

**shrill**

1. [ʃrɪl] *n*  
 пронзительный резкий крик; визг; резкий свисток
2. [ʃrɪl] *a*
  - 1) пронзительный резкий; визгливый; высокий (о звуке)  
 shrill whistle - резкий /пронзительный/ свист
  - 2) шумный  
 shrill gaiety - шумное веселье
  2. (слишком) яркий, резкий  
 shrill light - свет, режущий глаза
  3. неумеренный  
 shrill anger - необузданный гнев
  4. назойливый, надоедливый, навязчивый; настойчивый  
 shrill accusation - навязшее в зубах обвинение
3. [ʃrɪl] *v поэт.*
  - 1) пронзительнокричать; звучать резко и громко; выть  
 the wind is shrilling - ветер воет  
 alarm clocks shrill at five - будильники поднимают звон в пять (часов утра)
  - 2) выкрикивать; прокричать (*мж.* shrill out)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**shrill** [shrill shrills shrilled shrilling] *adjective, verb* BrE [ʃrɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [ʃrɪl] <sup>ˈ</sup>

*adjective* (shrill·er, shrill·est)

1. (of sounds or voices) very high and loud, in an unpleasant way  
**Syn:** ↑piercing  
 • a shrill voice
2. loud and determined but often unreasonable  
 • shrill demands/protests

Word Origin:

late Middle English: of Germanic origin; related to Low German **schrell** 'sharp in tone or taste'.

Example Bank:

- The PE teacher's shrill voice rang out across the school fields.

Derived Words ↑shrillness ▪ ↑shrilly

**verb**

1. **intransitive** to make an unpleasant high loud sound  
 • Behind him, the telephone shrilled.
2. **transitive + speech** to say sth in a loud, high voice  
**Syn:** ↑shriek  
 • 'Wait for me!' she shrilled.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	shrill
	BrE /ʃrɪl/
	NAmE /ʃrɪl/
he / she /it	shrills
	BrE /ʃrɪlz/
	NAmE /ʃrɪlz/
past simple, past participle	shrilled
	BrE /ʃrɪld/
	NAmE /ʃrɪld/
-ing form	shrilling
	BrE /ʃrɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /ʃrɪlɪŋ/

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1. **shrill**<sup>1</sup> /ʃrɪl/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

1. a shrill sound is very high and unpleasant:  
 "That's not true,' she protested in a shrill voice.  
 " a shrill whistle  
 " Fran uttered a shrill scream.
2. shrill complaints, criticism, demands etc are too loud or strong and seem unreasonable:  
 " He hated the shrill demands of the children.

—**shrillness** *noun* [uncountable]

—**shrilly** /'ʃrɪl-i, 'ʃrɪli/ *adverb*

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**THESAURUS**

■ **sounds**

- **high-pitched** higher than most sounds or voices: He has a rather high-pitched voice. | Bats make high-pitched squeaks. | the high-pitched whine of a dentist's drill
- **shrill** high and unpleasant: Her voice became more shrill. | The bird has rather a shrill cry.
- **piercing** extremely high and loud, in a way that is unpleasant: a piercing scream | Suddenly I heard a piercing whistle.
- **squeaky** making very high noises that are not loud: a squeaky gate | squeaky floorboards | a squeaky little voice

II. **shrill**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. **[intransitive]** *written* to produce a very high and unpleasant sound:  
The telephone shrilled twice.
2. **[transitive]** to say something in a very high voice:  
'I hate you!' she shrilled.

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