

RIDENT

Rident means 'laughing or smiling broadly; prone to laughter; smiling, cheerful, mirthful; radiantly cheerful'. In Dickens' novel *Nicholas Nickleby* there is a pair of characters called the Cheerible Brothers, who can only be described as rident. The word comes from a Latin root meaning 'to laugh'. And there is a lot to be said for having bright, bubbly people around us.

(I WOULDN'T KNOW – I WORK AT THE ABC – ROBERTSON)

I was once involved in putting together a television panel show. A certain person was suggested as a possible panel member and someone said, 'She's not all that witty, but she's a great giggler; she'd be a real asset' – and such people are. Because they are rident.

(OR ON THE TURPS – ROBERTSON)