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n.

1. Seemingly effortless beauty or charm of movement, form, or proportion.
2. A characteristic or quality pleasing for its charm or refinement.
3. A sense of fitness or propriety.
4.
 - a. A disposition to be generous or helpful; goodwill.
 - b. Mercy; clemency.
5. A favor rendered by one who need not do so; indulgence.
6. A temporary immunity or exemption; a reprieve.
7. **Graces** *Greek & Roman Mythology* Three sister goddesses, known in Greek mythology as Aglaia, Euphrosyne, and Thalia, who dispense charm and beauty.
8. *Christianity*
 - a. Divine favor bestowed freely on people, as in granting redemption from sin.
 - b. The state of having received such favor.
 - c. An excellence or power granted by God.
9. A short prayer of blessing or thanksgiving said before or after a meal.
10. **Grace** Used with *His*, *Her*, or *Your* as a title and form of address for a duke, duchess, or archbishop.
11. *Music* An appoggiatura, trill, or other musical ornament in the music of 16th and 17th century England.

tr.v. **graced**, **grac·ing**, **grac·es**

1. To honor or favor: *You grace our table with your presence.*
2. To give beauty, elegance, or charm to.
3. *Music* To embellish with grace notes.

Idioms:

in the bad graces of

Out of favor with.

in the good graces of

In favor with.

with bad grace

In a grudging manner.

with good grace

In a willing manner.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *grātia*, from *grātus*, pleasing; see **g^wera-²** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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