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resilient

[ri-**zil**-yuh nt, -**zil**-ee-uh nt]

Synonyms Examples Word Origin

See more synonyms on Thesaurus.com (<http://www.thesaurus.com/browse/resilient>)

adjective

1. springing back; rebounding.
2. returning to the original form or position after being bent, compressed, or stretched.
3. recovering readily from illness, depression, adversity, or the like; buoyant.

Origin of resilient

Latin (<http://www.dictionary.com/blog/latin>) (<http://blog.dictionary.com>)

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1635-1645

1635-45; < Latin *resilient-* (stem of *resiliēns*), present participle of *resilire* to spring back, equivalent to *re-* *re-* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/re->) + *-sil-*, combining form of *salire* to leap, jump + *-ent-* *-ent* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/-ent>); see salient (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/salient>)

Related forms

resiliently, adverb

nonresilient, adjective

nonresiliently, adverb

unresilient, adjective

unresiliently, adverb

Synonyms

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1. elastic, flexible, springy.

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But one of the reasons why the group has been so *resilient*, he said, was its skill in utilizing propaganda.

(<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/11/06/isis-has-9-000-core-fighters-or-maybe-17-000-or-possibly-30-000.html?source=dictionary>)

Tim Mak (<http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/tim-mak.html?source=dictionary>)

November 5, 2014

When it comes to short- and long-term emotional scarring, your mileage may vary, and kids might not be as *resilient* as they seem.

(<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2009/05/28/p-r-e-s-s-u-r-e.html?source=dictionary>)

Stefan Fatsis (<http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/stefan-fatsis.html?source=dictionary>)

May 27, 2009

As I sat in church and watched this *resilient* young man joyfully take a wife, I thought back to all his trials and tribulations.

(<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/05/28/david-ayiza-new-beginning-jackson-abuse-accuser-gets-married-at-24.html?source=dictionary>)

British Dictionary definitions for resilient

resilient

/rɪˈzɪliənt/

adjective

- (of an object or material) capable of regaining its original shape or position after bending, stretching, compression, or other deformation; elastic

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2. (of a person) recovering easily and quickly from shock, illness, hardship, etc; irrepressible

Derived Forms

resiliently, adverb

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adj.

1640s, "springing back," from Latin *resilientem* "inclined to leap or spring back," present participle of *resilire* (see resilience (/browse/resilience)). Figuratively, of persons, from 1830. Related: *Resiliently*.

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