasure Over the years, painting has given me a lot of pleasure.
- bring pleasure to somebody (=give someone pleasure) His singing has brought pleasure to millions.
- derive pleasure from something *formal* (=get pleasure from it) I derive great pleasure from playing chess.

adjectives

- great/enormous/immense pleasure Steinbeck's books have brought enormous pleasure to many people.
- sheer/pure pleasure He studied ancient languages for the sheer pleasure of learning.
- genuine/real pleasure She smiled with genuine pleasure.
- perverse pleasure (=unreasonable, surprising, or bad) Some people derive perverse pleasure from the suffering of others.

phrases

- a source of pleasure Her garden was a constant source of pleasure.

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THESAURUS

- pleasure** the feeling you have when you are doing something you enjoy or when something very nice has happened to you: Most craftsmen get a lot of pleasure out of making things. | His music has brought pleasure to people all over the world.
- happiness** the feeling you have when you are happy: Happiness is more important than money. | Pauline was willing to do anything for her children's happiness. | I doubt she'll find happiness with Gary.
- joy** *especially written* a deep feeling of great happiness, because something good has happened: It's hard to describe the joy we felt, seeing each other again after so many years. | They danced with joy when they heard the news.
- delight** great happiness and excitement, because something good that has happened: To the audience's delight, she agreed to play another song. | Imagine my delight when I found out that the house was for sale.
- contentment** a quietly happy and satisfied feeling, especially because you are happy with your work, your life etc: He moved to the country and found contentment for the first time in his life. | She settled back in her chair and sighed with contentment.
- euphoria** /juːˈfɔːrɪ.ə/ an extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement that continues for a short time: The whole country experienced a period of euphoria after the war ended. | the euphoria that parents feel after the birth of a child
- elation** /ɪˈleɪʃən/ *formal* a strong feeling of happiness and excitement, especially because you have achieved something: After she had made her first landing, she experienced a great sense of elation. | The troops' sense of elation at the victory was not to last.

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