

darling1. ['dɑ:lɪŋ] *n*

1. дорогой, милый, родной, любимый *или* дорогая, милая, родная, любимая (*преим. в обращении*)

my darling - дорогой мой

2. любимец, баловень

the darling of the people /of all hearts/ - всеобщий любимец

the darling of fortune - баловень судьбы /счастья/

3. замечательный человек

he is a perfect darling - он такой чудный; он просто прелесть

2. ['dɑ:lɪŋ] *a*

1. дорогой, горячо любимый

one's darling child - любимое /драгоценное/ дитя

2. горячий, страстный, заветный (*о желаниии, надежде, мечте*)

my darling hope was to see him - я лелеял надежду увидеть его

3. прелестный, чудный

a darling living room - прелестная комната

what a darling little dog! - чудесная собачка!

darling

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darling [darling darlings] *noun, adjective* BrE ['dɑːlɪŋ] *AmE* ['dɑːrlɪŋ]

noun

1. (informal) a way of addressing sb that you love

• What's the matter, darling?

2. a person who is very friendly and kind

• You are a darling, Hugo.

3. **the ~ of sb/sth** a person who is especially liked and very popular

• She is the darling of the newspapers and can do no wrong.

Word Origin:

Old English *dēorling* (see ↑*dear*, ↑*-ling*).

Thesaurus:

darling *noun* C (especially BrE)

• I love you so much, darling.

love • • **dear** • |informal **sweetheart** • • **sweetie** • |especially AmE, informal **honey** • |slang **babe** • |especially AmE, slang **baby**

• |especially written **loved one** • |old use literary **beloved** •

thank you/hello/yes, etc. darling/love/dear/sweetheart/sweetie/honey/babe/baby

my darling/love/dear/sweetheart/baby/beloved

Example Bank:

• I love you too, my darling.

• What's the matter, darling?

adjective only before noun (informal)

much loved, very attractive, special, etc

• My darling daughter.

• 'Darling Henry,' the letter began.

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I. **darling**¹ S2 /'dɑːlɪŋ/ \$ 'dɑːr-BrE *AmE* *noun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: *deorling*, from *deore* 'dear']

1. *spoken* used when speaking to someone you love:

Look, darling, there's Mary.

2. [countable] someone who is very nice:

You really are a darling, Barney.

3. **the darling of something** the most popular person or thing in a particular group or area of activity:

She's the darling of the fashion world.

II. **darling**² BrE *AmE* *adjective* [only before noun]

1. used of someone you love very much:

my two darling daughters

2. *spoken* used when you think someone or something is attractive:

What a darling little house!

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