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1. [savnd] *n*

1. 1) звук; шум

the sound of voices - шум голосов

sound communication - **воен.** звуковая связь

to emit /to give forth/ sounds - издавать звуки

not a sound was heard - не было слышно ни звука, стояла полная тишина

sounds carry well in this hall - в этом зале хорошая акустика

much sound but little sense - много шума, но мало смысла

sound and fury (*Shakespeare*) - а) шум и ярость; б) пустые слова

2) **физ.** звук

stereo sound - стереофонический звук, объёмное звучание

wide-range sound - широкополосная запись звука

3) **фон.** звук; ТОН

consonant [vowel] sounds - согласные [гласные] звуки

2. **тж. sing** впечатление

the news has a sinister sound - новость звучит зловеще

I don't like the sound of it - мне это не нравится /кажется подозрительным/

3. предел слышимости

within sound of smth. - в пределах слышимости чего-л.

4. звукозапись; пластинки, магнитофонные плёнки **и т. п.**5. **муз. разг.** «звучок», стиль исполнения (**особ. джаза**)6. **кино** = sound effects2. [savnd] *v*

1. 1) звучать, издавать звук

this black key on the piano won't sound - эта чёрная клавиша рояля не звучит

the trumpets sounded - раздались звуки труб

the doorbell sounded - зазвонил /раздался/ звонок (у входной двери)

2) иметь то **или** иное звучание

the bell sounds cracked - по звуку слышно, что колокол надтреснут

the wind sounds melancholy - вой ветра наводит тоску

her voice sounds troubled - в её голосе слышится волнение

2. 1) извлекать звук

to sound a bell - звонить в колокол

2) давать сигнал (**звуковой**); **воен. тж.** играть (**тревогу, отбой**)

to sound an alarm on the bugle - подавать сигнал тревоги на трубе

the bugle sounds to battle - труба зовёт в бой

3. звучать, создавать впечатление, казаться

the explanation sounds all right - объяснение звучит убедительно; ≅ неплохое объяснение

how does this proposal sound to you? - как вы находите это предложение?

the excuse sounds very hollow - отговорка звучит весьма неубедительно

it may sound funny if I say ... - может показаться странным, если я скажу ...

the statement sounds like fiction - это заявление похоже на вымысел

4. возвещать, провозглашать

to sound smb.'s praises - воздавать хвалу кому-л.

the report sounded everywhere - сообщение облетело весь свет

5. произносить

••h•• in hour is not sounded - h в слове hour не произносится

6. выстукивать (**о колёсах и т. п.**)7. **мед.** выслушивать, выстукивать, аускультировать (**больного**)8. **юр.** касаться, иметь отношение к (**чему-л.**)

to sound in damages - быть связанным с убытками

◇ to sound a false note - а) взять неправильный тон; б) звучать фальшиво

to sound a high note - подать сигнал тревоги

to sound the death knell for /of/ smth. - предвещать гибель чему-л.

to sound the trumpet before victory - заранее хвастаться

II

1. [savnd] *n спец.*

1. зонд; щуп; пробник

2. зондирование; промер лотом

2. [savnd] *v*1. **спец.**

1) измерять глубину воды (лотом)

to sound the entrance to a harbour - исследовать вход в гавань

2) зондировать

3) **мед.** исследовать (**рану**); зондировать2. выведывать, выпытывать, осторожно спрашивать; разузнавать, выяснять; прощупывать, зондировать (**тж. sound out**)

to sound out sentiment on smth. - выяснять настроение по поводу чего-л.

will you sound him on /about, as to/ the subject? - разведайте-ка /разузайте-ка/, что он думает по этому поводу?; может быть, вы постараетесь выведать, что ему известно?

he sent commissioners to sound for peace - он направил уполномоченных, чтобы прозондировать почву по поводу заключения мира

3. исследовать, постигать

to sound the depths of human misery - познать глубину человеческих страданий

4. глубоко нырять (*особ. о китах*); опускаться на дно

II

1. [saʊnd] *a*

1. 1) здоровый, крепкий

sound teeth - крепкие /здоровые/ зубы

a sound mind in a sound body - в здоровом теле здоровый дух

to be sound of body and mind - быть здоровым и телом и душой /физически и духовно/

man of sound constitution - человек крепкого сложения

his heart is not sound - у него плохое сердце

2) спокойный, крепкий (*о сне*)

2. 1) доброкачественный, неиспорченный, хороший

sound fruit - свежие /неиспорченные/ фрукты

goods in sound condition - доброкачественные /хорошие/ товары

old sound ale - доброе старое пиво

sound timber - добротный /крепкий/ лесоматериал

2) исправный; прочный

sound machine - исправная машина

technically sound - технически исправный

3. 1) здравый, разумный; правильный, логичный

sound argument [evidence] - убедительный довод [-ое доказательство]

sound judgement - разумное /здоровое/ суждение

morally sound - морально устойчивый

to be sound on smth. - здраво /хорошо/ разбираться в чём-л.

