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adj.

1. Appreciative of benefits received; thankful: *I'm grateful for your help.*
2. Expressing gratitude: *a grateful look.*
3. Affording pleasure or comfort; agreeable: *grateful relief from the hot sun.*

[From obsolete *grate*, pleasing, from Latin *grātus*; see **g^wera-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

grate **ful·ly** *adv.*

grate **ful·ness** *n.*

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