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DEFINITION FOR PUR (2 OF 2)

purr or **pur** [pur] [SHOW IPA](#) *verb (used without object)*

- 1 to utter a low, continuous, murmuring sound expressive of contentment or pleasure, as a cat does.
- 2 (of things) to make a sound suggestive of the purring of a cat:
The new motor of the car purred.

verb (used with object)

- 3 to express by or as if by purring.

noun

- 4 the low, vibrating sound made by a cat by the contracting of the laryngeal muscles and the diaphragm as it breathes.
- 5 a sound resembling this.
- 6 the act of purring.

ORIGIN OF PURR

First recorded in 1595–1605; imitative



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per **purr** (see usage note at [per](#))

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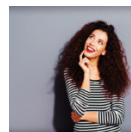
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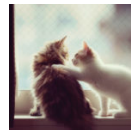
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purr

 / (pɜː) /

verb

- 1 (*intr*) (esp of cats) to make a low vibrant sound, usually considered as expressing pleasure, etc
- 2 (*tr*) to express (pleasure, etc) by this sound

noun

- 3 a purring sound

WORD ORIGIN FOR PURR

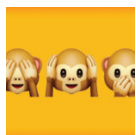
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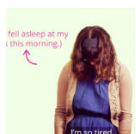
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