this view is morally and philosophically sound - этот взгляд (*на проблему и т. п.*) не вызывает возражений ни с этической, ни с философской стороны

2) благоразумный, предусмотрительный

sound advice - благоразумный совет

sound policy - трезвая политика

4. глубокий, тщательный (*об анализе и т. п.*)

5. платёжеспособный, надёжный, устойчивый (*в финансовом отношении*)

6. умелый, хороший

sound tennis player - хороший теннисист

sound scholar - солидный учёный

7. *разг.* сильный, здоровый

sound beating /flogging/ - основательная порка

8. *юр.* законный, действительный

sound title to land - законное право на землю

◇ sound as a bell /as a roach, as a trout/ - вполне здоровый, в полном здравии; ≅ здоров как бык

sound in life and limb - ≅ здоров и невредим

2. [saʊnd] *adv*

крепко, сильно

sound asleep - крепко спящий

IV

[saʊnd] *n*

плавательный пузырь (*у рыб*)

V

[saʊnd] *n*

1. пролив

The Sound - Зунд

2. узкий залив, фиорд

sound

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sound [saʊnd] **sound sounds sounded sounding sounder soundest** noun, verb, adjective, adverb *BrE* [saʊnd] *NAmE* [saʊnd] noun

STH YOU HEAR

1. countable something that you can hear

Syn: ↑noise

• a **high/low sound**

• a **clicking/buzzing/scratching, etc. sound**

• the different sounds and smells of the forest

• She heard the sound of footsteps outside.

• He crept into the house trying not to **make a sound** .

2. **uncountable** continuous rapid movements (called **↑vibrations**) that travel through air or water and can be heard when they reach a person's or an animal's ear

- Sound travels more slowly than light.

FROM TELEVISION/RADIO

3. **uncountable** what you can hear coming from a television, radio, etc., or as part of a film/movie

- Could you **turn the sound up/down** ?
- The **sound quality** of the tapes was excellent.

OF MUSICIANS

4. **countable, uncountable** the effect that is produced by the music of a particular singer or group of musicians

- I like their sound.

IMPRESSION

5. **singular the ~ of sth** the idea or impression that you get of sb/sth from what sb says or what you read

- They had a wonderful time **by the sound of it** .
- **From the sound of things** you were lucky to find him.
- They're consulting a lawyer? I **don't like the sound of that** .

WATER

6. **countable** (often in place names) a narrow passage of water that joins two larger areas of water

Syn: **↑strait**

- Plymouth Sound

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

sound **noun**

1. **C**

- I heard the sound of footsteps outside.

noise •

a **big/deafening/loud/high-pitched/low** sound/noise

hear/listen to/make/produce a sound/noise

a sound/noise **comes from** sth/a place

a sound/noise **becomes/gets** louder, closer, etc.

Sound or noise? **Sound** is anything you hear. A **noise** is usually loud and unpleasant:

- the soft sound of rustling leaves

✗ the soft noise of rustling leaves

2. **U**

- Could you turn the sound down?

volume •

the sound/volume **on** sth

turn up/turn down/increase/reduce the sound/volume

Which Word?:

noise / sound

Noise is usually loud and unpleasant. It can be countable or uncountable: ▫ Try not to make so much noise. ◇ ▫ What a terrible noise!

Sound is a countable noun and means something that you hear: ▫ All she could hear was the sound of the waves. You do not use words like **much** or **a lot of** with sound.

Example Bank:

- A hollow sound echoed through the room.
- A strange sound came from the box.
- As a politician he is a master of the 30-second sound bite.
- Can you turn the sound up?
- Franz Ferdinand have a great sound that's their own.
- He didn't utter a single sound throughout the meeting.
- He jumped at the sound of my voice.
- He listened for sounds of movement.
- He produces a good clean sound on his flute.
- He turned around at the sound of footsteps behind him.
- His film opens with the sweet sound of birdsong.
- I awoke to the sound of rain.

