

cry**1. [kraɪ] n**

1. крик
to give a cry - закричать
2. вопль, мольба
to be deaf to smb.'s cries - быть глухим к чьим-л. мольбам
3. плач
to have a good cry - выплакаться
4. крик, выклик уличных разносчиков
5. боевой клич, лозунг
6. 1) молва, слухи
the cry goes that ... - идёт молва /ходят слухи/, что ...
on the cry - по слухам, понаслышке
- 2) общественное мнение; требования народа
a cry of the people - глас народа
a national cry for lower taxes - ≅ вся страна требует снижения налогов
7. крик птицы, вой волка, лай собаки *и т. п.*
8. 1) свора гончих
- 2) *презр.* компания, группа людей
9. предел слышимости; близкое расстояние
each one village was within cry of another - от одной деревни до другой было рукой подать
10. *разг.* крик моды
the latest cry - последний крик моды
this hair style is all the cry - такую причёску сейчас носят все модницы
◇ great /much/ cry and little wool - ≅ много шума из ничего; гора родила мышь
a far /a long/ cry *см.* far I ◇
in full cry - а) *охот.* с громким лаем, в бешеной погоне; б) в разгаре, что есть силы

2. [kraɪ] v

1. 1) кричать, орать, вопить
to cry aloud - громко кричать, орать
- 2) восклицать; вскрикнуть; крикнуть
2. (for) молить, умолять; взывать; настойчиво требовать
to cry for quarter - молить о пощаде
to cry for help - взывать о помощи
the blood of the murdered men cried for vengeance - кровь убитых взывала о мщении
the rundown old house cried for a coat of paint - обшарпанный старый дом настоятельно требовал покраски
3. (against) протестовать, поднимать голос против
reason itself does cry against it - (даже) разум восстаёт против этого
4. 1) плакать
to cry bitter tears - плакать горькими слезами
to cry for joy - плакать от радости
to cry oneself to sleep - плакать, пока не заснёшь; заснуть в слезах
- 2) (over) оплакивать
to cry over one's loss - оплакивать потерю
5. оглашать, объявлять
to cry the news all over the town - разглашать новости по всему городу
6. выкликать, кричать (о разносчике, торговце)
to cry one's wares - предлагать /расхваливать/ товары
7. издавать звуки (о животных, птицах); выть, лаять *и т. п.*
◇ to give smb. something to cry about - ≅ ты у меня ещё не так заплачешь!
to cry barley - *шотл.* просить пощады или перемирия (в детских играх)
to cry halt - прекратить, положить конец
to cry halves - требовать равной доли
to cry shares - требовать своей доли
to cry shame - протестовать
to cry stinking fish - хулить собственный товар
to cry with one eye and laugh with the other - быть двуличным /неискренним/
to cry over spilt milk - горевать о непоправимом
there's no use crying over spilt milk - ≅ сделанного не воротишь; слезами горю не поможешь

cry

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cry [cry cries cried crying] verb, noun BrE [kraɪ] ^m NAmE [kraɪ] ^m

verb (cries, cry-ing, cried, cried)

1. intransitive, transitive to produce tears from your eyes because you are unhappy or hurt

- It's all right. Don't cry.
- I just couldn't stop crying.
- The little boy fell over and started to cry.
- ~ **for sb/sth** The baby was crying for (= because it wanted) its mother.
- ~ **about/over sth** There's nothing to cry about.

- ~ **with sth** He felt like crying with rage.
- **+ speech** 'Waaa!' she cried.
- I found him **crying his eyes out** (= crying very much) .
- That night she **cried herself to sleep** .

2. intransitive, transitive to shout loudly

- ~ **for sth** She ran to the window and cried for help.
- **+ speech** 'You're safe!' Tom cried in delight.

3. intransitive (of a bird or an animal) to make a loud unpleasant noise

- Seagulls followed the boat, crying loudly.

more at laugh till/until you cry not know whether to laugh or cry **at** ↑laugh _{v.}, a shoulder to cry on **at** ↑shoulder _{n.}

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	cry
	BrE /kraɪ/
	NAmE /kraɪ/
he / she /it	cries
	BrE /kraɪz/
	NAmE /kraɪz/
past simple, past participle	cried
	BrE /kraɪd/
	NAmE /kraɪd/
-ing form	crying
	BrE /kraɪɪŋ/
	NAmE /kraɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

cry verb

1. I

- The child fell over and started to cry.
- **be in tears** • • **sob** • • **whimper** • • **whine** • |formal literary **weep** • |disapproving **snivel** • cry/be in tears/whimper/whine/snivel **about** sth
- cry/sob/whimper/weep **with** an emotion
- cry/sob/weep **a little/silently/bitterly/loudly/uncontrollably/hysterically**
- **Cry or be in tears? Be in tears** is slightly more formal than **cry**, and is often used to talk about adults crying.

