

1. [diə] n

1. 1) (в обращении) дорогой, милый, голубчик; дорогая, милая, голубушка

my dear - дорогой мой, милый

my dearest! - дражайший!

2) возлюбленный милый; возлюбленная милая

with his dear - со своей возлюбленной /милой/

2. **разг.** прелесть; душка; паинька; умник; умница

there's /that's/ a dear - вот умник /умница/; вот и хорошо

be a dear - будь умницей; будь паинькой

the box was a dear - ларчик был просто прелесть

isn't he a dear - ну не прелесть ли он?

2. [diə] a

1. 1) дорогой, милый, любимый

dear mother - милая мамочка

dear land - родная земля

a very dear friend of mine - мой очень большой друг

dear possessions - дорогие (кому-л.) вещи

to be dear to smb. - много значить для кого-л.

to hold smth. [smb.] dear - дорожить чем-л. [кем-л.]

to be dear to one's taste - быть по вкусу; очень нравиться (о вещи)

2) (в устном или письменном обращении) дорогой, милый; высокоуважаемый (часто с местоимением *my*)

dear father [friend] - дорогой отец [друг]

my dear child - дитя моё; сынок /доченька/

my dear girl [fellow] - дорогая моя [дорогой мой]; дорогуша

dear heart - милый; милая

my dear Sir - высокоуважаемый сэръ

Dear Sir - милостивый государь (официальное обращение в письме)

3) **ирон.** любезный, любезнейший

2. заветный

one's dearest wish [dream] - заветное желание [-ая мечта]

3. славный, прелестный, милый

a dear little thing - прелестная вещица

what a dear little house! - какой милый домик!

4. 1) дорогой, дорого стоящий

dear pictures [furs] - дорогие картины [меха]

bread [petrol] grew /got/ dearer - хлеб [бензин] вздорожал

that's too dear for me - мне это не по карману

2) высокий, дорогой (о цене)

dear rate /price/ - высокая цена

to pay too dear a price for smth. - заплатить за что-л. слишком дорогой ценой

3) дорогой, с высокими ценами

dear shop - магазин с высокими ценами

◇ dear John - а) **воен. жарг.** «Дорогой Джон» (письмо, полученное солдатом от жены или невесты с просьбой о разводе или с уведомлением о выходе замуж за другого); б) **сл.** письмо с уведомлением об увольнении или с предложением подать в отставку

for dear life - отчаянно; изо всех сил; не на жизнь, а на смерть

to fight for dear life - сражаться не на жизнь, а на смерть

to run /to flee/ for dear life - бежать сломя голову, бежать со всех ног /во весь дух, что есть мочи/

to ride for dear life - нестись во весь опор

3. [diə] adv

1. дорого (тж. перен.)

to cost dear - стоить дорого

to sell dear - продавать по высоким ценам

to sell one's life dear - дорого продать свою жизнь

to pay dear for one's errors - расплачиваться дорогой ценой за свои ошибки

2. нежно, горячо

4. [diə] v редк.

обращаться к человеку, называя его «дорогой»

5. [diə] int

выражает симпатию, сожаление, огорчение, нетерпение, удивление, презрение:

dear me!, oh dear!, dear heart! - боже мой!, вот так так!, вот те на!, неужели?, батюшки!

dear me! is that so? - неужели?, не может быть!

oh dear, my head aches! - ох, как болит голова!

dear knows! - бог его знает

oh dear no! - ни в коем случае!, на за что!

dear [dear dears dearer dearest] adjective, exclamation, noun, adverb *BrE* [dɪə(r)]

NAmE [dɪr]

adjective (dear-er, dear-est)

1. loved by or important to sb

- He's one of my dearest friends.
- ~ **to sb** Her daughter is very dear to her.
- They lost everything that was dear to them.

2. **Dear** used at the beginning of a letter before the name or title of the person that you are writing to

- Dear Sir or Madam
- Dear Mrs Jones

3. **not usually before noun** (*BrE*) expensive; costing a lot of money

- Everything's so dear now, isn't it?

Opp: ↑cheap

more at close/dear/near to sb's heart **at** ↑heart, for dear life **at** ↑life, your nearest and dearest **at** ↑near *adj.*

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

dear *adj.* (written becoming old-fashioned)

- He's one of my dearest friends.

much loved • **precious** • **prized** • **cherished** • **treasured** • |informal **darling** • |formal **beloved** •

dear/precious **to sb**

a/sb's dear/much loved/darling/beloved **daughter/son**

a much loved/prized/cherished/treasured **possession**

dear/darling **Jack/Grace, etc.**

Example Bank:

- It's always good to hear from dear old Harry!
- John is a very dear friend of mine.
- St Barnabas's Church was a place that would always be dear to him.
- That one mistake has cost him dear over the years.
- The puppy was a dear little thing.
- There was a shortage of potatoes, and they became dear.
- Everything's so dear now, isn't it?
- He's one of my dearest friends.

