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adj. **gris·li·er, gris·li·est**

Causing repugnance; gruesome. See Synonyms at [ghastly](#).

[Middle English *grisli*, from Old English *grislīc*; see *ghrēi-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

gris li·ness *n.*

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