

bright

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adjective

(comparative **brighter**, superlative **brightest**)

1 **LIGHTBRIGHT** **light** shining strongly, or with plenty of light:

Her eyes were hurting from the bright lights.

bright sunshine

a large bright room

2 **SUNNY** **sunny** if the weather is bright, the sun is shining and there is a lot of light

OPP

The weather was bright and sunny.

a bright autumn day

3 **INTELLIGENTINTELLIGENT** **intelligent** intelligent and able to learn things quickly:

He was an exceptionally bright child.

a bright ambitious young man

4 **a bright idea**

a very good idea – sometimes used ironically (IRONIC):

Whose bright idea was this?

*He is constantly coming up with **bright ideas** for making money.*

5 **COLOURSBRIGHT** **colours** bright colours are strong and easy to see:

a bright red jumper

I never wear bright colours.

6 **CHEERFULHAPPYENERGETIC** **cheerful** happy and full of energy:

Her voice was bright and cheerful.

She gave him a bright smile.

He looked up at me with bright eyes.

7 **SUCCESSFUL** **successful** if the future looks bright, you think that something will be successful

SYN promising

The school's future now looks very bright.

*I'm sure the company **has a bright future** now.*

8 **as bright as a button** INTELLIGENT

very intelligent and full of energy

9 **look on the bright side** HOPE

to see the good points in a situation that seems to be bad:

Come on, try to look on the bright side.

10 **bright and early** EARLY

very early in the morning:

He was up bright and early, keen to get started.

11 **bright spark** (informal) INTELLIGENT

someone who says or does something that they think is intelligent but is really wrong or stupid:

Some bright spark thought the building was on fire and called the fire brigade.

12 **bright and breezy** ENERGETIC

happy and confident

13 **bright-eyed and bushy-tailed** ENTHUSIASTIC

happy and full of energy

14 **the bright lights** EXCITED

the interesting exciting life in a big city:

She missed the bright lights of London.

15 **bright spot** NICE

an event or a period of time that is more pleasant when everything else is unpleasant:

The only bright spot of the weekend was our trip to the theatre.

— **brightly** adv:

The sun shone brightly.

brightly coloured clothes

She smiled brightly.

— **brightness** noun [uncountable]

THESAURUS

a bright light

bright shining strongly: *The sunshine was very bright. | the bright light of the torch*

strong very bright: *Photographs fade if they are exposed to strong sunlight.*

brilliant extremely bright, especially in a way that seems good: *The garden was full of brilliant autumn sunshine.*

dazzling a dazzling light is so bright that it hurts your eyes and you cannot look at it: *dazzling headlights | the dazzling reflection from the mirror*

blinding a blinding light is very bright and makes you unable to see for a short time after you have looked at it: *There was a sudden blinding light, followed by the sound of a huge explosion.*

harsh a harsh light is bright and unpleasant: *In the harsh light of the kitchen, she looked older than she was.*

good if the light is good in a place where you are working, it is bright enough for you to see what you are doing: *The light wasn't good enough to read.*

a bright place

bright full of light: *I wish the room was a bit brighter.*

light bright because there are big windows: *The dining room was light and airy.*

well-lit bright because there are plenty of electric lights: *Try to park in a well-lit place.*

Word origin

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