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¹electric (adjective)
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Main Entry: **¹elec·tric** [Listen to the pronunciation of ¹electric](#)

Pronunciation: \i-'lek-trik, ē-\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: New Latin *electricus* produced from amber by friction, electric, from Medieval Latin, of amber, from Latin *electrum* amber, electrum, from Greek *ēlektron*; akin to Greek *ēlektōr* beaming sun

Date: 1675

1 or **elec·tri·cal** [Listen to the pronunciation of electrical](#) \-tri-kəl\ : of, relating to, or operated by [electricity](#) <an *electric* current> <an *electric* heater>

2 : exciting as if by electric shock <an *electric* performance> <an *electric* personality> ; also : charged with strong emotion <the room was *electric* with tension>

3 a : **ELECTRONIC** **3a b** : amplifying sound by [electronic](#) means —used of a musical instrument <an *electric* guitar>

4 : very bright <*electric* blue> <*electric* orange>

— **elec·tri·cal·ly** [Listen to the pronunciation of electrically](#) \-tri-k(ə-)lē\ *adverb*

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