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cor·dial  (kôr jəl)

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adj.

1.

a. Warm and sincere; friendly: *a cordial welcome; very cordial relations.*

b. Polite and respectful; formally pleasant: *"He shook my hand, but not warmly; he was cordial, but not amiable" (Oliver Sacks).*

2. Strongly felt; fervent: *a cordial abhorrence of waste.*

3. *Archaic* Invigorating; stimulating. Used especially of a beverage.

n.

1. A liqueur.

2. An invigorating or medicinal drink; a tonic.

[Middle English, of the heart, from Medieval Latin *cordialis*, from Latin *cor*, *cord-*, heart; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cor·dial i·ty (-jăl ĭ-tē, -jē-ăl -, -dē-ăl -), **cor dial·ness** *n.*

cor dial·ly *adv.*

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