2. I, T (written)

- She ran to the window and cried for help.
- **shout** • • **yell** • • **scream** • • **cry out** • • **call** • • **wail** • • **shriek** • • **howl** • cry/shout/yell/cry out/call **to** sb
- cry/shout/yell/scream/call **for help**
- shout/yell/scream/cry out/call/wail/shriek/howl **in** pain/anguish/rage, etc.

Synonyms:

call

cry out • **exclaim** • **blurt** • **burst out**

These words all mean to shout or say sth loudly or suddenly.

call • to shout or say sth loudly to attract sb's attention: ▫ I thought I heard someone calling.

cry out (sth) • to shout sth loudly, especially when you need help or are in trouble: ▫ She cried out for help. ◇ ▫ I cried out his name.

exclaim • to say sth suddenly and loudly, especially because of a strong emotion: ▫ 'It isn't fair!' he exclaimed angrily.

blurt • to say sth suddenly and without thinking carefully enough: ▫ He ▫ blurted out ▫ the answer without thinking.

burst out • to say sth suddenly and loudly, especially with a lot of emotion: ▫ 'He's a bully!' the little boy burst out.

to call/cry out/exclaim/blurt out (sth) **to** sb

to call/cry out **for** sth

to cry out/exclaim/blurt out/burst out **in/with** sth

to call/cry out/exclaim/blurt out/burst out **suddenly**

to call/cry out/exclaim/burst out **loudly**

Synonyms:

shout

yell • cry • scream • cheer • bellow • raise your voice

These words all mean to say sth in a very loud voice.

shout • to say sth in a loud voice; to speak loudly and often angrily to sb: ▫ Stop shouting and listen! ◇ ▫ 'Run!' he shouted.

yell • to shout loudly, for example because you are angry, excited, frightened or in pain: ▫ She yelled at the boy to get down from the wall.

cry • (rather formal or literary) to shout loudly: ▫ She ran over to the window and cried for help.

scream • to shout sth in a loud high voice because you are afraid, angry or excited: ▫ He screamed at me to stop.

cheer • (especially of a crowd of people) to shout loudly to show support or praise for sb, or to give them encouragement: ▫ We all

cheered as the team came onto the field.

bellow • to shout in a loud deep voice, especially because you are angry: ▪ 'Quiet!' the teacher bellowed.

raise your voice • to speak loudly to sb, especially because you are angry: ▪ She never once raised her voice to us.

to shout/yell/cry/raise your voice **to** sb

to shout/yell/scream/bellow **at** sb

to shout/yell/cry out/scream/bellow **in** pain/anguish/rage, etc.

to shout/cry out/scream **for** joy/excitement/delight, etc.

to shout/yell/cry out/scream **with** excitement/triumph, etc.

to shout/yell/scream/bellow at sb **to do sth**

to shout/yell/scream **abuse**

to shout/yell/cry/scream **for help**

Vocabulary Building:

Cry

To **cry** is the most general word for producing tears when you are unhappy or hurt, or when you are extremely happy.

To **sob** means to cry noisily, taking sudden, sharp breaths.

To **wail** means to cry in a loud high voice.

To **whimper** means to cry making low, weak noises.

To weep (*literary* or *formal*) means to cry quietly for a long time.

All these verbs can be used like 'say': ▪ 'I don't want you to go,' she cried/wailed/sobbed.

To **be in tears** means to be crying.

To **burst into tears** means to suddenly begin to cry.

To **cry your eyes out** means to cry a lot or for a long time, because you are very sad.

Example Bank:

- 'Never!' he cried angrily.
- 'What do you mean?' she cried in agitation.
- 'Who's there?' she cried in a shrill voice.
- Anna was almost crying with frustration.
- Finally he broke down and cried like a baby.
- He put his head on his arms and cried bitterly.
- He was a fatherly shoulder to cry on when things went wrong.
- I felt like I wanted to cry.
- I felt like crying when I found out what had happened.
- I heard her cry out in her sleep.
- I wasn't going to waste time crying over him!
- She cried for help as the fire spread.
- She wanted to cry out to him not to be so stupid.
- What are you crying about?
- a child crying for his mother
- children who are left to cry alone
- 'You're safe!' Tom cried with delight.
- A pair of eagles cried out to each other as they circled above the trees.
- He bit his lip, trying not to cry out in pain.
- I found him crying his eyes out.
- I just couldn't stop crying.
- It's all right. Don't cry.
- She ran over to the window and cried for help.
- That night she cried herself to sleep.
- The baby was crying for its mother.
- There's nothing to cry about.
- We heard someone cry out in the darkness.

