

rich**1. [ritʃ] n (the rich) *соби́р*.****богатые**

the rich and the poor - богатые и бедные

new rich - нувориши

idle rich - богатые бездельники

2. [ritʃ] а**1. богатый**

rich person [community] - богатый человек [-ое общество]

to grow rich - разбогатеть

2. ценный, дорогой, роскошный; драгоценный

rich gifts - богатые дары

rich dresses - дорогие платья

rich stones - драгоценные камни

rich reward - ценная награда

3. 1) (in, with) изобилующий (*чем-л.*), богатый (*чем-л.*)

rich in minerals [in woods] - богатый ископаемыми [лесами]

an art gallery rich in the paintings by the Dutch masters - картинная галерея, в которой широко представлены полотна голландских мастеров

words rich in a variety of senses - слова с массой значений

2) (in) щедро одарённый

rich in the affection of his children - горячо любимый своими детьми

a country rich in traditions - страна, богатая традициями

3) широкий

rich area of study - широкая область исследования

4. тучный, плодородный, жирный; богатый

rich fields [soil] - тучные поля [-ая земля]

rich gold-fields - богатые золотые прииски

5. обильный

rich repast - обильная трапеза

rich harvest/crop/ - богатый урожай

rich foliage - густая листва

6. питательный жирный; сдобный; сочный

rich food - жирная пища

rich milk [cream] - жирное молоко [-ые сливки]

rich cake - кекс с фруктами

rich dough - сдобное тесто

rich fruit - сочные фрукты

7. очень хороший, красивый, великолепный

rich landscape - красивый /великолепный/ пейзаж

8. *разг.* ценный, стоящий

rich suggestion - ценное предложение

9. неисчерпаемый, глубокий

rich theme - неисчерпаемая тема

rich words - полные глубокого смысла слова

rich language - богатый /сочный/ язык

rich allusions - многозначительные намёки

10. изысканный

rich wine - вино с тонким букетом

11. пряный, сильный (о запахе)

rich perfume - духи с крепким /стойким/ запахом

12. густой, интенсивный, яркий (о цвете)

rich red - ярко-красный цвет

of rich colouring - яркой окраски

13. (о звуке) низкий, глубокий, мощный; мягкий

rich tones - низкие тоны

rich voice - глубокий грудной голос

14. полный, точный (о рифме)**15. *разг.*****1) увлекательный, забавный; смешной**

rich incident - забавное приключение

rich scene - смешная сцена

rich joke - остроумная шутка

2) абсурдный

that's rich! - что за чушь!

that's a rich idea - ≅ это же курам на смех

3. [ritʃ] = *richly*

rich [rich richer richest] *BrE* [ˈrɪtʃ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈrɪtʃ] ^ˈ **adjective** (rich-er, rich-est)

WITH A LOT OF MONEY

1. having a lot of money or property

- one of the richest women in the world
- Nobody gets rich from writing nowadays.
- (slang) to be **filthy/stinking** (= extremely) **rich**

Opp: ↑poor

2. the **rich** **noun plural** people who have a lot of money or property

- It's a favourite resort for the rich and famous.

Opp: ↑poor

3. (of a country) producing a lot of wealth so that many of its people can live at a high standard

- the richest countries/economies/nations

Opp: ↑poor

FULL OF VARIETY

4. very interesting and full of variety

- the region's rich history and culture
- She leads a rich and varied life.

CONTAINING/PROVIDING STH

5. ~ (in sth) (often in compounds) containing or providing a large supply of sth

- Oranges are rich in vitamin C.
- The area is rich in wildlife.
- His novels are a rich source of material for the movie industry.
- iron-rich rocks

Opp: ↑poor

FOOD

6. containing a lot of fat, butter, eggs, etc. and making you feel full quickly

- a rich creamy sauce
- a rich chocolate cake

SOIL

7. containing the substances that make it good for growing plants in

Syn: ↑fertile

- a rich well-drained soil

Opp: ↑poor

COLOURS/SOUNDS

8. (of colours, sounds, smells and tastes) strong or deep; very beautiful or pleasing

- rich dark reds

EXPENSIVE

9. (literary) expensive and beautiful

Syn: ↑sumptuous

- The rooms were decorated with rich fabrics.

