

please1. [pli:z] *adv*

пожалуйста, будьте добры (*вежливое добавление к просьбам, приказаниям и т. п.*)

please! - пожалуйста!, будьте добры!

come in please - войдите, пожалуйста

please don't cry - пожалуйста, не плачьте

please turn over - будьте добры, переверните страницу

please tell me - скажите (мне), пожалуйста

please sit down /take a seat/ - садитесь, пожалуйста

please don't interrupt! - пожалуйста, не перебивайте!

may I? - Please do! - можно? - Пожалуйста! /Конечно! /

2. [pli:z] *v*

1. желать, хотеть, извопить

to do as one pleases - поступать (так), как заблагорассудится

I shall do as I please - я сделаю (так), как хочу

do as you please - поступайте, как вам (будет) угодно; делайте, как хотите

let him say what he pleases - пусть (он) говорит что угодно /что хочет/

(may it) please your honour - *возвыш.* с вашего разрешения, если вам будет угодно

2. 1) угождать; доставлять удовольствие

to lay oneself out to please - всячески стараться /лезть из кожи вон, чтобы/ угодить

it is difficult to please everybody - всем не угодишь

he is easily pleased - ему легко угодить

he is hard to please - ему трудно угодить

there is no pleasing him - ему никак не угодишь

I play the piano to please myself - я играю на рояле для собственного удовольствия

please yourself! - делайте /поступайте/, как хотите /как вам нравится/

music that pleases the ear - музыка, которая ласкает слух

anything to please! - как угодно!

please God ... - *возвыш.* бог даст ...

please God the child will recover - бог даст, ребёнок поправится

2) *pass* получать удовольствие

to be pleased to do smth. - с удовольствием /с радостью/ делать что-л.

to be pleased with smb., smth. - быть довольным кем-л., чем-л.

to be anything but pleased - быть отнюдь не в восторге

I'm pleased to see you - я очень рад вас видеть

he is very well /highly/ pleased with himself - он очень доволен собой

I'm very pleased he is coming - я очень рад, что он приезжает

I'm pleased to say that - мне доставляет удовольствие сказать /сообщить/, что

I'm very pleased at the news - я очень рад этому сообщению

your father will not be pleased - отец будет недоволен

be pleased to accept these flowers - извольте /соблаговолите/ принять эти цветы

the King was pleased to accept - король соблаговолит /соизволил/ принять

3. нравиться

nothing pleases him - ему ничего не нравится

what pleases you best? - что вам больше всего нравится?

◇ If you please - а) пожалуйста; будьте (так) добры /любезны/; б) если вы хотите, если вам (так) нравится; в) с вашего разрешения /позволения/, если вы разрешите /позволите/; г) *ирон.* (только) представьте себе!, только подумайте!

in his pocket, if you please, was the letter - а письмо, представьте себе, было у него в кармане!

please the fates /*шутл.* the pigs/ - если всё будет благополучно, если ничего не случится

he who pleased everybody died before he was born - *посл.* ≙ тот ещё не родился, кто на всех угождать научился; на всех не угодишь

please

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please [please pleases pleased pleasing] *exclamation, verb BrE* [pliːz]

NAME [pliːz]

exclamation

1. used as a polite way of asking for sth or telling sb to do sth

- Please sit down.
- Two coffees, please.
- Quiet please!
- Please could I leave early today?

2. used to add force to a request or statement

- Please don't leave me here alone.
- Please, please don't forget
- Please, I don't understand what I have to do.

3. used as a polite way of accepting sth

- 'Would you like some help?' 'Yes, please.'
- 'Coffee?' 'Please.'

4. **Please!** (*informal, often humorous*) used to ask sb to stop behaving badly

- Children, please! I'm trying to work.
 - John! Please!
5. **Please/P-lease** *BrE* [pə'li:z̩] ; *NAme* [pə'li:z̩] used when you are replying to sb who has said sth that you think is stupid
- Oh, please! You cannot be serious.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **plaisir 'to please'**, from Latin **placere**.

Idioms: ↑do as you please ▪ ↑if you please ▪ ↑please God ▪ ↑please the eye ▪ ↑please yourself

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sb) | it pleases sb to do sth** to make sb happy

- You can't please everybody.
- He's a difficult man to please.
- **There's just no pleasing some people** (= some people are impossible to please) .
- I did it to please my parents.
- She's always very eager to please.

