

joy

1. [dʒɔɪ] *n*

1. радость; веселье; удовольствие

to jump [to cry] for /with/ joy - скакать [плакать] от радости

to wish smb. joy - желать счастья /удачи, успеха/ кому-л.

to the joy of his mother he won first prize - к восторгу своей матери, он завоевал первый приз

2. что-л. вызывающее восторг, восхищение

to be smb.'s only joy - быть чьей-л. единственной утехой /радостью/

on a hot day a cold swim is a joy - в жаркий день поплавать в холодной воде большое удовольствие

3. *разг.* успех, удача

no joy - а) ничего не известно, нет никаких новостей /сведений/; ответа нет; б) ничего хорошего; ≅ не повезло, не удалось

I tried to get through to her on the telephone, but I didn't have any joy - я пытался связаться с ней по телефону но безуспешно

4. *в грам. знач. прил.*

1) праздничный; радостный

joy bells - праздничный колокольный звон

joy fire - костёр, зажигаемый по случаю праздника

joy gun - орудие, из которого стреляют по случаю праздника

2) *амер. сл.* создающий иллюзию хорошего настроения (*обыкн. о наркотике*)

joy juice - алкоголь, спиртное

joy powder - морфий

joy smoke - марихуана

joy stick - трубка опиума

◇ joys shared with others are more enjoyed - *посл.* разделённая радость - двойная радость /вдвойне приятно/

(there is) no joy without alloy - *посл.* нет розы без шипов

God give you joy, joy go with you - желаю вам счастья /удачи/

2. [dʒɔɪ] *v поэт.*

1) радовать; веселить

2) радоваться; веселиться

to joy in smth. - черпать радость в чём-л.

to joy in a friend's success - радоваться успеху друга

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

joy [joy joys joyed joying] *BrE* [dʒɔɪ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [dʒɔɪ] ^ˈ *noun*

1. **uncountable** a feeling of great happiness

Syn: ↑delight

• the sheer joy of being with her again

• to dance **for/with joy**

• I didn't expect them to **jump for joy** at the news (= to be very pleased) .

• To his great joy, she accepted.

2. **countable** a person or thing that causes you to feel very happy

• the joys of fatherhood

• The game was a joy to watch.

3. **uncountable** (*BrE, informal*) (in questions and negative sentences) success or satisfaction

• We complained about our rooms but got no joy from the manager.

• 'Any joy at the shops?' 'No, they didn't have what I wanted.'

more at sb's pride and joy **at** ↑pride *n.*

Idiom: ↑full of the joys of spring

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *joie*, based on Latin *gaudium*, from *gaudere* 'rejoice' .

Thesaurus:

joy *noun*

1. **U**

• I'll never forget the pure joy I felt at being free again.

delight • **bliss** • **ecstasy** • **euphoria** • **happiness** •

Opp: grief

sb's joy/delight/euphoria **at** sth

sheer/pure joy/delight/bliss/ecstasy/happiness

feel/be filled with joy/delight/ecstasy/happiness

Joy, delight or bliss? Joy and delight are livelier feelings than bliss. You can dance/jump/weep for joy or scream/whoop with delight. Bliss is more peaceful

• married/domestic bliss

2. **C**

• the joys and sorrows of childhood

delight • **pleasure** • **privilege** • |*BrE* honour • |*AmE* honor • |especially spoken treat •

Opp: grief, **Opp:** sorrow

the joys/delights/pleasures of sth

It's a joy/delight/pleasure/privilege/honour/treat to do sth

a joy/delight/pleasure to **see/find/behold/watch**

Joy, pleasure or delight? A **joy** or **delight** is greater than a **pleasure**; a person, especially a child, can be a **joy** or **delight** but not a **pleasure**.

Synonyms:

pleasure

delight • joy • privilege • treat • honour

These are all words for things that make you happy or bring you enjoyment.

pleasure • a thing that brings you enjoyment or satisfaction: ▪ the pleasures and pains of everyday life ◇ ▪ It's been a pleasure ▪ meeting you.

delight • a thing or person that brings you great enjoyment or satisfaction: ▪ the delights of living in the country

joy • a thing or person that brings you great enjoyment or happiness: ▪ the joys and sorrows of childhood

pleasure, delight or joy?

