

boy

1. [bɔɪ] *n*
 - 1) **мальчик**
 girl boy - неженка, «девчонка»
 whipping boy - *уст.* мальчик, воспитывающийся вместе с принцем и подвергающийся порке за провинности принца
 from a boy - с детских /мальчишеских/ лет
 boys will be boys - юноши должны перебеситься
 - 2) *разг.* человек, малый, парень
 nice boy - славный малый
 old boy - а) старый школьный или университетский товарищ; б) старик; в) дружище, старина; [*ср. тж.* ◇]
2. *разг.* сын, мальчик
3. *мор.* юнга
4. 1) бой (*слуга-туземец на Востоке*)
 2) мальчик на побегушках; рассыльный, посыльный, бой
 messenger boy - мальчик-посыльный
 boy in buttons - мальчик-коридорный, мальчик-лифтёр мальчик-швейцар
5. *диал.* мужчина (*особ.* неженатый)
6. (the boy) *разг.* шампанское
 ◇ the boys - а) *разг.* чисто мужская компания; б) *полит.* приспешники
 big boy - а) *амер.* хозяин; заправила; б) *воен. жарг.* тяжёлое орудие; тяжёлый танк, тяжёлый бомбардировщик
 yellow boy - золотая монета, гиней
 the old boy - дьявол [*ср. тж.* 1, 2])
 Nancy /pansy/ boy - педераст
 since Adam was a boy - ≅ с незапамятных времён

2. [bɔɪ] *int*
выражает удивление, недовольство, восторг ≅ ой!
 boy! Isn't it hot! - уф! как жарко!
 my boy!, oh, boy! - а) правда?, да ну?; б) здорово!
 boy! Do I remember him! - помню ли я его? Ещё бы!

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boy [boy boys] **noun, exclamation** BrE [bɔɪ] ^ˈ NAmE [bɔɪ] ^ˈ
noun

1. **countable** a male child or a young male person
 - a **little/small/young boy**
 - I used to play here as a boy.
 - The older boys at school used to tease him.
 - Now she's a teenager, she's starting to be interested in boys.
 - Be a good boy and get me my coat.**see also** ↑old boy, ↑toy boy
2. **countable** a young son
 - They have two boys and a girl.
 - Her eldest boy is at college.
3. **countable** (in compounds; offensivewhen used of an older man) a boy or young man who does a particular job
 - a delivery boy**see also** ↑back-room boys, ↑barrow boy, ↑best boy
4. **countable** a way of talking about sb who comes from a particular place, etc.
 - He's a **local boy**.
 - a **city/country boy**
5. **the boys plural** (*informal*) a group of male friends who often go out together
 - a night out with the boys
6. **our boys plural** a way of talking with affection about your country's soldiers
 - a message of support for our boys serving overseas
7. **countable** (NAmE, taboo) used as an offensiveway of addressing a black man, especially in the past
more at jobs for the boys **at** ↑job _{n.ɪ} man and boyseparate/sort out the men from the boys **at** ↑man _{n.ɪ} all work and no play (makes Jack a dull boy) **at** ↑work _{n.}

Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting a male servant): of unknown origin.

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1.
 - The older boys teased him.
 - child** •• **youth** •• **teenager** • |*informal* **kid** •• **youngster** •• **adolescent** • |*especially* BrE, *informal* **lad** • |*especially* AmE, *informal* **teen** • |*formal* **law juvenile** •• **minor** •
 - Opp:** girl
 - a **young** boy/child/teenager/adolescent/kid/lad

a **little**/ boy/child/kid
a **local** boy/child/youth/teenager/kid/youngster/lad

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- Her eldest boy has just started school.

son • • **child** • • **baby** • |informal **kid** •

Opp: girl

a **newborn** boy/son/child/baby

sb's **eldest/oldest/youngest/only** boy/son/child/kid

have/give birth to a boy/son/child/baby/kid

Example Bank:

- Don't cry— you're a big boy now.
- Eat up your greens— there's a good boy.
- How old is your eldest boy?
- I have three boys.
- I've got three boys.
- Our youngest boy is just starting school.
- Their boy is small for his age.
- They've had a baby boy.
- She gave birth to a healthy baby boy.
- Tony is usually a boy's name.
- We used to play there when I was a little boy.
- Her eldest boy has just started high school.

Idioms: ↑**boys in blue** = ↑**boys will be boys**

exclamation (informal, especially NAmE) used to express feelings of surprise, pleasure, pain, etc.

- Boy, it sure is hot!
- Oh boy! That's great!
- Boy, it hurts!
- Boy, am I glad to see you!
- They eat it for breakfast and boy is it good!

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I. **boy**¹ **S1 W1** /bɔɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200–1300; Origin: Perhaps from Frisian boi 'boy']

1. a male child, or a male person in general ⇒ **girl**:

- The boys wanted to play football.
- boys and girls aged 11–18

a **teenage/adolescent boy**

- A group of teenage boys stood talking in a group outside.

bad/naughty boy

- 'You naughty boy!' she said in a harsh voice.
- What a polite little boy (=young male child) you are.
- Come on, Timmy, act like a big boy (=an older boy) now.

2. a son:

- I love my boys, but I'd like to have a girl, too.
- How old is your little boy (=young son)?

3. **office/paper/delivery etc boy** a young man who does a particular job

4. **city/local/country boy** *informal* a man of any age who is typical of people from a particular place, or who feels a strong connection with the place he grew up in:

- The classic story of a local boy who's made good (=who has succeeded).
- I'm just a country boy.

5. **the boys** [plural] *informal* a group of men who are friends and often go out together:

- Friday is his night out with the boys.
- He considers himself just one of the boys (=not anyone special, but liked by other men).

6. a way of talking to a male horse or dog:

- Good boy!

7. **boys** [plural] *informal*

a) a group of men who do the same job:

- Oh no! Wait until the press boys get hold of this story.

b) men in the army, navy etc, especially those who are fighting in a war:

- our boys on the front lines

8. **boys will be boys** used to say that you should not be surprised when boys or men behave badly, are noisy etc

9. **the boys in blue** *informal* the police

10. **old boy/my dear boy** *British English old-fashioned* a friendly way for one man to speak to another man

11. *American English not polite* an offensiveway of talking to a black man

⇒ †blue-eyed boy, ⇒ †jobs for the boys at †job(15), ⇒ MAMA'S BOY, MUMMY'S BOY, †old boy, †wide boy

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- **man** an adult male human: a young man | Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to climb Mount Everest.
- **guy** (also **bloke/chap** *British English*) *informal* a man: She'd arranged to meet a guy in the bar. | Alex is a really nice bloke.
- **gentleman** *formal* a man – used as a very polite way of talking about a man: an elderly gentleman | Please could you serve this gentleman?
- **boy** a young male person, usually a child or a teenager: a teenage boy
- **lad** *old-fashioned informal* a boy or young man: When I was a young lad, I wanted to join the army.
- **youth** a teenage boy or young man – used especially in news reports to show disapproval: Gangs of youths roam the streets.
- **male** *formal* a man – used especially by the police or in science and research contexts. The adjective **male** is much more common than the noun: We are investigating the death of an unidentified male. | The condition is usually found only in males.
- **dude** *American English informal* a man - a very informal use: You could tell there was something creepy going on with that dude.

II. **boy**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *interjection American English informal*

1. used when you are excited or pleased about something:

¹ Boy, that was a great meal!

2. **oh boy!** used when you are slightly annoyed or disappointed about something:

¹ Oh boy! Bethany's sick again.

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