

**felicity**

[fɪˈlɪsɪti] *n*

1. *книжн.* счастье, блаженство  
to beam with felicity - сиять от счастья
2. 1) удачность, меткость (*выражения*)  
to express oneself with felicity - очень удачно выразиться, найти подходящие слова  
2) удачное, яркое выражение  
his speech was marked by felicities - его речь отличалась яркими и удачными оборотами
3. счастливый дар; способность (*особ. к искусству или языку*)  
felicity in painting portraits - дар портретиста
4. *редк.* благосостояние

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**fe·li·city** [felicity felicities] *BrE* [fəˈlɪsɪti] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAme* [fəˈlɪsɪti] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* (pl.

**fe·li·cities**)(*formal or literary*)

1. **uncountable** great happiness
2. **uncountable** the quality of being well chosen or suitable
  - The story is told with great felicity of style.
3. **felicities plural** well-chosen or successful features, especially in a speech or piece of writing
  - Her book displays many subtle linguistic felicities.
  - The pianist's performance contained no shortage of felicities.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *felicite*, from Latin *felicitas*, from *felix*, *felic-* 'happy' .

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**fe·li·city** /fɪˈlɪsɪti, fɪˈlɪsɪti/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun formal*

[*Date:* 1300-1400; *Language:* Old French; *Origin:* *felicité*, from Latin *felix* 'happy']

1. **[uncountable]** happiness:
  - ˈ domestic felicity
2. **[uncountable]** the quality of being well-chosen or suitable:
  - ˈ a felicity of language
3. **felicities [plural]** *British English formal* suitable or well-chosen remarks or details

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