Idioms: ↑cry foul ▪ ↑cry overspill milk ▪ ↑cry wolf ▪ ↑for crying out loud ▪ ↑in full cry

Derived ↑cry off ▪ ↑cry out ▪ ↑cry out for something ▪ ↑cry out out something

noun (pl. **cries**)

1. countable a loud sound without words that expresses a strong feeling

- to **give a cry of anguish/despair/relief/surprise/terror, etc.**

2. countable a loud shout

- With a cry of 'Stop thief!' he ran after the boy.
- Her answer was greeted with cries of outrage.

3. countable the sound made by a bird or an animal

- the cry of gulls circling overhead

4. singular an action or a period of crying

- I felt a lot better after a good long cry.

5. countable ~ (**for sth**) an urgent demand or request for sth

- Her suicide attempt was really a **cry for help**.

6. countable (especially in compounds) a word or phrase that expresses a group's beliefs and calls people to action

- a battle cry

- His speech attacking the government has proved a **rallying cry** for party dissidents.
- more at** a far cry from sth/doing sth **at** †far_{adj.}, hue and cry **at** †hue

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Example Bank:

- An involuntary cry escaped her as he entered the room.
- He fell to the ground with a cry.
- He tried to yell out, but the hand muffled his cries.
- He was too weak to raise even the smallest of cries.
- Her suicide attempt was really a desperate cry for help.
- She gave an agonized cry as they lifted the fallen branch from her leg.
- She stifled a small cry.
- You'll feel better when you've had a good cry.
- a cry of despair/delight
- a plaintive cry for help
- the hoarse cry of a crow
- He gave a loud cry of despair.
- The eagle gave a cry as it circled overhead

See also: †cry over spilled milk

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I. **cry**¹ **S2 W2** /kraɪ/ BrE [■] AmE [■] **verb** (past tense and past participle **cried**, present participle **crying**, third person singular **cries**)

[Word Family: noun: †cry, †crying, †outcry; verb: †cry; adjective: †crying]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: crier, from Latin quiritare 'to shout for help (from a citizen), scream', from Quiris 'Roman citizen']

1. **PRODUCE TEARS** [intransitive and transitive] to produce tears from your eyes, usually because you are unhappy or hurt:

- Don't cry, Laura. It'll be OK.
- Upstairs, a baby began to cry.
- Jamie looked like he'd been crying.
- I just couldn't stop crying.
- That film always makes me cry.

cry over/about

- I am too old to be crying over some young guy.

cry with/in

- She felt like crying with frustration.

cry for

- She could hear him crying for his mother.

cry your eyes/heart out (=be extremely sad and cry a lot)

- Oliver, alone, began to cry bitterly (=cry a lot).

cry yourself to sleep (=cry until you fall asleep)

2. **SAY LOUDLY** [transitive] *written* to shout or say something loudly **SYN cry out**:

- 'Stop!' she cried.
- It was painful, and made me cry aloud.

cry to

- 'Goodbye then!' he cried to her.

cry for

- I could hear voices crying for help.

3. **cry over spilt milk** to waste time feeling sorry about an earlier mistake or problem that cannot be changed:

- It's no use crying over spilt milk.

4. **for crying out loud** *spoken* used when you feel annoyed or impatient with someone:

- For crying out loud, stop nagging!

5. **cry foul** to protest because you think something is wrong or not fair:

- When the ads appeared, it was the Democrats' turn to cry foul.

6. **ANIMALS/BIRDS** [intransitive] if animals or birds cry, they make a loud sound:

- I could hear gulls crying and the soft whisper of the sea.

7. **cry wolf** to ask for help when you do not need it, so that people do not believe you when you really need help

8. **cry into your beer** *informal* to feel too much pity for yourself, especially because you think you have been treated unfairly

⇒ **not know whether to laugh or cry** at †laugh¹(3), ⇒ **cry for the moon** at †moon¹(4), ⇒ **a shoulder to cry on** at †shoulder¹(5)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **start/begin to cry** She suddenly started to cry.
- **make somebody cry** The end of the book was so sad that it made me cry.
- **stop crying** Eventually, he stopped crying and told me what happened.

phrases

- **feel like crying** I feel like crying every time I think about that day.
- **cry your eyes/heart out** (=be extremely sad and cry a lot) Lucy read the letter and cried her eyes out.
- **cry like a baby** (=cry a lot and without control) I cried like a baby when I heard the news.
- **cry yourself to sleep** (=cry until you fall asleep) That night he cried himself to sleep.

adverbs

- **cry loudly** She fell on her bed, crying loudly.
- **cry quietly/softly** People sat crying softly among the wreckage.
- **cry silently** When I looked at Jane, I saw that she was crying silently.
- **cry bitterly** (=because you feel angry or hurt) I no longer felt brave or strong, and I began to cry bitterly.
- **cry uncontrollably** (=without being able to stop) They were crying uncontrollably at the sight of his grave.

