# happiness

#### ['hæpinis] *n* 1. счастье

life of happiness and prosperity - благоденствие

## 2. удача, счастливый случай

## 3. своевременность, уместность

the happiness of the comparison caught our attention - удачное сравнение привлекло наше внимание

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hap·pi·ness [happiness happinesses] BrE ['hæpinəs] (NAmE ['hæpinəs])

## • to find true happiness

- · Her eyes shone with happiness.
- Their grandchildren are a constant source of happiness.
  - Main entry: happy<sub>derived</sub>

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# hap piness /'hæpines, 'hæpinis/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable]

[Word Family: noun:  $\uparrow$ happiness  $\neq \uparrow$ unhappiness; adverb  $\uparrow$ happily  $\neq \uparrow$ unhappily; adjective:  $\uparrow$ happy  $\neq \uparrow$ unhappy] the state of being happy:

- Juliet's eyes shone with happiness.
  - We want our children to have the best possible chance of happiness.
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# COLLOCATIONS

## adjectives

• great happiness (=a lot of happiness) His grandchildren bring him great happiness.

• true/real happiness (=having all the qualities which happiness should have) At last, she found true happiness with a man she loved.

• perfect/pure/sheer happiness (=happiness that is as good as it can be) The birth of my child was a moment of sheer happiness.

- human happiness (=happiness felt by people) One of the greatest sources of human happiness is love.
- personal happiness In Oxford, he at last found personal happiness and intellectual fulfilment.
- lasting happiness (=happiness that continues) Leonie had found a lasting happiness in her relationship with Jim.
- future happiness Living together before you marry is no guarantee of future happiness.

- domestic happiness (=happiness that comes from family relationships and life at home) After six years with Joe, the normality of domestic happiness bored her.

• marital happiness (=happiness that comes from being married) Does being similar to your wife or husband lead to marital happiness?

### verbs

• find happiness It's a story about a music composer who unexpectedly finds happiness as a teacher.

- bring (somebody) happiness (=make someone happy) He wrongly believes that money can bring happiness.
- achieve happiness He would never achieve true happiness until he took control of his life.
- be filled with happiness As I droveback home, I was filled with happiness.

• glow with happiness (=look very happy) The bride's face seemed to glow with happiness.

• wish somebody (every) happiness/wish (every) happiness to somebody (=say that you hope someone will have a happy life) I would like you to join me in wishing every happiness to Annabelle and Steven.

### phrases

a feeling of happiness Being by the ocean gave her a feeling of great happiness.

• the pursuit of happiness (=the act of trying to achieve happiness) The Declaration of Independence guarantees 'liberty' and 'the pursuit of happiness.'

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• happiness the feeling of being happy: Happiness is more important than money. | I could see the happiness in her eyes.

• pleasure the feeling you have when you enjoy doing something, or when something happens that you enjoy: Are you taking the trip for business or pleasure? | His music has given pleasure to a great many people over the years.

• cheerfulness happy feelings, which show in your expression, your voice, and your behaviour: 'Morning, everybody!' she said with a loud cheerfulness. | His normal cheerfulness seemed to have returned.

• satisfaction the feeling you have when you have done something well, or when something is as good as it should be: She stood back and looked at her work with satisfaction. | He gets a lot of satisfaction from helping young people in his coaching job.

- contentment a quietly happy and satisfied feeling: Joey sighed with contentment, snuggling down in his warm bed.

### great happiness

• joy especially written a feeling of great happiness: The sisters hugged and cried tears of joy. | It was a day of great joy for the whole town. | Most people would be jumping with joy.

- delight the feeling you have when you are very pleased and excited because something good has happened: They watched with delight as their new son started walking. | To her delight, she discovered the perfect wedding present.

• bliss a feeling of very great happiness and great pleasure – used when something has a great effect on your senses: Lying in the warm sun and listening to the sea felt like <u>sheer bliss</u> (=complete bliss). | Her idea of bliss is to be curled up on the sofa watching a romantic comedy with a big bowl of popcorn. | The happy couple looked a picture of domestic bliss.

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

• elation *written* a feeling of great happiness and excitement, especially because you have achieved something or something good has happened to you: As they reached the top, the climbers experienced a moment of elation. | Her mood suddenly changed from tears and misery to a feeling of elation.

• euphoria an extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement, especially because you have achieved something, or because of the effects of a drug: The euphoria that new parents feel quickly changes to exhaustion. | The euphoria of Ireland's amazing victory over England last Sunday has died away. | The drug produces a feeling of euphoria.

• ecstasy an extremely strong feeling of happiness and pleasure, especially sexual pleasure: It was a moment of sheer ecstacy (=complete ecstacy). I the ecstasy of their love-making

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