


pretty**1. ['prɪti] n****1. прелесть (в обращении)**

my pretty! - мой милый!; моя милая!; моя прелесть!

2. 1) *обыкн. pl* красивая вещь; украшение**2) *pl* красивая одежда; изящное бельё****3. *амер.* безделушка; игрушка, хорошенькая вещица****4. верхняя (украшенная рисунками) часть бокала или стакана****5. *амер. разг. сокр. от* a pretty penny [*см.* penny I **

I'd give a pretty to know that secret - я бы дал много, чтоб узнать этот секрет

2. ['prɪti] a**1. милый, прелестный, привлекательный**

pretty garden [view] - прелестный сад [вид]

2. хорошенький; симпатичный (о женщине, ребёнке)

(as) pretty as a picture /as a painting/ - хороша как картинка

3. приятный, хороший

pretty voice - красивый /приятный/ голос

pretty stroke - хороший удар (в крикете, гольфе и т. п.)

pretty song [tune] - приятная/славная/ песенка [мелодия]

he has a pretty wit - он очень /весьма/ остроумный

he writes pretty little stories - он пишет изящные (маленькие) рассказы

4. *ирон.* хорошенький, весёленький

a pretty business! - хорошенькое дело!


a pretty mess you've made of it! - ну и кашу вы заварили!

this is a pretty state of affairs - ничего себе положеньице!

a pretty fellow, indeed! - нечего сказать, хорош гусь!

5. *разг.* значительный, изрядный

a pretty sum - кругленькая сумма

a pretty penny *см.* penny I 

he made a pretty pot of money - он заработал уйму денег

6. *шотл.* храбрый, сильный**3. ['prɪti] adv****довольно, достаточно; в значительной степени**

pretty much - очень, в значительной степени; почти

to feel pretty well - чувствовать себя вполне прилично

that is pretty much /nearly, well/ the same thing - это почти то же самое

he does it pretty well [badly] - он делает это довольно хорошо [плохо]

he's pretty well tired of the whole business - ему всё это порядком надоело

you had better do it pretty quick - лучше сделайте это поскорее

 sitting pretty - а) в выгодном положении; \cong ловко устроился; б) зажиточный; не нуждающийся в деньгах

pretty

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pretty [pretty prettier prettiest pretties prettied prettying] **adverb adjective BrE**

['prɪti] ^{AmE} ['prɪti] ^{BrE}

adverb (with adjectives and adverbs) (rather informal)

1. to some extent; fairly

- I'm pretty sure I'll be going.
- The game was pretty good.
- It's pretty hard to explain.
- I'm going to have to find a new apartment pretty soon.

2. very

- That performance was pretty impressive.
- Things are looking pretty good!

more at be sitting pretty **at** [↑]sit

Word Origin:

Old English *prættig*; related to Middle Dutch *perlich* 'brisk, clever', obsolete Dutch *prettig* 'humorous, sporty', from a West Germanic base meaning 'trick'. The sense development 'deceitful, cunning, clever, skilful, admirable, pleasing, nice' has parallels in adjectives such as canny, fine, nice, etc.

Thesaurus:

pretty **adv.** (AmE informal, BrE)

• I was pretty sure I'd seen him somewhere before.

fairly • • **reasonably** • | **especially BrE quite** • • **rather** •

pretty/fairly/reasonably/quite/rather **good/successful/high/large/common/confident**

pretty/fairly/reasonably/quite/rather **well/soon/quickly/easily**

pretty/fairly/quite/rather **bad/big/new/tired/dull/difficult/expensive/dangerous**

Which Word?:

quite / fairly / rather / pretty

Look at these examples:

- The exam was fairly difficult.
- The exam was quite difficult.
- The exam was rather difficult.

Quite is a little stronger than **fairly**, and **rather** is a little stronger than **quite**. **Rather** is not very common in *NAmE*; **pretty** has the same meaning and this is used in informal *BrE* too: ▪ The exam was pretty difficult.

In *BrE* **quite** has two meanings: ▪ I feel quite tired today (= fairly tired). With adjectives that describe an extreme state ('non-gradable' adjectives) it means 'completely' or 'absolutely': ▪ I feel quite exhausted. With some adjectives, both meanings are possible. The speaker's stress and intonation will show you which is meant: ▪ Your essay is 'quite good (= fairly good — it could be better); ▪ Your essay is quite 'good (= very good, especially when this is unexpected).

In *NAmE* **quite** usually means something like 'very', not 'fairly' or 'rather'. **Pretty** is used instead for this sense.

Example Bank:

- Flying those planes was pretty hard work.
- I was pretty sure I'd seen the coin before.
- I was surprised to find my French was still pretty good.
- I'm afraid we're going to have to go pretty soon.
- It came at the end of a pretty miserable week.

Idioms: ↑as pretty as a picture ▪ ↑not a pretty sight ▪ ↑not just a pretty face ▪ ↑pretty much ▪ ↑pretty penny

Derived Words ↑prettily ▪ ↑prettiness

adjective (pret-tier, pret-ti-est)

1. (especially of a woman, or a girl) attractive without being very beautiful

- a pretty face
- a pretty little girl
- You look so pretty in that dress!

2. (of places or things) attractive and pleasant to look at or to listen to without being large, beautiful or impressive

- pretty clothes
- a pretty garden
- a pretty name

more at come to a pretty pass **at** ↑pass _{n.}

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Thesaurus:

pretty *adj.*

1.

- She's a very pretty girl.

beautiful • • **attractive** • • **good-looking** • • **striking** • • **handsome** • |especially *BrE* **lovely** • |informal **gorgeous** • • **stunning** • |especially *AmE*, informal **cute** •

Opp: plain

a/an pretty/beautiful/attractive/good-looking/striking/handsome/lovely/gorgeous/stunning/cute **girl/woman**

a/an pretty/beautiful/attractive/good-looking/handsome/lovely/gorgeous/cute **boy**

a/an pretty/beautiful/attractive/good-looking/striking/handsome/lovely/cute **face**

2.

