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ri·ot·ous *adj* \rī-ə-təs\

Definition of RIOTOUS

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- 1 **a** : of the nature of a riot : [TURBULENT](#)
- b** : participating in riot
- 2 : [ABUNDANT](#), [EXUBERANT](#) <the garden was *riotous* with flowers>
- [ri-ot-ous-ly](#) *adverb*
- [ri-ot-ous-ness](#) *noun*

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- a *riotous* profusion of flowers
- <his *riotous* mugging always has everyone in hysterics>

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This word came from the parable of the prodigal son. Everyone assumes we know what it means but I just wanted to make sure. Riotous means abundant, exuberant, and participating in a riot. <his riotous mugging always has everyone in hysterics>.

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