Opp: ↑displease

2. **intransitive** often used after as or what, where, etc. to mean 'to want', 'to choose' or 'to like' to do sth

- You may stay as long as you please.
- She always does exactly as she pleases.
- I'm free now to live wherever I please.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	please
	<i>BrE</i> /pɪ:z/
	<i>NAme</i> /pli:z/
he / she /it	pleases
	<i>BrE</i> /pɪ:zɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> /pli:zɪz/
past simple, past participle	pleased
	<i>BrE</i> /pɪ:zd/
	<i>NAme</i> /pli:zd/
-ing form	pleasing
	<i>BrE</i> /pɪ:zɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /pli:zɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

please verb T, I

- I did it to please my parents.
- satisfy** • **delight** • |especially spoken **make sb's day** • |written **gratify** •
- formal **Opp: displease**

It pleased/satisfied/delighted/gratified sb that...
It pleased/delighted/gratified sb to find/hear/know/see/think...
 You **can't** please/satisfy **everybody/everyone** .

Please or satisfy? Sth that **satisfies** you is just good enough, but sth might **please** you very much:

- The result pleased us enormously.
- ✗ The result satisfied us enormously.

Example Bank:

- Some children are very difficult to please.
- The planning policy failed to please anyone.
- The result pleased us enormously.
- There's just no pleasing some people.
- He's a difficult man to please.
- She's always very eager to please.

please

I. **please**¹ **S1 W2** /pli:z̩ *BrE* " *AmE* " **interjection**

- used to be polite when asking someone to do something:
 - " Could you please clean up the living room?"
 - " Sit down, please."
 - " Please be quiet!"
- used to be polite when asking for something:
 - " I'd like a cup of coffee, please."
 - " Please can I go to Rebecca's house?"
- said in order to politely accept something that someone offers you:
 - " More wine?" " Yes, please."

4. **Please!** *informal*

a) said when you think what someone has just said or asked is not possible or reasonable:

" Oh, please, he'd never do that.

b) used to ask someone to stop behaving badly:

" Alison! Please!

5. **please Sir/Mrs Towers etc** *British English spoken* used by children to get an adult's attention

II. **please** ² **W3** *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb*

[**Word Family**: adjective: ↑pleasant ≠ ↑unpleasant, ↑pleased ≠ ↑displeased, ↑pleasing ≠ ↑displeasing, ↑pleasurable; **adverb**: ↑pleasantly ≠ ↑unpleasantly, ↑pleasingly, ↑pleasurably; **noun**: ↑pleasantry, ↑pleasure ≠ ↑displeasure; **verb**: ↑please ≠ ↑displease]

[**Date**: 1300-1400; **Language**: Old French; **Origin**: plaisir, from Latin placere 'to please, be decided']

1. [**intransitive, transitive not in progressive**] to make someone happy or satisfied:

" a business that wants to please its customers

" She did everything she could to please him.

" Most children are eager to please.

be hard/easy/impossible etc to please

" She's hard to please. Everything has to be perfect.

2. [**intransitive not in progressive**] used in some phrases to show that someone can do or have what they want:

" She does what she pleases.

however/whatever etc you please

" You can spend the money however you please.

" With the Explorer pass, you can get on and off the bus as you please.

3. **please yourself** *spoken* used when telling someone to do whatever they like, even though really you think they are making the wrong choice:

" 'I don't think I'll go.' 'Okay, please yourself.'

4. **if you please** *old-fashioned*

a) **formal** used to politely ask someone to do something:

" Close the door, if you please.

b) **British English** used to show that you are surprised, angry, or annoyed about something:

" He asked me, in my own house if you please, to leave the room!

5. **bold/calm/cool etc as you please** *British English spoken* very ↑bold, calm etc, in a way that is surprising:

" He just walked in and sat down, as bold as you please.

6. **please God** used to express a very strong hope or wish:

" Everything will be all right, please God.

please

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pleased 10958

pleases 634

pleasing 1846

unpleasant 3225

unpleasantly 171

unpleasantness 250

unpleasantnesses 4

pleasantry 30

pleasantries 250

displease 67

displeased 406

displeasing 54

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