Idioms: dear old ▪ ↑hold somebody dear

exclamation used in expressions that show that you are surprised, upset, annoyed or worried

- **Oh dear** ! I think I've lost my purse!
- **Oh dear** ! What a shame.
- **Dear me** ! What a mess!
- **Dear oh dear** ! What are you going to do now?

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noun

1. (*BrE, informal*) a kind person

- Isn't he a dear?
- **Be a dear and** fetch me my coat.

2. used when speaking to sb you love

- Would you like a drink, dear?
- Come here, my dear.

3. used when speaking to sb in a friendly way, for example by an older person to a young person or a child

- What's your name, dear?

compare ↑duck

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adverb (*BrE*)

at a high price

- to buy cheap and sell dear

see cost sb dear **at** ↑cost *v.*

dearI. **dear**¹ **S1** /diə \$ dɪr/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *interjection*

Oh dear! / Dear oh dear! (also **Dear me!** *old-fashioned*) used to show that you are surprised, upset, or annoyed because something bad has happened:

- " Oh dear, I've broken the lamp.
- " 'I think I'm getting a cold.' 'Dear oh dear!'

II. **dear**² **S2** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

1. used when speaking to someone you love:

- " How did the interview go, dear?

2. *spoken* used when speaking in a friendly way to someone, especially someone who is much younger or much older than you.

This use can sometimes sound rather **↑patronizing**:

- " Can I help you, dear?
- " Come along, my dear, take a seat.

3. *British English spoken* someone who is kind and helpful:

- " Be a dear and make me a coffee.

4. **old dear** *British English* a fairly rude expression meaning an old woman

III. **dear**³ **S2 W2** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **dearer**, superlative **dearest**)

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

1. **Dear** used before someone's name or title to begin a letter:

- " Dear Sir or Madam, ...
- " Dear Mrs. Wilson, ...
- " Dear Meg, ...

2. *British English* expensive **OPP cheap**:

- " Cars are 59% dearer in Britain than in Europe.

3. *formal* a dear friend or relative is very important to you and you love them a lot:

- " Mark became a dear friend.

be dear to somebody

- " His sister was very dear to him.

4. **hold something dear** to think that something is very important:

- " Household economy was something my mother held very dear.

5. **dear old ...** *British English spoken* used to describe someone or something in a way that shows your love or liking of them **SYN good old**:

- " Here we are, back in dear old Manchester!

6. **for dear life** *written* if you run, fight, hold on etc for dear life, you do it as fast or as well as you can because you are afraid:

- " She grasped the side of the boat and hung on for dear life.

7. **the dear departed** *British English literary* a person you love who has died

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- **expensive** costing a lot of money: an expensive car | Apartments in the city are very expensive. | An underground train system is expensive to build.
- **high** costing a lot of money. You use **high** about rents/fees/prices/costs. Don't use **expensive** with these words: Rents are very high in this area. | Lawyers charge high fees. | the high cost of living in Japan
- **dear** [not before noun] *British English spoken* expensive compared to the usual price: £3.50 seems rather dear for a cup of coffee.
- **pricey** /'praɪsɪ/ *informal* expensive: The clothes are beautiful but pricey.
- **costly** expensive in a way that wastes money: Upgrading the system would be very costly. | They were anxious to avoid a costly legal battle.
- **cost a fortune** *informal* to be very expensive: The necklace must have cost a fortune!
- **exorbitant** /ɪg'zɔːbɪt, ɪg'zɔːbɪt \$ -ɔːr/ much too expensive: Some accountants charge exorbitant fees.
- **astronomical** astronomical prices, costs, and fees are extremely high: the astronomical cost of developing a new spacecraft | the astronomical prices which some people had paid for their seats | The cost of living is astronomical.
- **overpriced** too expensive and not worth the price: The DVDs were vastly overpriced.
- **somebody can't afford something** someone does not have enough money to buy or do something: Most people can't afford to send their children to private schools.

IV. **dear**⁴ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adverb*

cost somebody dear *written* to cause a lot of trouble and suffering for someone:

- " Carolyn's marriage to Pete cost her dear.

dear

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