

nice

- [naɪs] **a**
- 1) **хороший, приятный, милый, славный**
 nice face - хорошее лицо
 nice smile - приятная улыбка
 nice boy - славный мальчик
 nice home - уютная квартира; хорошенький домик
 nice little girl - милая девчушка
 nice day - приятный/погожий, хороший/ день
 nice to the taste [to the feel] - приятный на вкус [на ощупь]
 to look nice - иметь привлекательную внешность
 (how) nice to see you! - (как я) рад(а) вас видеть! (*приветствие*); как хорошо, что вы пришли!
 - 2) **ирон. хорошенький**
 you've got us into a nice mess! - в хорошенькую историю вы нас втянули!
 a nice state of affairs! - хорошенькое дело!
 here is a nice muddle! - ну и путаница!
 a nice one to talk - ему хорошо говорить; \cong ему бы помолчать
 - 3) **изящный, элегантный, сделанный со вкусом**
 very nice in one's dress - изящно /элегантно/ одетый
 - 4) **вкусный, аппетитный**
 nice cooking - хорошая кухня
 2. 1) **(of, to, about) любезный, внимательный, тактичный**
 this is very nice of you - это с вашей стороны очень любезно /мило/
 he was very nice to me - он был со мной очень любезен /приветлив, мил/
 he was very nice about the incident - во время этого инцидента он проявил большой такт
 - 2) **скромный, благовоспитанный**
 nice people - порядочные люди
 nice girls do not do that - порядочные девушки так не поступают
 3. 1) **требующий большой точности, осторожности, щепетильности; трудный, сложный (о вопросе и т. п.)**
 nice question - щекотливый /деликатный/ вопрос
 negotiations needing nice handling - переговоры, требующие осторожного и тонкого подхода
 a nice point of law - сложный юридический вопрос
 one of the nicest problems for a man to solve - одна из труднейших задач, которые приходилось решать человеку
 - 2) **(преим. с отрицанием) щепетильный; (морально) безукоризненный, безупречный**
 he is not too nice in his business methods - он не слишком щепетилен в деловых вопросах
 to be not too nice about the means - не особенно стесняться /не быть слишком щепетильным/ в выборе средств
 - 3) **уместный, тактичный**
 not a nice remark - не очень уместное замечание
 it is not a nice song - это неподходящая /не вполне пристойная/ песня
 4. **острый; тонкий; чуткий**
 nice distinction - тонкое различие
 nice ear - тонкий /острый/ слух, чуткое ухо
 nice judgement - тонкое и верное суждение
 a nice shade of meaning - тонкий оттенок значения
 nice eye for distances - хороший глазомер
 he has a nice eye for these delicate differences - он хорошо разбирается в этих тончайших оттенках
 a nice sense of honour - обострённое/высокоразвитое/ чувство чести
 5. **точный; тщательный, подробный, скрупулёзный**
 nice inquiry - тщательное /подробное/ расследование
 nice observer - внимательный наблюдатель, наблюдательный человек
 weighed in the nicest scales - взвешенный на самых точных весах
 6. **разборчивый, взыскательный; придирчивый; изысканный (о манерах, слоге)**
 nice critic - взыскательный /разборчивый/ критик
 nice in one's food - привередливый /разборчивый/ в еде
 nice taste - изысканный вкус
 nice taste in art - тонкое понимание искусства
 too nice in her dress - слишком разборчива /придирчива/ в отношении одежды; \cong на неё трудно угодить
 7. **эмоц.-усил. (в конструкции с союзом and и вторым прилагательным)**
 the place is nice and healthy - это очень здоровая местность
 I hope it will be nice and fine - надеюсь, что погода не подведёт /что всё будет в порядке/
 you'll be nice and ill in the morning - к утру вы обязательно расхвораетесь
 aren't we going nice and fast? - хорошая скорость, правда?
 I didn't like his speech but at least it was nice and short - его речь мне не понравилась, но, к счастью, она скоро кончилась
 8. **усм. (притворно)-застенчивый жеманный**

nice

nice [nice nicer nicest] *BrE* [naɪs] ^m *NAmE* [naɪs] ^m adjective (nicer, nicest)

PLEASANT/ATTRACTIVE

1. pleasant, enjoyable or attractive

- a nice day/smile/place
- nice weather
- Did you **have a nice time** ?
- You look very nice.
- 'Do you want to come, too?' 'Yes, **that would be nice** .'
- The nicest thing about her is that she never criticizes us.
- ~ **(to do sth) Nice to meet you!** (= a friendly ↑greeting when you meet sb for the first time)
- ~ **(doing sth) It's been nice meeting you** .
- ~ **(that...) It's nice that** you can come with us.
- **It would be nice if** he moved to London.
- We all had the flu last week— it wasn't very nice.
- **It's nice to know that** somebody appreciates what I do.

