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or·nate  (ôr-nāt)

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adj.

1. Elaborately, heavily, and often excessively ornamented.
2. Elaborate or showy, as in style: *ornate rhetoric*.

[Middle English, from Latin *ōrnātus*, past participle of *ōrnāre*, to embellish; see **ar-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

or·nate **ly** *adv.*

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