

clever[ˈkleɪvə] *a*

1. 1) умный
he is a clever fellow - он умный малый
- 2) талантливый удачный
clever book [speech] - талантливая книга [речь]
clever idea - удачная мысль
2. *predic* (at) хорошо, умело делающий (*что-л.*)
the boy is clever at sums - мальчик хорошо решает задачи
he is clever at foreign languages - у него способности к иностранным языкам
3. 1) ловкий, умелый, искусный
clever workman - искусный /умелый/ работник
clever trick - ловкий трюк
clever conjurer - ловкий фокусник
- 2) *амер.*, *диал.* хорошо, искусно сделанный
clever piece of work - искусная работа
clever stroke at golf - хороший /искусный/ удар в гольфе
4. *амер.*, *диал.* хорошо сложенный, красивый
clever lad - красивый малый
clever horse - красивая лошадь
5. *амер.*, *диал.* удобный; приятный
clever boat - удобная лодка
6. *амер.*, *диал.* добродушный

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clever [clever cleverer cleverest] *BrE* [ˈkleɪvə(r)] * *NAmE* [ˈkleɪvər] * adjective(clever-er, clever-est) You can also use **more clever** and **most clever**.

1. (especially *BrE*) quick at learning and understanding things

Syn: ↑intelligent

- a clever child
- Clever girl!
- How clever of you to work it out!
- He's **too clever by half**, if you ask me (= it annoys me or makes me suspicious) .

2. ~ (at sth) (especially *BrE*) skilful

- She's clever at getting what she wants.
- He's clever with his hands.

3. showing intelligence or skill, for example in the design of an object, in an idea or sb's actions

- a clever little gadget
- What a clever idea!
- That (= what you just did) wasn't very clever, was it? (= it wasn't sensible)
- Admitting her mistake may have been quite a clever move on her part.

4. (*BrE*, *informal*, *disapproving*) quick with words in a way that annoys people or does not show respect

- Don't you get clever with me!

see box clever at ↑box *v.***Derived Words** ↑cleverly ▪ ↑clevernessWord Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'quick to catch hold', only recorded in this period): perhaps of Dutch or Low German origin, and related to ↑cleave 'to stick to something'. In the late 16th cent. the term came to mean (probably through dialect use) 'manually skilful'; the sense 'possessing mental agility' dates from the early 18th cent.

Thesaurus:**clever** *adj.* (especially *BrE*, sometimes *disapproving*)

- How clever of you to work it out!

intelligent • • brilliant • • bright • |especially *AmE* smart •**Opp:** stupid

clever/brilliant at sth

a clever/intelligent/brilliant/bright/smart **child/boy/girl/man/woman**a clever/intelligent/brilliant/smart **thing to do/move**Synonyms:**intelligent**

smart • clever • brilliant • bright

These words all describe people who are good at learning, understanding and thinking about things, and the actions that show this ability.

intelligent • good at learning, understanding and thinking in a logical way about things; showing this ability: ▪ He's a highly intelligent man. ◇▪ She asked a lot of intelligent questions.

smart • (especially *NAmE*) quick at learning and understanding things; showing the ability to make good business or personal decisions: ▪ She's smarter than her brother. ◇▪ That was a smart career move.

clever • (sometimes disapproving, especially BrE) quick at learning and understanding things; showing this ability: ▪ How clever of you to work it out! ◇ ▪ He's ▪ too clever by half ▪, if you ask me.

People use **clever** in the phrase: ▪ Cleverboy/girl! to tell a young child that they have learnt or done sth well. When used to or about an adult **clever** can be disapproving

brilliant • extremely intelligent or skilful: ▪ He's a brilliant young scientist.

bright • intelligent; quick to learn: ▪ She's probably the brightest student in the class.

Bright is used especially to talk about young people. Common collocations of **bright** include *girl, boy, kid, student, pupil*.

clever/brilliant at sth

a(n) intelligent/smart/clever/brilliant/bright **child/boy/girl/man/woman**

a(n) intelligent/smart/clever/brilliant **thing to do**

Example Bank:

- I became quite clever at making tasty meals out of nothing.
- I'm not very clever at maths.
- a simple yet fiendishly clever idea
- clever with his hands
- Clever boy/girl!
- He's too clever by half, if you ask me.
- That wasn't a very clever thing to do.
- This book is clever, without being merely clever.

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clever **S2** /'kleɪvə \$ -ər/ **BrE** ▪ **AmE** ▪ **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. **especially British English** able to learn and understand things quickly **SYN** intelligent, smart **American English**:

▪ a clever man

very/extremely/quite/pretty etc clever

▪ Lucy is quite clever and does well at school.

2. able to use your intelligence to get what you want, especially in a slightly dishonest way:

▪ a clever lawyer's tricks

3. **especially British English** skilful at doing a particular thing:

▪ Bill's very clever with his hands.

▪ his clever ball control

clever at doing something

▪ He was clever at finding bargains.

4. done or made in an unusual or interesting way that is very effective:

▪ What a clever little gadget!

▪ a clever marketing strategy

5. **British English spoken** used jokingly when someone has done something silly or stupid:

▪ 'When I got to the library I found I'd left the books at home.' 'That was clever!'

6. **clever clogs/dick** **British English spoken** used to describe someone who is annoying because they are always right or always think they are right

7. **be too clever by half** **British English spoken** to be clever, and to show that you are clever in a way that annoys other people

—**cleverly** **adverb**

—**cleverness** **noun** [uncountable]

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- **intelligent** having a high level of mental ability, and good at thinking clearly and understanding ideas: The top universities aim to select the most intelligent students.
- **clever** **especially British English**, **smart** **especially American English** intelligent, so that you can think and learn quickly and find ways to solve problems: That was very clever of you. How did you do that? | I wasn't smart enough to be a lawyer.
- **bright** intelligent – used especially about children and young people: He's a very bright kid. | the brightest student in the class
- **brilliant** extremely intelligent and good at the work you do: a brilliant scientist
- **gifted** a gifted child is much more intelligent than most other children: a special school for gifted children
- **wise** able to make good decisions and give sensible advice, especially because you have a lot of experience: a wise old man
- **cunning/crafty** good at using your intelligence to get what you want, often by making secret plans or tricking people: She was cunning enough to keep this latest piece of information secret. | He's a crafty old devil!
- **brainy** **informal** intelligent and good at studying: My sister is the brainy one in our family.

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