A **delight** or **joy** is greater than a **pleasure**; a person, especially a child, can be a **delight** or **joy**, but not a **pleasure**; **joys** are often contrasted with **sorrows**, but **delights** are not.

privilege • (rather formal) something that you are proud and lucky to have the opportunity to do: ▪ It was a great privilege to hear her sing.

treat • (informal) a thing that sb enjoyed or is likely to enjoy very much: ▪ You've never been to this area before? Then you're ▪ in for a ▪ real ▪ treat ▪.

honour/honor • (formal) something that you are very pleased or proud to do because people are showing you great respect: ▪ It was a great honour to be invited here today.

the pleasures/delights/joys of sth

It's a great pleasure/joy to me that...

It's a pleasure/delight/joy/privilege/treat/honour to do sth

It's a pleasure/delight/joy to see/find...

a pleasure/delight/joy to behold/watch

a real pleasure/delight/joy/privilege/treat

a great pleasure/joy/privilege/honour

a rare joy/privilege/treat/honour

Example Bank:

- Her books have brought great joy to millions of people.
- His childlike joy was infectious.
- I could have shouted with joy.
- I find joy in many kinds of music.
- I literally jumped for joy when I heard the news.
- I took a fierce joy in telling them the truth.
- Imagine our joy when we saw each other again.
- Over the years we have shared our joys and sorrows.
- Pablo was the couple's pride and joy.
- Protesters expressed joy at the government's decision.
- She found to her joy that the house had a large garden.
- She got no joy out of working.
- The children's expressions were a joy to behold.
- The pride and joy of the town is the splendid castle.
- We want children to share the joy of music-making.
- the physical joys of fine wines and gourmet foods
- the pure joy I felt at being free again
- a dancer who is a joy to watch.
- the joys and sorrows of childhood

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1. **joy**¹ **W3** /dʒɔɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: joie, from Latin gaudia]

1. [uncountable] great happiness and pleasure:

▪ the look of joy on her face

with/for joy

▪ I leaped into the air with joy.

▪ She wept for joy.

▪ I didn't exactly jump for joy (=I was not very pleased) when I heard the news.

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Joy is used especially in literature. In everyday English, rather than say they did something **with joy**, people usually say that they were (**really**) **pleased/happy/glad** to do it:

▪ Thank you for your letter. I was really pleased to get it.

2. [countable] something or someone that gives you happiness and pleasure

joy of

▪ one of the joys of travelling alone

▪ The garden was his pride and joy.

be a joy to watch/drive/use etc

▪ The children's singing was a joy to listen to.

3. **no joy** *British English spoken* if you have no joy, you do not succeed in getting something:
" I phoned the pub, but no joy. The landlord didn't know where she was.
... "

COLLOCATIONS

phrases

- **be filled with joy/be full of joy** I was full of joy at the thought of seeing her again.
- **tears of joy** She began to cry again, but they were tears of joy.
- **a feeling of joy** A feeling of total joy swept over him.
- **a sense of joy** I'll never forget the sense of joy that day.
- **a look of joy** There was a look of joy on their faces.
- **shouts/cries of joy** They greeted each other with cries of joy.

adjectives

- **great joy** To her great joy, she became the mother of two beautiful baby girls.
- **pure/sheer/complete joy** (=a lot of joy, not mixed with other feelings) It was a moment of pure joy.
- **overwhelming joy** *formal* (=very great joy) She experienced a feeling of overwhelming joy.
- **true/real joy** How can I find true joy in life?

verbs

- **bring joy to somebody** (=make someone feel joy) Her children have brought her great joy.
- **give (somebody) joy** His music has given people a lot of joy over the years.
- **feel/experience joy** He had never felt the joy of watching the seasons come and go.
- **be jumping for joy** (=be very pleased about something) She tried to stay calm, but she was secretly jumping for joy.
- **express your joy** (=show it) They expressed their joy by jumping up and down and hugging each other.

II. **joy**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [intransitive] *literary*
to be happy because of something

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