

merry

[ˈmeri] *a*

- 1) весёлый, радостный, оживлённый
merry laugh - весёлый /радостный/ смех
a merry fellow - весёлый малый
to be (always) merry (and bright) - (всегда) быть весёлым /оживлённым/
to lead a merry life - вести весёлый образ жизни, весело жить

2) праздничный

- to make merry - веселиться, пировать
I wish you a merry Christmas - я желаю вам весело провести рождество

2. *разг.* навеселе, подвыпивший

they grew merry on wine - выпив вина, они развеселились

3. *арх.* приятный, славный

- the merry month of May - славный месяц май
merry (old) England - добрая (старая) Англия
Robin Hood and his merry men - Робин Гуд и его славные товарищи

4. 1) *уст.* шутливый, шуточный

2) смешной, потешный, забавный

- to make merry over/with, about/ smb., smth. - подшучивать /потешаться/ над кем-л., чем-л.
◇ (as) merry as a cricket /as a lark, as a grig, as maids/ - очень весёлый, жизнерадостный
the more the merrier - *посл.* чем больше, тем веселее

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[ˈmeri] *n бот.*

черешня, вишня птичья (*Cerasus avium*)

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merry [merry merrier merriest] *BrE* [ˈmeri] ^{ad} *NAmE* [ˈmeri] ^{ad} **adjective**

(mer-ri-er, mer-ri-est)

1. happy and cheerful

Syn: ↑cheery

- a merry grin

2. **Merry Christmas** used at Christmas to say that you hope that sb has an enjoyable holiday3. (*informal, especially BrE*) slightly drunk

Syn: ↑tipsy

- I was merry after only a glass of champagne.

more at eat, drink and be merry **at** ↑eat, play (merry) hell with sb/sth **at** ↑hell, lead sb a (merry) dance **at** ↑lead ¹ *v.*

Idioms: ↑make merry ▪ ↑more the merrier

Word Origin:

Old English myrige 'pleasing, delightful', of Germanic origin; related to ↑mirth.

Example Bank:

- We had a few drinks and all got quite merry.
- A merry crowd of villagers watched the proceedings.
- His face was round and his eyes were merry.

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[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** myrge, merge]

1. **Merry Christmas!** used to say that you hope someone will have a happy time at Christmas **SYN Happy Christmas**2. *literary* happy **SYN cheerful, jolly:**

- He marched off, whistling a merry tune.
- He's a lovely man with merry eyes and a wide smile.

3. **the more the merrier** *spoken* used to say that you are happy for other people to join you in what you are doing:

- 'Do you mind if I bring Tony?' 'No, of course not. The more the merrier.'

4. [**not before noun**] *British English informal* slightly drunk **SYN tipsy**5. **make merry** *old-fashioned* to enjoy yourself by drinking, singing, laughing etc:

- Christmas is a time to eat, drink and make merry.

6. *old use* pleasant:

- the merry month of June

—**merriness** *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ **play (merry) hell with something** at ↑hell¹(25), ⇒ **lead somebody a merry old dance** at ↑lead¹(19)

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- **drunk** [**not usually before noun**] having drunk too much alcohol so that your behaviour and mental processes are affected: Gary was too drunk to remember what had happened that night. | I just hope they don't get drunk and start fighting. | drunk driving | The police are going to crack down on drunk drivers.

- **tipsy/merry** [not before noun] slightly drunk: After the second glass of wine I was feeling a little tipsy.
- **pissed** [not usually before noun] *British English informal* drunk – this word is very common in spoken British English, but it is not polite: Don't listen to him – he's pissed.
- **intoxicated** [not before noun] *formal* drunk: He was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- **paralytic/legless** [not before noun] *British English informal* extremely drunk: Don't give Dave any more to drink – he's already legless. | They became totally paralytic and abusive.
- **drunken** [only before noun] *especially written* used to describe someone who is drunk or their behaviour. **Drunken** is mainly used in written English and is always used before a noun. Don't say 'he is drunken'. Say **he is drunk**: A drunken man was found lying outside a shop door. | We found him lying by the roadside in a drunken stupor (=almost unconscious as a result of being drunk).

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