

puritan**pur·i·tan** [ˈpʊrɪtən] *noun, adjective* *BrE* [ˈpjʊərɪtən] *AmE* [ˈpjʊrɪtən]**noun**

1. (usually disapproving) a person who has very strict moral attitudes and who thinks that pleasure is bad
2. **Puritan** a member of a Protestant group of Christians in England in the 16th and 17th centuries who wanted to worship God in a simple way

Word Origin:late 16th cent.: from late Latin *puritas* 'purity' + ↑-an.Culture:

Puritans believed in strict moral behaviour and were associated with the Parliamentary party during the **Commonwealth** of Oliver **Cromwell**. Because of this they were treated badly after the **Restoration** of King ↑**Charles II**, and many left Britain to settle in the US, where their simple way of life and religious discipline became an important influence on American culture.

adjective

1. **Puritan** connected with the **Puritans** and their beliefs
2. = ↑puritanical

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1. someone with strict moral views who thinks that pleasure is unnecessary and wrong
2. **Puritan** a member of a Protestant religious group in the 16th and 17th centuries, who wanted to make religion simpler

—**puritan** *adjective*:

the Puritan work ethic

puritan

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