- Lydia— what a pretty name!

beautiful • • **attractive** • • **picturesque** • • **scenic** • • **charming** • • **exquisite** • |especially *BrE* **lovely** •

a/an pretty/beautiful/attractive/picturesque/charming **place/town/village**

a/an pretty/beautiful/attractive/exquisite/lovely **design**

a/an pretty/beautiful/attractive/charming/exquisite/lovely **voice**

Synonyms:

beautiful

pretty • **handsome** • **attractive** • **lovely** • **good-looking** • **gorgeous**

These words all describe people who are pleasant to look at.

beautiful • (especially of a woman or girl) very pleasant to look at: ▪ She looked stunningly beautiful that night.

pretty • (especially of a girl or woman) pleasant to look at: ▪ She's got a very pretty face.

Pretty is used most often to talk about girls. When it is used to talk about a woman, it usually suggests that she is like a girl, with small, delicate features.

handsome • (of a man) pleasant to look at; (of a woman) pleasant to look at, with large strong features rather than small delicate ones: ▪ He was described as 'tall, dark and handsome'.

attractive • (of a person) pleasant to look at, especially in a sexual way: ▪ She's a very attractive woman.

lovely • (of a person) beautiful; very attractive: ▪ She looked particularly lovely that night.

When you describe sb as **lovely**, you are usually showing that you also have a strong feeling of affection for them.

good-looking • (of a person) pleasant to look at, often in a sexual way: ▪ She arrived with a very good-looking man.

gorgeous • (informal) (of a person) extremely attractive, especially in a sexual way: ▪ You look gorgeous!

attractive or good-looking?

If you describe sb as **attractive** you often also mean that they have a pleasant personality as well as being pleasant to look at;

good-looking just describes sb's physical appearance.

a(n) beautiful/pretty/handsome/attractive/lovely/good-looking/gorgeous **girl/woman**

a(n) beautiful/handsome/attractive/good-looking/gorgeous **boy/man**

a(n) beautiful/pretty/handsome/attractive/lovely/good-looking **face**

Example Bank:

- She's very attractive, though not conventionally pretty.
- 'I didn't know you could play the piano.' 'I'm not just a pretty face, you know!'
- A pretty little girl was standing in the doorway.
- Lydia— what a pretty name!
- She's got a very pretty face.
- That's a pretty flower— what's it called?
- You should have seen him in his swimming trunks— not a pretty sight!

See also: ↑pretty near ▪ ↑pretty nearly

pretty

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I. **pret** /tɪ/ **S1 W3** /'prɪti/ **BrE** ^{AmE} **adverb** [+ adjective/adverb] *spoken*

1. fairly or more than a little:

- I'm pretty sure he'll say yes.
- She still looks pretty miserable.

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In written English, people usually avoid **pretty** and use **fairly** instead:

- The consequences of this are fairly obvious.

2. very:

- Dinner at Luigi's sounds pretty good to me.

3. **pretty well/much** almost completely:

- He hit the ball pretty well exactly where he wanted it.
- The guard left us pretty much alone.
- They're all pretty much the same.

4. **pretty nearly** (also **pretty near** *American English*) almost:

- The shock of Pat's death pretty near killed Roy.

⇒ **be sitting pretty** at ↑sit(9)

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- **rather/quite** *especially British English* more than a little, but less than very. British people often use these words before adjectives in conversation. In many cases they do not intend to change the meaning – it is just something that people say: She seemed rather unhappy. | It's rather a difficult question. | It's getting quite late. | Malaria is rather common in this area.
- **fairly** rather. **Fairly** is used in both British and American English: The test was fairly easy. | It's a fairly long way to the next town.
- **pretty** *spoken* rather. **Pretty** is more informal than the other words and is used in spoken English: Her French is pretty good. | We're in a pretty strong position.
- **reasonably** to a satisfactory level or degree: He plays reasonably well. | Let's just say that I am reasonably confident we'll win.
- **moderately** *formal* more than a little, but not very: Her family was moderately wealthy. | The food was moderately good, but not as good as the food in the other restaurants. | Use a moderately high heat. | a moderately difficult climb
- **somewhat** *formal* fairly or to a small degree. **Somewhat** is used especially when talking about the size or degree of something. It is often used in comparatives: The celebrations were somewhat larger than last year's. | He looked somewhat irritated. | a somewhat surprising decision

II. **pretty** ^{S2 W3} **BrE** ^{AmE} **adjective** (comparative **prettier**, superlative **prettiest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: prættig 'tricky', from prætt 'trick']

1. a woman or child who is pretty has a nice attractive face:

- a pretty little girl
- Maria looks much prettier with her hair cut short.

2. something that is pretty is pleasant to look at or listen to but is not impressive:

- a pretty dress
- The tune is pretty.
- What a pretty little garden!

3. **not a pretty sight** very unpleasant to look at – sometimes used humorously:

- After a night's drinking, Al was not a pretty sight.

4. **not just a pretty face** *spoken* used humorously to say that someone is intelligent, when people think this is surprising:

- I'm not just a pretty face, you know!

5. **come to a pretty pass** *old-fashioned* used to say that a very bad situation has developed:

- Things have come to a pretty pass, if you can't say what you think without causing a fight.

6. **cost a pretty penny** *old-fashioned* to cost a lot of money

7. **pretty as a picture** *old-fashioned* very pretty

—**prettily** *adverb*:

Charlotte sang very prettily.

—**prettiness** *noun* [uncountable]

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