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re·joice  (rĭ-jōis)

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v. **re·joiced**, **re·joic·ing**, **re·joic·es**

v.*intr.*

To feel joyful; be delighted: *rejoiced at the news; rejoiced in her friend's good fortune.*

v.*tr.*

1. To feel joyful about (something): *rejoiced that the ship reached land.*

2. *Archaic* To fill with joy; gladden.

Phrasal Verb:

rejoice in

To have or possess: *rejoices in a keen mind.*

[Middle English *rejoicen*, from Old French *rejoir*, *rejoiss-* : *re-*, *re-* + *joir*, to be joyful (from Vulgar Latin **gaudire*, from Latin *gaudēre*; see **gāu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

re·joic er *n.*

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