

**bray**

I

1. [breɪ] *n*
  1. рѐв, крик осла
  2. неприятный резкий звук
2. [breɪ] *v*
  1. 1) реветь, кричать (*об осла*)
  - 2) *презр.* пронзительно кричать, истошно вопить
  - 3) *презр.* изрекать глупости
  2. издавать резкий неприятный звук (*о трубе и т. п.*)

II

[breɪ] *v*

1. толочь
2. *полигр.* наносить краску тонким слоем

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

I. **bray** [bray brays brayed braying] *BrE* [breɪ] <sup>4</sup> *NAme* [breɪ] <sup>4</sup> *verb*

1. *intransitive* when a **↑donkey** brays, it makes a loud unpleasant sound
2. *intransitive* (*of a person*) to talk or laugh in a loud unpleasant voice
  - He brayed with laughter.
  - a braying voice

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bray
	<i>BrE</i> /breɪ/
	<i>NAme</i> /breɪ/
he / she / it	brays
	<i>BrE</i> /breɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> /breɪz/
past simple, past participle	brayed
	<i>BrE</i> /breɪd/
	<i>NAme</i> /breɪd/
-ing form	braying
	<i>BrE</i> /breɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /breɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **brat** 'a shriek', **braire** 'to cry' (the original senses in English), perhaps ultimately of Celtic origin.

II. **bray** *noun*

- a voice somewhere between a bray and a bellow

Main entry: **↑bray** <sup>derived</sup>

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**bray** /breɪ/ *BrE* <sup>4</sup> *AmE* <sup>4</sup> *verb* [intransitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: braire 'to cry', from Vulgar Latin bragare]

1. if a **↑donkey** brays, it makes a loud sound
2. if someone brays, they laugh or talk in a loud, slightly annoying way

—**bray** *noun* [countable]

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **9839**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **11531**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **8k BRAY** <sup>1055</sup>

bray <sup>759</sup>

brays <sup>75</sup>

brayed <sup>57</sup>

braying <sup>164</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

<sup>213</sup> **29574**<sup>570</sup> *np1*

<sup>90</sup> **68133**<sup>123</sup> *nn1*

<sup>39</sup> **106842**<sup>52</sup> *vv0*

<sup>14</sup> **214663**<sup>14</sup> *vvi*