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joy  (joi)

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n.

1.

a. Intense and especially ecstatic or exultant happiness, or an instance of such feeling.

b. An expression of such feeling.

2. A source or an object of joy: *their only child, their pride and joy.*

v. **joyed, joy-ing, joys**

Archaic

v.intr.

To take great pleasure; rejoice.

v.tr.

1. To fill with ecstatic happiness, pleasure, or satisfaction.

2. To enjoy.

[Middle English *joie*, from Old French, from Latin *gaudia*, pl. of *gaudium*, joy, from *gaudēre*, to rejoice; see **gāu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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