2. used before adjectives or adverbs to emphasize how pleasant sth is

- a nice hot bath
- a nice long walk
- It was nice and warm yesterday.
- Everyone arrived nice and early. **Nice and** with another adjective cannot be used before a noun: a nice and quiet place.

KIND/FRIENDLY

3. kind; friendly

- Our new neighbours are very nice.
- He's a really nice guy.
- ~ **to sb** Be nice to me. I'm not feeling well.
- ~ **of sb (to do sth)** It was nice of them to invite us.
- ~ **about sth** I complained to the manager and he was very nice about it.
- I asked him **in the nicest possible way** to put his cigarette out.

Opp: ↑nasty

NOT NICE

4. (ironic) bad or unpleasant

- That's a nice thing to say!
- That's a nice way to speak to your mother!

SMALL DETAILS

5. (formal) involving a very small detail or difference

Syn: ↑subtle

- a nice point of law (= one that is difficult to decide)

more at Mr Nice Guy **at** ↑Mr

Idioms: ↑as nice as pie ▪ ↑have a nice day! ▪ ↑nice one! ▪ ↑nice work if you can get it ▪ ↑nice work!

Derived Word ↑niceness

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'stupid'): from Old French, from Latin **nescius** 'ignorant', from **nescire** 'not know'. Other early senses included 'coy, reserved', giving rise to 'fastidious, scrupulous': this led both to the sense 'fine, subtle' (regarded by some as the "correct" sense), and to the main current senses.

Thesaurus:

nice adj.

1. (especially spoken)

- Have a nice day!

pleasant • • **enjoyable** • |especially spoken **good** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **lovely** • |formal **pleasurable** •

Opp: nasty

It's nice/pleasant/good/lovely **to be/feel/find/have/know/meet/see...**

It would be nice/pleasant/good/lovely **if...**

It's nice/good/lovely **that...**

Nice, pleasant or good? All these words can describe times, events, feelings and the weather. **Nice** and **pleasant** can also describe places, and **nice** can describe sb's appearance.

2. (especially spoken)

- Our new neighbours are very nice.

charming • • **friendly** • • **pleasant** • • **good-natured** • • **engaging** • |especially BrE **likeable** • |especially AmE **likable** • |informal **wonderful** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **lovely** • • **sweet** •

Opp: nasty

a/an nice/charming/friendly/pleasant/good-natured/engaging/likeable/wonderful/lovely/sweet **man/woman**

a nice/charming/friendly/pleasant/engaging/likeable/wonderful/lovely/sweet **personality**

Vocabulary Building:

Nice and very nice

Instead of saying that something is nice or very nice, try to use more precise and interesting adjectives to describe things:

pleasant/perfect/beautiful weather

a **cosy** / a **comfortable** / an **attractive** room

a **pleasant** / an **interesting** / an **enjoyable** experience

expensive / **fashionable** / **smart** clothes

a **kind** / a **charming** / an **interesting** man

The party was **fun**.

In conversation you can also use **great**, **wonderful**, **lovely** and (in *BrE*) **brilliant**: ▪ The party was great. ◊▪ We had a brilliant weekend.

note at ↑good

Example Bank:

- He was incredibly nice about it, though I am sure it caused him a lot of trouble.
- His mother sounded very nice on the phone.
- I cleaned the room to make it nice for the others when they came home.
- I felt nice and cosy.
- I'm sure she's perfectly nice really.
- It had not been a particularly nice experience.
- It's a nice little place you have here.
- It's nice for Mum to get out more.
- Some of the boys were nice enough, but she didn't want to go out with them.
- That bread smells nice.
- an awfully nice man
- 'Do you want to come too?' 'Yes, that would be nice.'
- Be nice to me. I'm not feeling well.
- Can't you be nice to each other for once?
- Have a nice day!
- He's a really nice guy.
- If it's a nice day tomorrow, shall we go out?
- It's been nice meeting you.
- It's nice that you can come with us.
- It's nice to know that somebody appreciates what I do.
- Nice to meet you!
- We all had the flu last week— it wasn't very nice.
- You look nice.

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nice **S1 W2** /naɪs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: '*stupid*', from Latin *nescius* '*lacking knowledge*', from *nescire* '*not to know*']

1. GOOD pleasant, attractive, or enjoyable:

- They've got a very nice house.
- Did you have a nice time?
- It's such a nice day (=good weather), why not go for a swim?
- What a nice surprise!

look/taste/smell nice

- You look nice in that suit.
- Mm, something smells nice!

nice big/new/long etc

- a nice long holiday
- a nice new car

nice and warm/clean/easy/quiet etc

- The house seemed nice and tidy.
- One of the nice things about Christmas is having all the family together.

