desirable Apresyan (En-Ru)

[dı'zaı(ə)rəbl] a

1. желательный

it is most desirable that he should do it - он непременно должен это сделать

- 2. желанный; соблазнительный
- 3. приятный подходящий
- 4. мат. искомый

#### desirable

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

de·sir·able [desirable desirables] BrE [dɪˈzaɪərəbl] \* NAmE [dɪˈzaɪərəbl] \*

# adjective

- 1. (formal) that you would like to have or do; worth having or doing
  - She chatted for a few minutes about the qualities she considered desirable in a secretary.
  - · Such measures are desirable, if not essential.
  - · The house has many desirable features.
  - · highly desirable
  - ~ that (BrE) It is desirable that interest rates should be reduced.
  - (NAmE) It is desirable that interest rates be reduced.
  - ~ (for sb) (to do sth) It is no longer desirable for adult children to live with their parents.

**Opp:** ↑undesirable

### 2. (of a person) causing other people to feel sexual desire

· She suddenly saw herself as a desirable young woman.

Derived Word †desirability

### Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, suggested by Latin desiderabilis, from desiderare 'to desire', perhaps from de- 'down' + sidus, sider- 'star'.

#### Example Bank:

- A new direction was felt desirable for both parties.
- · Experience of computers is highly desirable.
- · He found her intensely desirable.
- It is clearly desirable that domestic and European law should be compatible.
- It is clearly desirable to have a common set of principles throughout the industry.
- · This kind of work is seen as desirable.
- · An end to the hostilities remains a highly desirable objective.
- It is no longer desirable for adult children to live with their parents.
- · Such measures are desirable if not essential.
- a desirable home/feature/residence/property/area

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

de sir a ble /dɪ'zaɪərəbəl \$ -'zaɪr-/ BrE \* AmE \* adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑desirability, ↑desire; adjective: ↑desirable ≠ ↑undesirable, ↑desired ≠UNDESIRED; verb: ↑desire; adverb: ↑desirably]

- 1. formal something that is desirable is worth having or doing:
  - The ability to speak a foreign language is highly desirable.
  - a desirable neighborhood
  - It is desirable that you should have some familiarity with computers.
  - It is desirable to keep the cost as low as possible.

### 2. literary sexually attractive:

a desirable young woman

- —desirably adverb
- —desirability /dɪ,zaɪrə'bɪləti, dɪ,zaɪrə'bɪlɪti \$ -,zaɪr-/ noun [uncountable]

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