

**mellow****1. ['meləv] a**

1. спелый и мягкий, сладкий и сочный (о фруктах)
2. (о вине)
  - 1) выдержанный
  - 2) приятный на вкус
3. подобревший, смягчившийся с возрастом, добродушный (о человеке, характере)  
to grow mellow (with age) - подобреть /смягчиться/ (с годами)
4. мягкий; сочный, густой (о голосе, красках и т. п.)  
mellow light - мягкий свет
5. 1) рыхлый (о почве)  
mellow earth - рыхлая земля
- 2) плодородный, жирный
6. *разг.*
  - 1) весёлый
  - 2) подвыпивший

**2. ['meləv] v**

1. делаться мягким, сочным, спеть, созреть  
fruit mellowed by the sun - плод, поспевающий на солнце
2. становится выдержанным (о вине)  
a few more years will mellow the wine - нужно ещё несколько лет, чтобы вино было выдержанным
3. 1) смягчать  
age has mellowed him [his attitude to people] - годы смягчили его [его отношение к людям], с годами он стал мягче /добрее/ в своём отношении к людям
- 2) смягчаться  
his voice mellowed - его голос приобрёл мягкость /бархатистость/  
the colours mellowed as the sun went down - солнце садилось, и краски приобретали более мягкий оттенок
4. (о почве)
  - 1) разрыхлять
  - 2) разрыхляться

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**mel·low** [**mellow mellows mellowed mellowing**] **adjective, verb** BrE ['meləv]

" NAmE ['meləv]"

**adjective** (**mel·low·er** , **mel·low·est** )

1. (of colour or sound) soft, rich and pleasant
  - mellow autumn colours
  - Mellow music and lighting helped to create the right atmosphere.
  - The leaves looked golden in the mellow afternoon light.
2. (of a taste or flavour) smooth and pleasant
  - a mellow, fruity wine
  - coffee with a full mellow flavour
3. (of people) calm, gentle and reasonable because of age or experience
  - Dad's certainly grown mellow with age.
4. (informal) (of people) relaxed, calm and happy, especially after drinking alcohol
  - After two glasses of wine, I was feeling mellow.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'ripe, sweet, and juicy'): perhaps from attributive use of Old English melu, melw- (see ↑meal 'ground grain or pulses'). The verb dates from the late 16th cent.

Example Bank:

- The floor was of mellow golden stone.

Derived ↑mellow out**verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to become or make sb become less extreme in behaviour, etc, especially as a result of growing older
  - She had mellowed a great deal since their days at college.
  - ~ **sb** A period spent working abroad had done nothing to mellow him.
2. **intransitive, transitive** ~ (sth) to become, or make a colour become less bright, especially over a period of time
3. **intransitive, transitive** ~ (sth) to develop or make wine develop a pleasant and less bitter taste over a period of time

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mellow
	BrE / 'mɛləʊ/
	NAme / 'mɛləs/
he / she / it	mellows
	BrE / 'mɛləʊz/
	NAme / 'mɛləʊz/
past simple, past participle	mellowed
	BrE / 'mɛləʊd/
	NAme / 'mɛləʊd/
-ing form	mellowing
	BrE / 'mɛləʊɪŋ/
	NAme / 'mɛləʊɪŋ/

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- He had mellowed a lot over the years.
- She had mellowed a little with age.

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I. **mell** **low** <sup>1</sup> /'mɛləʊ \$ -lou/ BrE <sup>AmE</sup> <sup>AmE</sup> *adjective*

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Perhaps from Old English melu; ⇨ ↑meal]

1. **NOT BRIGHT** a mellow colour or light looks soft, warm, and not too bright:
  - the mellow golden light of early evening
2. **NOT LOUD OR HARSH** a mellow sound is pleasant and smooth:
  - a warm, mellow voice
3. **NOT STRONG IN FLAVOUR** mellow wine or fruit has a smooth pleasant taste:
  - its smooth, mellow flavour
4. **NOT STRICT** someone who is mellow is gentle and calm and does not criticize other people, because they have a lot of experience of life
5. **RELAXED** if you feel mellow, you feel calm and relaxed, especially after drinking alcohol

—**mellowness** *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **calm** not getting angry, nervous, or upset, even in a difficult situation: We'll talk about this later when you're feeling calmer. | Everyone praised Douglas for the calm way in which he handled the situation.
- **relaxed** not worried about anything, especially so that people feel comfortable: Looking relaxed and confident, the president answered questions from the press. | There was a relaxed atmosphere.
- **chilled-out** (also **chilled**) *informal* very relaxed and not worried – used especially by young people: I'm much more chilled-out about the whole thing this year.
- **laid-back** *informal* someone who is laid-back is always relaxed and never seems to get worried or annoyed about anything: I like his laid-back attitude to life. | My parents are pretty laid-back and don't mind me staying out late.
- **mellow** *informal* relaxed, friendly, and happy, especially after drinking alcohol: After a few drinks, everyone was pretty mellow.
- **cool** *informal* staying calm and not showing your emotions, especially when other people are getting excited or angry: He is the kind of player who always manages to stay cool, even under pressure. | She was as cool as a cucumber (=very cool).
- **keep your head** to manage to stay calm and behave in a sensible way in a difficult or frightening situation: In this job you need to be good at keeping your head in a crisis.

II. **mell** **ow** <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>AmE</sup> <sup>AmE</sup> *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

1. if someone mellows or is mellowed, they become gentler and more sympathetic:
    - Paul's certainly mellowed over the years.
    - Two pints of beer had mellowed my father.
  2. if colours mellow or are mellowed, they begin to look warm and soft:
    - The bricks had mellowed to a soft red.
  3. if wine mellows or is mellowed, its taste becomes smoother
- mellow (somebody) out** *phrasal verb American English informal*  
to become relaxed and calm, or to make someone like this

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