▶ You can use **nice and** followed by another adjective after **be**: *The weather was nice and warm*. But before a noun you must leave out 'and' | *a nice hot (NOT nice and hot) drink*

2. FRIENDLY friendly, kind, or polite:

- Dave's a really nice guy.
- That's not a very nice thing to say about your sister!

nice about

- Tim spilt wine all over the sofa, but Martha was very nice about it.

nice to

- They were very nice to me while I was ill.

it is nice of somebody (to do something)

- It was nice of you to help.
- He told me, in the nicest possible way, that I was interfering too much.

3. SOMETHING YOU WANT used to say what you like or what you think would be good or useful:

- It's quite nice to live so close to work.

it is nice to do something

- It would be nice to have a break.

that'd be nice (=used to accept an offer or agree with a suggestion)

- " 'Would you like a cup of coffee?' 'Yes, that'd be nice.'
- " I thought it would be a nice idea to send them some flowers.
- " It would be nice if you could let us know in advance.

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SPOKEN PHRASES

4. **it's nice to know (that)** used to mean that you feel happier when you know something:

- " I still haven't heard any news – it would be nice to know what's happening.
- " It's nice to know that there's someone nearby if she needs help.

5. **have a nice day!** *American English* used to say goodbye to someone, especially to customers in shops and restaurants when they are leaving

6. **nice to meet you** used as a friendly greeting when you meet someone for the first time:

- " Hello. It's nice to meet you at last.

7. **(it's been) nice meeting/talking to you** used when you say goodbye to someone you have met for the first time

8. **NOT NICE** *British English* used in a humorous or angry way when you really think that something or someone is not at all good or pleasant:

- " That's a nice way to treat a friend, I must say!
- " Well, we're in a nice mess now.

9. **nice try** used when someone has made a guess or suggestion, or has attempted to do something, to say that it is good, but not quite correct or successful:

- " 'We could phone Mark to come and pick us up.' 'Nice try, Clive, but we haven't got his number.'

10. **nice one!** *British English* used when someone has just said or done something clever, amusing, or helpful:

- " 'Dad said he'd help pay for it.' 'Nice one!'

11. **be (as) nice as pie** *British English* if someone is as nice as pie, they are not angry with you when you were expecting them to be

12. **nice work if you can get it** *British English* used humorously to say that someone has a very easy or enjoyable job, especially one which you would like to do

13. **DETAIL** *formal* involving a very small difference or detail:

- " a nice point of law

14. **RESPECTABLE** *old-fashioned* having high standards of moral and social behaviour:

- " What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?

15. **nice ... shame about the ...** *British English* used when saying that part of something is good or well done, but a more important part is bad or badly done:

- " Nice video, shame about the song.

—**niceness** *noun* [uncountable]:

- " The first thing you noticed about him was his niceness.

⇒ **no more Mr Nice Guy!** at ↑guy(5)

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THESAURUS

■ person

- **nice** *especially spoken* friendly, kind, or polite. In written and formal English, it is better to use a more specific and interesting adjective than **nice**: I like Clare – she's really nice. | It was nice of them to offer to help.
- **pleasant** friendly, polite, and easy to talk to – used especially about someone that you do not know very well: I only met her once or twice but she seemed pleasant.
- **sweet** very kind and gentle: Kylie's a very caring, sweet person. | It was sweet of you to send me a card.
- **charming** behaving in a polite and friendly way, which makes people like you and want to do things for you: The salesman was very charming. | a charming hostess
- **engaging** interesting or amusing in a way that makes people like you – a rather formal word: She can be very engaging. | an engaging smile
- **likeable** easy to like and seeming nice and friendly: Bobby was a likeable kid with an angelic face.
- **good-natured** having a nice kind character and not getting angry easily: Everyone likes Mike because he's always so good-natured.
- **great** *informal* used about someone who you like and admire a lot: He's a great guy! | Sue's boyfriend is really great.
- **lovely** *especially British English informal* very nice, kind, and friendly: All the people I met on the course were lovely. | a lovely man

■ describing something you like or enjoy

- **nice** *especially spoken* pleasant or enjoyable: Did you have a nice day? | It was nice to be back home again.
- **lovely** *especially British English informal* very nice: We had a lovely time at the beach. | The hotel was lovely.
- **fun** *informal* if something is fun, you enjoy it: The holiday was great fun.
- **enjoyable** giving you pleasure: We had a very enjoyable evening.
- **wonderful** very enjoyable: It was a wonderful concert. | The food was wonderful.
- **great** (also **brilliant** *British English*) *informal* very enjoyable: 'How was the party?' 'It was great!' | We all had a brilliant time.
- **charming** used about something that seems pleasant and has a lot of qualities that make you like it: a charming little village in the Italian countryside | I thought the restaurant was rather charming.
- **delightful** *formal* very pleasant or enjoyable: There are many delightful walks in the area. | a delightful evening
- **pleasurable** *formal* a pleasurable experience or feeling is one that you enjoy: Shopping in the old city can be a pleasurable experience. | a pleasurable feeling of relief

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