

gay

1. [geɪ] *n* *разг.*

«гомик», гомосексуалист (*мж.* a male gay)

2. [geɪ] *a*

1. 1) весёлый, радостный, беспечный

gay voices - весёлые /радостные/ голоса

we were all gay at the thought of the coming holidays - мы все радовались в предвкушении приближающихся каникул

2) весёлый, радующий, создающий хорошее настроение

gay tune - весёлый /живой/ мотив

on this gay occasion - в этот радостный день, по этому радостному случаю

gay Paree - *разг.* весёлый, сияющий Париж

2. яркий, пёстрый; нарядный; блестящий

gay colours - пёстрые цвета

gay flowers - яркие цветы

gay frocks - яркие /нарядные/ платья

gay with streamers - нарядно украшенный серпантинном /лентами/

the streets were gay with lights - на улицах была иллюминация

dressed in her gayest (dress) - *разг.* одетая в самое нарядное платье

3. *амер.* вздорный, наглый4. *разг.* подвыпивший

he was rather gay - он был немного навеселе

5. беспутный

to lead a gay life - вести беспутную жизнь

6. *разг.* гомосексуальный

gay people - «гомики», гомосексуалисты

he is gay - он педераст

gay liberation (movement) - движение за признание законности гомосексуализма

gay women - лесбиянки

◇ gay science - *учм.* поэзия (*особ.* любовная)

gay bird /dog/ - а) любитель удовольствий; б) весельчак, гуляка

gay lady - а) женщина лёгкого поведения; б) *карт.* дама

gay Lothario - ловелас

(as) gay as a lark - очень весёлый, жизнерадостный

I don't feel very gay - я не очень хорошо себя чувствую

3. [geɪ] *учм.* = *gaily*

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gay [gay gays gayer gayest] *adjective, noun* *BrE* [geɪ] ⁴ *NAmE* [geɪ] ⁴

adjective

1. (of people, especially men) sexually attracted to people of the same sex

Syn: ↑homosexual

- gay men
- I didn't know he was gay.
- Is she gay?

Opp: ↑straight

2. **only before noun** connected with people who are **gay**

- a **gay club/bar**
- the lesbian and gay community

3. **not before noun** (*slang, disapproving sometimes offensive*) (used especially by young people) boring and not fashionable or attractive

- She didn't like the ringtone— said it was gay.
- That is so gay!
- He likes skiing but thinks snowboarding is gay.

4. (**gayer, gayest**) (*old-fashioned*) happy and full of fun

- gay laughter
- She felt lighthearted and gay.

5. (*old-fashioned*) brightly coloured

- The garden was gay with red geraniums.

see also ↑gaiety, ↑gaily

Word Origin:

Middle English (in sense 3): from Old French *gai*, of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- He is openly gay.
- the gay and lesbian section in the bookstore

Idiom: ↑with gay abandon

noun

a person who is ↑homosexual, especially a man

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I. **gay**¹ **S3 W3** /geɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *gai* 'happy']

1. if someone, especially a man, is gay, they are sexually attracted to people of the same sex **SYN homosexual** ⇔ **straight, lesbian:**

- ˈ the gay community in London
- ˈ gay men and lesbians
- ˈ a gay bar
- ˈ a campaigner for gay rights (=equal treatment for gay people)

2. *old-fashioned* bright or attractive:

- ˈ gay colours

3. *old-fashioned* cheerful and excited:

- ˈ She felt excited and quite gay.

4. **with gay abandon** in a careless way, without careful thought

—gayness *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ †gaily, †gaiety

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

someone who is †homosexual, especially a man

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