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driz·zle  (drīz əl)

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v. **driz·zled**, **driz·zling**, **driz·zles**

v.*intr.*

To rain gently in fine, mistlike drops.

v.*tr.*

1. To let fall in fine drops or particles: *drizzled melted butter over the asparagus.*

2. To moisten with fine drops: *drizzled the asparagus with melted butter.*

n.

A fine, gentle, misty rain.

[Perhaps from Middle English *drisning*, fall of dew, from Old English *-drysnian* (in *gedrysnian*, to pass away, vanish); see **dhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

driz zly *adj.*

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