# acceptable

your work is not acceptable, do it again - ваша работа не годится /не отвечает требованиям/, переделайте её the gift is very acceptable - подарок пришёлся кстати

# 2. приятный, угодный

### 3. выносимый; терпимый

acceptable damage - допустимый ущерб

4. фин. могущий быть акцептованным (о векселе)

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## ac-cept-able BrE [ək'septəbl] NAmE [ək'septəbl] adjective

1. agreed or approved of by most people in a society

- Children must learn socially acceptable behaviour.
- 2. that sb agrees is of a good enough standard or allowed
- For this course a pass in English at grade B is acceptable.
- · Air pollution in the city had reached four times the acceptable levels.
- ~ to sb We want a political solution that is acceptable to all parties.

### 3. not very good but good enough

• The food was acceptable, but no more.

### **Opp:** <sup>1</sup>unacceptable</sup>

### Derived Words <sup>†</sup>acceptability = <sup>†</sup>acceptably

## Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, from late Latin acceptabilis, from acceptare, frequentative of accipere 'take something to oneself', from ad- 'to' + capere 'take'.

## Thesaurus:

acceptable [acceptability acceptable acceptably] adj.

- 1.
  - an acceptable way to behave

right • • proper • • decent • • justified • • justifiable •

### Opp: unacceptable

acceptable/right/proper/justified/justifiable to do sth

acceptable/right/proper that...

#### acceptable/proper/decent behaviour

Acceptable or proper? Proper is more approving Use proper if you approve of sth; use acceptable if you do not disapprove

2.

· a solution that is acceptable to everyone

satisfactory · · fair · · reasonable · |especially spoken all right · |informal, especially spoken OK ·

#### Opp: unacceptable

be acceptable/satisfactory/fair/reasonable/all right/OK to do sth be acceptable/satisfactory/fair/reasonable/all right/OK that... a/an acceptable/satisfactory/fair/reasonable solution

#### 3.

• The food was just about acceptable.

adequate • • reasonable • |especially spoken all right • |informal, especially spoken OK •

be acceptable/adequate/reasonable/all right/OK for sb/sth an acceptable/adequate/reasonable level/degree/standard of sth barely/scarcely acceptable/adequate

#### Example Bank:

- Are all political groups equally acceptable?
- · Her breeding and background made her eminently acceptable in royal circles.
- Most people found the drink's taste to be highly acceptable.
- These actions cannot be considered remotely acceptable in a civilized society.
- This crosses the boundaries of acceptable conduct.
- We must come up with a solution that our customers will find acceptable.
- Yogurt is a perfectly acceptable substitute for cream in cooking.
- a compromise that is acceptable to both sides
- a grammatically acceptable sentence
- an attempt to make the reforms acceptable to both sides
- · socially acceptable behaviour
- socially acceptable terminology
- the only national newspaper even remotely acceptable to the left wing
- Air pollution in the city has reached four times the acceptable level.
- Children have to learn what is acceptable behaviour and what is not.
- Divorce is much more socially acceptable than it used to be.
- If you think their offer is acceptable, we'll carry on with the sale.

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- Inspectors found that teaching standards were acceptable, but could be improved
- It's just not acceptable to keep people locked up for so long without trial.
- To get on this course, a pass in English at grade B is acceptable.
- We need laws that are morally acceptable as well as effective.
- · We want a solution that is acceptable to all parties.

## acceptable

ac cept a ble S3 W3 /ak'septabal/ BrE AmE \* adjective

[Word Family: adjective:  $\uparrow$ acceptable  $\neq \uparrow$ unacceptable,  $\uparrow$ accepted; verb:  $\uparrow$ accept; noun:  $\uparrow$ acceptance; adverb:  $\uparrow$ acceptably  $\neq$ <sup>†</sup>unacceptably]

- 1. good enough to be used for a particular purpose or to be considered satisfactory acceptable to
  - an agreement which is acceptable to all sides
  - Students who achieve an acceptable standard will progress to degree studies.
- How do we reach an acceptable level of data security?

#### **2**. acceptable behaviouris considered to be morally or socially good enough:

- Alcohol is not an acceptable way out of your problems.
  - Here, the students set the standards for acceptable behaviour.

#### acceptable (for somebody) to do something

- It is not socially acceptable for parents to leave children unattended at that age.
- It is perfectly acceptable to sample the food before you buy.

#### -acceptably adverb

—acceptability /ək,septə'bɪləti, ək,septə'bɪlɪti/ noun [uncountable]

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satisfactory good enough - often used when something reaches a fairly good standard, but is not of a high standard: Her grades are satisfactory. | For a beginner, this camera produces satisfactory results.

- all right/OK spoken not bad, but not very good: The meal was all right, but rather expensive. | 'How was the film?' 'It was OK.'
- reasonable fairly good: a reasonable standard of living | The guality of the food was reasonable.

- acceptable if something is acceptable to you, you think it is good enough and you are willing to take it: an acceptable offer | an acceptable level of risk | They can't find a solution that is acceptable to both sides.

adequate enough in quantity, or of a good enough standard. Adequate sounds rather formal and is used especially in official contexts: an adequate supply of drinking water | adequate standards of hygiene

- decent especially spoken good enough in quality - used especially when something is as good as most other things: I want my kids to get a decent education. | Where can I get a decent cup of coffee? | The food's decent and the service is good.

passable satisfactory, but not of the best quality – used especially about food and drink, or someone's skill at doing something.

Passable sounds rather formal: a passable French wine | His Japanese was passable. | a passable imitation of Barack Obama

• be up to scratch informal to be of a good enough standard: His work wasn't up to scratch. | None of the hotels they suggested were up to scratch.

• will do informal to be good enough for a particular purpose: Any kind of paper will do. | 'How about Ken?' 'I suppose he'll do.'

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