CRITICISM

10. (informal, especially BrE) used to say that a criticism sb makes is surprising and not reasonable, because they have the same fault

- Me? Lazy? That's rich, coming from you!

compare ↑richness

see strike it rich **at** ↑strike _{v.}

Word Origin:

Old English *rīce* 'powerful, wealthy', of Germanic origin, related to Dutch *rijk* and German *reich*; ultimately from Celtic; reinforced in Middle English by Old French *riche* 'rich, powerful'.

Thesaurus:

rich *adj.*

- She is one of the richest women in the world.

wealthy • • **well off** • • **prosperous** • • **affluent** • • **comfortable** • |informal **loaded** • |sometimes disapproving **privileged** •

Opp: poor

a/an rich/wealthy/well off/prosperous/affluent/privileged **family**

a/an rich/wealthy/well off/prosperous **man/woman**

a/an rich/wealthy/prosperous/affluent country/city/suburb

Rich or wealthy? **Rich** is more frequent than **wealthy** and can be used in some fixed phrases where **wealthy** cannot:

- a resort for the rich and famous

✗ a resort for the wealthy and famous

Synonyms:

rich

wealthy • **prosperous** • **affluent** • **well off** • **comfortable**

These words all describe sb/sth that has a lot of money, property or valuable possessions.

rich • (of a person) having a lot of money, property or valuable possessions; (of a country or city) producing a lot of wealth so that many of its people can live at a high standard

wealthy • rich

rich or wealthy?

There is no real difference in meaning between these two words. Both are very frequent, but **rich** is more frequent and can be used in some fixed phrases where **wealthy** cannot: He's stinking/filthy wealthy. ◊ It's a favourite resort for the wealthy and famous.

prosperous • (rather formal) rich and successful.

affluent • (rather formal) rich and with a good standard of living: ▪ affluent Western countries

prosperous or affluent?

Both **prosperous** and **affluent** are used to talk about people and places. **Prosperous** is used much more than **affluent** to talk about times and periods. **Affluent** is often used to contrast rich people or societies with poor ones. Being **prosperous** is nearly always seen as a good thing: ▪ It's good to see you looking so prosperous. ◊ It's good to see you looking so affluent

well off • (often used in negative sentences) rich: ▪ His family is not very well off.

The opposite of **well off** is **badly off**, but this is not very frequent; it is more common to say that sb is **not well off**.

comfortable • having enough money to buy what you want without worrying about the cost: ▪ They're not millionaires, but they're certainly very comfortable.

a(n) rich/wealthy/prosperous/affluent/well-off **family**

a(n) rich/wealthy/prosperous/well-off **man/woman**

a(n) rich/wealthy/prosperous/affluent **country/city**

Example Bank:

- It was mean of her only to give £1— she's filthy rich, you know.
- Me? Lazy? That's a bit rich coming from you.
- The sun-dried tomatoes give the dish a wonderfully rich flavour.
- The wine gives the dish a wonderfully rich aroma.
- This discovery never made her rich.
- a culturally rich nation
- a newly rich businessman
- people who want to get rich quickly
- the exceptionally rich fishing grounds of the North Pacific
- Doughty's genius made him fabulously rich but he never changed his style of life.
- He's stinking/filthy rich.
- Her rich contralto voice filled the concert hall.
- Rich countries can afford to spend more on the environment
- She's one of the richest women in the world.
- The colour of the flower is a rich deep red.
- The system still favours the economies of richer nations.
- Very few people get rich from writing nowadays.
- rich farming land
- the rich sound of the organ
- the rich tones of autumn

rich

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rich **S2 W2** /rɪtʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective** (comparative **richer**, superlative **richest**)

[**Word Family:** noun: ↑riches, ↑richness, ↑enrichment, the rich; adjective: ↑rich, ↑enriched; verb: ↑enrich; adverb: ↑richly]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** rice]

1. WEALTHY

a) someone who is rich has a lot of money and valuable possessions **OPP poor:**

- one of the richest women in America
- She found herself a rich husband.
- He thought this was the easiest way to get rich.
- the rich nations of the world

fabulously rich *British English:*

- She was both beautiful and fabulously rich.
- His brother's stinking rich (=very rich, in a way that you do not approve of).

b) the rich [plural] people who are rich:

- houses belonging to the rich and famous

REGISTER

In written English, people sometimes prefer to use **affluent** rather than **rich**, because it sounds more formal:

- In affluent societies the definition of poverty is relative.

