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[mɪə] *n*

1. *поэт.* озеро; пруд; водное пространство
2. *диал.* болото

II

1. [mɪə] *n арх.*
рубеж, граница; межа
2. [mɪə] *v уст.*
ограничивать, проводить границу; межевать

II

[mɪə] *a*

1. *усил.*
 - 1) простой, чистый, не более чем
mere coincidence - простое совпадение
out of mere spite - по злобе
it's mere chance - это чистая случайность
it was only by the merest chance, that I saw him - только по чистой случайности мне удалось его увидеть
 - 2) единственный, не более чем, всего лишь
a mere glance - один только взгляд
the mere sight of him makes me angry - я злюсь от одного его вида; один его вид меня бесит
at the mere thought of smb., smth. - при одной только мысли о ком-л., чём-л.
for a mere penny - всего лишь за один пенни
 - 3) сущий, настоящий; всего лишь
she is a mere child - она сущий ребёнок, она всего лишь ребёнок
it's a mere trifle - это сущий пустяк, это сущая безделица
the merest nobody - полнейшее ничтожество
they received a mere pittance - они получили сущие гроши
of mere motion - *юр.* добровольно
2. чистый, без примесей

mere

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mere [mere meres merest] *adjective, noun* BrE [mɪə(r)] [ⓘ] NAmE [mɪr] [ⓘ]*adjective only before noun* (superlative **mer-est**, no comparative)

1. used when you want to emphasize how small, unimportant, etc. sb/sth is
 - It took her a mere 20 minutes to win.
 - A mere 2% of their budget has been spent on publicity.
 - He seemed so young, a mere boy.
 - You've got the job. The interview will be a mere formality.
2. used when you are saying that the fact that a particular thing is present in a situation is enough to have an influence on that situation
 - His mere presence (= just the fact that he was there) made her feel afraid.
 - The **mere fact that** they were prepared to talk was encouraging.
 - The **mere thought of** eating made him feel sick.
 - The merest (= the slightest) hint of smoke is enough to make her feel ill.

Word Origin:*adj.* late Middle English 'pure' 'sheer, downright' Latin *merus* 'undiluted'*n.* Old English Germanic Dutch *meer* 'lake' German *Meer* 'sea' Indo-European Russian *more* Latin *mare**noun* (BrE, literary) (also used in names)

a small lake

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I. **mere** ¹ W3 /mɪə \$ mɪr/ BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] *adjective* (superlative **merest**) [only before noun, no comparative][Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: *merus* 'pure, unmixed']

1. used to emphasize how small or unimportant something or someone is:
 - She lost the election by a mere 20 votes.
 - He's a mere child.
 - It can't be a mere coincidence that they left at the same time.
2. used to emphasize that something which is small or not extreme has a big effect or is important:
 - The merest little noise makes him nervous.
 - The mere thought of food made her feel sick.
 - The mere fact that the talks are continuing is a positive sign.

ii. **mere**² *BrE*^{*} *AmE*^{*} *noun* [countable]
[Language: Old English; Origin: 'sea, lake']
literary a lake

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