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THESAURUS

- **cry** to produce tears from your eyes: Don't cry – everything will be all right! | Men aren't supposed to cry.
- **cry your eyes out** *especially spoken* to cry a lot and for a long time: I cried my eyes out when I watched 'Titanic'.
- **be in tears** to be crying: By the end of his story, we were all in tears.
- **be close to tears** to be almost crying: You could see that she was close to tears.
- **weep** *literary* to cry, especially for a long time: His mother put her head on the table and wept.
- **sob** to cry, taking sudden loud breaths: I could hear someone sobbing in the next room.
- **wail** /weɪl/ to cry very loudly in a high voice: The baby started wailing for its mother.
- **whimper** /'wɪmpə \$ -ər/ to cry quietly and weakly: She began rocking to and fro, whimpering softly.
- **hold/fight back the tears** to make a big effort not to cry: She told her story, struggling to hold back the tears.
- **your eyes water** if your eyes water, they have tears in them, for example because of smoke, wind, or when you are cutting onions: The onions were making my eyes water.

to start crying

- **burst into tears** to suddenly start crying: The man shouted at her and she burst into tears.
- **break down** to start crying after trying hard not to cry, especially when talking about something very upsetting: He broke down and begged for forgiveness. | When I saw what had happened to him, I just broke down and cried.

cry off *phrasal verb British English*

to say that you cannot do something that you have already promised to do ⇒ **cancel**:

- Leah and I were going to go to Morocco together, but at the last moment she cried off.

cry out *phrasal verb*

1. to make a loud sound of fear, shock, pain etc

cry out in/with

- Even the smallest movement made him cry out in pain.
- John tightened his grip until she cried out.

2. to shout or say something loudly:

- 'Why are you doing this?' she cried out suddenly.

cry out for

- I felt too terrified to even cry out for help.

3. **be crying out for something** *informal* to need something urgently:

- The kitchen is crying out for a coat of paint.
- My parents had divorced and I was crying out for love.

II. cry² **W3 BrE** *AmE* *noun* (plural **cries**)

[*Word Family*: *noun*: ↑cry, ↑crying, ↑outcry; *verb*: ↑cry; *adjective*: ↑crying]

1. **SOUND EXPRESSING EMOTION** [countable] a loud sound expressing a strong emotion such as pain, fear, or pleasure:

- a baby's cry

cry of pain/alarm/delight etc

- Alice let out a cry of alarm.

let out/give a cry

- The stone hit him on the forehead and he gave a sharp cry.

2. **SHOUT** [countable] a shouted word or phrase

cry of

- At last, there was a cry of 'Silence!', and everyone looked towards the door.

cry for

- Fortunately, a passerby heard his cries for help.

3. **TEARS** [singular] *especially British English* a period of time during which tears come out of your eyes, usually because you are unhappy:

- It's good to have a cry sometimes.
- I felt much better after I'd had a good cry (=cried for a long time).

4. **cry for help** something someone says or does that shows that they are very unhappy and need help:

- I think taking the pills was a cry for help.

5. **PHRASE** [countable] a phrase that is used to unite people in support of a particular action or idea **SYN slogan**:

- 'Land and Liberty' was the rallying cry of revolutionary Mexico. ⇒ ↑battle cry(1), ↑war cry

6. **ANIMAL/BIRD** [countable] a sound made by a particular animal **SYN call**:

- the cries of seagulls overhead

⇒ be a far cry from something at ↑far²(5), ⇒ in full cry at ↑full¹(22), ⇒ ↑hue and cry

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COLLOCATIONS

phrases

- **a cry of pain/despair/delight etc** A rock was loose and he fell with a sharp cry of surprise.
- **a cry escapes somebody/sb's lips** A cry escaped her lips as he tightened his grip on her wrist.

verbs

- **give a cry** The woman looked up and gave a cry of fear.
- **let out/utter a cry** Seeing the fields and mountains, she let out a cry of delight.

adjectives

- **a small/little cry** The child gave a small cry and burst into tears.
- **a loud cry** a loud cry of pain
- **a great cry** *literary* (=a loud cry) With a great cry they charged into battle.
- **a sharp cry** (=loud, short, and sudden) He gave a sharp cry of pain.
- **a low cry** (=not loud or high) I heard a long, low cry of despair.
- **a strangled/stifled cry** (=that stops before it is finished) The girl gave a stifled cry of disappointment.
- **a muffled cry** (=that cannot be heard clearly) I thought I heard a muffled cry from somewhere in the building.
- **an anguished/agonised cry** (=full of distress) She gave an anguished cry, calling his name.

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