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adv.

1. Yes; aye.
2. Indeed; truly: *They have spoken, yea, shouted their reply.*

n.

1. An affirmative statement or vote.
2. One who votes affirmatively.

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

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