

delight**1. [dɪˈlaɪt] n**

1) восторг, восхищение; наслаждение; удовольствие; услада

with delight - с удовольствием, с наслаждением

to his delight - к его удовольствию

to the great delight of smb., much to smb.'s delight - к чьему-л. великому /вящему/ удовольствию

to give smb. delight - доставлять кому-л. удовольствие /наслаждение/

to take /to have, to find/ delight in smth., to take /to have/ delight in doing smth. - находить удовольствие /наслаждение/ в чём-л.

delirious with delight - вне себя от радости

2) источник наслаждения

the delights of country life - прелести сельской жизни

music is her only delight - музыка - её единственная услада

the fragrance of the flowers was a sheer delight - аромат цветов был бесподобен

it's a delight to hear him talk - слушать его - одно наслаждение

it's such a delight to read - читать - такое удовольствие

2. *поэт.* очарование, прелесть

◇ the devil's delight *см.* devil I ◇

to kick up the devil's delight, to raise hell's delight - буяннить, скандалить; учинить скандал

2. [dɪˈlaɪt] v

1) доставлять наслаждение; восхищать; услаждать

to delight the eye - радовать глаз /взор/

to be delighted with /at/ smth. - восхищаться чем-л.

it delights the heart to see it - сердце радуется, когда видишь это

I am delighted to meet you - очень рад /счастлив/ с вами познакомиться

I am delighted with you - я восхищаюсь вами

delighted! - (*вежливая форма ответа*) а) охотно!, с удовольствием!; б) рад!, счастлив!

2) восхищаться, наслаждаться

to delight to do smth. - с наслаждением делать что-л.

to delight in music - получать наслаждение от музыки

to delight in praises [flattery] - упиваться похвалой [лестью]

she delights in her son - она души не чает в своём сыне

I delight to see you again - я в восторге от того, что вновь вижу вас

delight

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de-light [delight delights delighted delighting] noun, verb *BrE* [dɪˈlaɪt] ^{us}

NAmE [dɪˈlaɪt] ^{us}

noun

1. uncountable a feeling of great pleasure

Syn: ↑joy

• a feeling of **sheer/pure delight**

• The children squealed **with delight** when they saw the puppy.

• She won the game easily, **to the delight of** all her fans.

• He **takes (great) delight in** (= enjoys) proving others wrong.

2. countable something that gives you great pleasure

Syn: ↑joy

• This guitar is a delight to play.

• the delights of living in the country

• the unrivalled culinary delights of the hotel

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **delitier** (verb), **delit** (noun), from Latin **delectare** 'to charm', frequentative of **delicere**. The -gh- was added in the 16th cent. by association with the verb ↑light.

Thesaurus:

delight noun U

• Alex squealed with delight when he saw the monkeys.

joy • **ecstasy** • **bliss** • |especially written **euphoria** •

Opp: dismay, **Opp:** horror

sb's delight/joy/euphoria **at** sth

sheer/pure delight/joy/ecstasy/bliss

feel/be filled with delight/joy/ecstasy

Delight, joy or bliss? **Delight** and **joy** are livelier feelings than **bliss**: you can **dance/jump/sing/weep for joy** or **scream/squeal/whoop with delight**. **Bliss** is more peaceful: **married/wedded/domestic bliss**

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:

- Flowering trees provide shade as well as visual delight.
- He became deeply religious and turned away from earthly delights.
- He expressed his delight at seeing us all again.
- His mind was reeling with an almost aesthetic delight at the beauty of the thing.
- I find a perverse delight in listening to traffic.
- Much to the delight of the crowd, the band came back and did three encores.
- Savour the culinary delights of Morocco.
- She gave a whoop of delight and dived into the water.
- She took evident delight in frightening the children with horror stories.
- The baby was a constant delight and source of amazement.
- The news was greeted with great delight.
- The old lady's reminiscences were a continual delight to Constance.
- To my great delight, they offered me the job.
- We danced around with childish delight.
- Alex squealed with delight when he saw the monkeys.
- It was a delight to see him so fit and healthy.
- She takes great delight in proving others wrong.

Derived delight in something sth

verb ~ sb

to give sb a lot of pleasure and enjoyment

- This news will delight his fans all over the world.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	delight
	BrE /dɪ 'leɪt/
	NAme /dɪ 'leɪt/
he / she / it	delights
	BrE /dɪ 'leɪts/
	NAme /dɪ 'leɪts/
past simple, past participle	delighted
	BrE /dɪ 'leɪtɪd/
	NAme /dɪ 'leɪtɪd/
-ing form	delighting
	BrE /dɪ 'leɪtɪŋ/
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please • • **charm** • • **fascinate** • |especially written **captivate** • • **entrance** • • **enchant** • • **bewitch** • |BrE **enthrall** • |AmE **enthrall** •

Opp: dismay, **Opp:** disgust

be delighted/pleased/charmed/fascinated/captivated/enthralled/enchanted/bewitched **by** sb/sth

Example Bank:

- Her lack of reserve delighted him.
- She had a limitless capacity to astonish and delight.

delight

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I. **de**ˈlaɪt¹ /dɪˈlaɪt/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

1. [uncountable] a feeling of great pleasure and satisfaction

with/in delight

• The kids were screaming with delight.

to sb's delight/to the delight of somebody

• To the delight of his proud parents, he has made a full recovery.

squeal/gasp/cry etc of delight

• She gave a little gasp of delight.

2. [countable] something that makes you feel very happy or satisfied

the delights of something

• a chance to sample the delights of nearby Vienna

it is a delight to do something

• It was a delight to see him so fit and healthy.

3. **take delight in (doing) something** to enjoy something very much, especially something you should not do:

• Chris takes great delight in teasing his sister.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **great delight** It gave her great delight to tease him about his various girlfriends.
- **sheer/pure delight** (=very great) She opened the present and laughed with sheer delight.
- **obvious/evident** (=easy to see) Spencer was staring at the girl with obvious delight.

■ verbs

- **take/find delight in something** (=enjoy something a lot) He took delight in entertaining guests in his apartment.
- **squeal/scream with delight** Lucy suddenly saw the sea and screamed with delight.
- **laugh with delight** 'That's a brilliant idea!' she said, laughing with delight.
- **greet something with delight** His suggestion was greeted with delight.

■ phrases

- **a squeal/gasp/cry etc of delight** The child gave a squeal of delight.
- **a source of delight** (=something that gives great pleasure) It's a beautiful park and a source of delight to most visitors.
- **much to sb's delight** (also **to sb's great delight**) (=used to say that something gave someone a lot of pleasure) The princess stopped to talk to people, much to the delight of the crowd.

II. **delight**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: delit, from Latin delectare 'to please greatly', from delicere 'to attract']

to give someone great satisfaction and enjoyment:

• Her fabulous recipes will delight anyone who loves chocolate.

delight somebody with something

• He is delighting audiences with his wit and humour.

delight in something phrasal verb [transitive not in passive]

to enjoy something very much, especially something that other people think is not nice:

• He delights in complicating everything.

• She delighted in interesting conversation.

delight

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