2. LARGE AMOUNT containing a lot of something

rich in

- Citrus fruits are rich in vitamin C.

oxygen-rich/nutrient-rich/protein-rich etc

- Pregnant women should eat protein-rich foods.
- Rich mineral deposits have been found in the sea bed.
- Red meat is a rich source of iron.

3. FULL OF INTEREST full of interesting or important facts, events, or ideas:

- the rich literary tradition of England
- The area has a very rich history.

rich in

- a story that was rich in detail

4. FOOD rich food contains a lot of butter, cream, or eggs, which make you feel full very quickly **OPP light**:

- a rich fruit cake
- The sauce was very rich.

5. SMELL/FLAVOUR a rich smell or flavour is strong and pleasant:

- the rich scent of the pine trees
- meat with a wonderfully rich flavour
- a rich, fruity wine

6. COLOUR a rich colour is strong and attractive:

- a rich dark brown colour

7. SOUND a rich sound is low and pleasant:

- the rich tone of a cello
- He laughed with a rich, throaty chuckle.

8. SOIL rich soil is good for growing plants in **OPP poor**:

- Vegetables grow well in the rich, black soil.

9. CLOTH rich cloth is expensive and beautiful:

- She stroked the rich velvet of the dress enviously.

10. **that's rich (coming from him/you etc)** *British English spoken* used to say that what someone has said is unreasonable and that they are criticizing you for doing something that they do themselves:

- He accused me of being dishonest, which was a bit rich coming from him.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adverbs

- **very rich** He is a very rich man.
- **extremely rich** He came from an extremely rich Viennese family.
- **immensely rich** (=extremely rich) He was immensely rich and owned two yachts.
- **fabulously rich** (=extremely rich) She must have been fabulously rich to live in a house like this.
- **seriously rich** (=very rich) They stand to become seriously rich if the venture succeeds.
- **stinking/filthy rich** *disapproving* (=very rich) She was obviously stinking rich.

■ verbs

- **get rich** They just wanted to get rich. | get rich quick schemes
- **become rich** Over the years, he became enormously rich.
- **grow rich** (=become rich) They have grown rich by selling this technology to other companies.
- **make somebody rich** The trade in tea made the British rich.

■ phrases

- **the new rich** *disapproving* (=people who have recently become rich and spend a lot of money) For Russia's new rich, life is a candy store.

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THESAURUS

- **rich** having a lot of money – used about people and places: She married a rich Greek shipowner. | one of the world's richest nations
- **wealthy** rich – used about people and places, especially when they have been rich for a long time: wealthy landowners | Orange County is a very wealthy area. | a wealthy Arab businessman
- **affluent** *formal* rich – used about societies, groups of people, or areas where people live, where people have nice houses and a lot of expensive possessions: today's affluent society | affluent young professionals | an affluent suburb of Boston
- **prosperous** *formal* rich – used about places and groups of people, especially when their money is related to success in business: Sales have grown fastest in the more prosperous areas of the south. | prosperous merchants and bankers
- **well-off** fairly rich compared to other people, so that you can live very comfortably: Her parents are pretty well-off. | children from well-off families
- **well-to-do** *written* rich – used especially in the past about families and people who had a fairly high position in society: Only well-to-do families could afford to send their children to university. | The Westons were now well-to-do and there was no necessity for work.
- **privileged** having special advantages because your family have a lot of money and a high position in society: He comes from a privileged background. | The sport was only played by a privileged few.
- **comfortably off** [*not before noun*] having enough money to have a nice life without having to worry about money: I wouldn't say that we were rich – just comfortably off.
- **be rolling in it/be loaded** *informal* to be extremely rich: They've got two houses and a boat – they must be rolling in it. | Her books were so successful that she's loaded now.

COLLOCATIONS CHECK

- **wealthy** person/family/area
- **affluent** society/area/family/lifestyle
- **prosperous** area/economy/middle class
- **well-to-do** family
- **privileged** person/background/few/elite

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