- My mouth moved but no sound came out.
- She tried to describe what made a good guitar sound.
- She uses all the sounds available to a 21st-century composer.
- Sound carries well over calm water.
- The Moog synthesizer created a whole new sound.
- The band developed a formidable live sound.
- The door opened without a sound.
- The room was filled with the sound of laughter.
- There was a sickening sound as his head made contact with the concrete.
- There was a strange sound from downstairs.
- There's a lot of ambient sound in this film.
- Three bones transmit sounds to the inner ear.
- We experimented with different sounds.
- We need a big powerful sound from the trumpets in the final passage.
- What's making that awful creaking sound?
- a game with good graphics and great sound
- a stereo sound system
- the band's signature sound
- the distant sound of church bells
- the mixing of recorded and natural sound
- the sound of breaking glass
- A scratching sound came from the front door.
- Could you turn the sound down?
- He crept into the house trying not to make a sound.
- He has a sound unlike any other guitarist.
- I sat listening to the soft sound of rustling leaves.
- I still recall vividly the sights, sounds and smells of our day at the seaside.
- Most of their songs have the sound of the sixties about them.
- Sound travels at about 340 metres per second.
- To be a sound engineer you should be interested in electronics, music and sound equipment.

Idioms: ↑like the sound of your own voice ▪ ↑sound as a bell ▪ ↑sounds like a plan to me ▪ ↑within sound of something

Derived Word ↑soundness

Derived ↑sound off ▪ ↑sound somebody out ▪ ↑sound something out

verb (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

GIVE IMPRESSION

1. **linking verb** to give a particular impression when heard or read about

- **+ adj.** His voice sounded strange on the phone.
- She didn't sound surprised when I told her the news.
- His explanation sounds reasonable to me.
- Leo **made it sound** so easy. But it wasn't.
- He doesn't sound French— and he doesn't look it.
- **+ noun** She sounds just the person we need for the job.
- **~ like sb/sth** You sounded just like your father when you said that.
- **~ as if/as though...** I hope I don't sound as if/as though I'm criticizing you. In spoken English people often use **like** instead of **as if** or **as though**, especially in NAmE, but this is not considered correct in written BrE.

-SOUNDING

2. (in adjectives) giving the impression of having a particular sound

- an Italian-sounding name
- fine-sounding words

PRODUCE SOUND

3. **intransitive, transitive** to produce a sound; to make sth such as a musical instrument produce a sound

- The bell sounded for the end of the class.
- (BrE) **~ sth** Passing motorists sounded their horns in support.

GIVE WARNING/SIGNAL

4. **transitive ~ sth** to give a signal such as a warning by making a sound

- When I saw the smoke, I tried to **sound the alarm**.
- (figurative) Scientists have **sounded a note of caution** on the technique.
- Leaving him out of the team may **sound the death knell** for our chances of winning (= signal the end of our chances).

PRONOUNCE

5. **transitive ~ sth (technical)** to pronounce sth

- You don't sound the 'b' in the word 'comb'.

MEASURE DEPTH

6. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) (technical)** to measure the depth of the sea or a lake by using a line with a weight attached, or an electronic instrument

more at strike/sound a note **at** ↑note _{n.} look/sound suspiciously like sth **at** ↑suspiciously

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sound
	BrE /səʊnd/
	NAmE /saʊnd/
he / she / it	sounds
	BrE /səʊndz/
	NAmE /saʊndz/
past simple, past participle	sounded
	BrE /səʊndɪd/
	NAmE /saʊndɪd/
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Thesaurus:

sound verb

1. **linking verb** (not used in the progressive tenses)

- Leo made it sound so easy.

seem •• appear •• look •• feel •• strike •

sound/seem/appear/look/feel **odd/OK/nice, etc.**

sound/seem/look/feel **like** sth

sound/seem/look/feel **as if/as though...**

2. **I**

- A bell sounded for the end of class.

ring •• chime •• clang •• buzz •• jangle •• strike • |literary toll •

the **bell** sounds/rings/chimes/clangs/jangles/tolls

the **doorbell** sounds/rings/chimes/buzzes/jangles

the **clock** sounds/rings/chimes/strikes

Example Bank:

- He doesn't sound French— and he doesn't look it.
- Her explanation sounds reasonable to me.
- I hope I don't sound as if I'm criticizing you.
- Leo made it sound so easy. But it wasn't.
- She sounds like just the person we need for the job.
- An alarm sounded two minutes after midnight.
- At that moment the dinner gong sounded.
- The bell sounded for the end of class.

adjective (sound·er, sound·est)

RELIABLE

1. **sensible; that you can rely on and that will probably give good results**

- a person of sound judgement
- He gave me some very sound advice.
- This gives the design team a sound basis for their work.
- The proposal makes sound commercial sense.
- Their policies are environmentally sound.

Opp: ↑unsound

THOROUGH

2. **only before noun** good and thorough

- a sound knowledge/understanding of sth
- He has a **sound grasp of** the issues.

NOT DAMAGED/HURT

3. **in good condition; not damaged, hurt, etc**

- We arrived home **safe and sound**.
- to be **of sound mind** (= not mentally ill)
- The house needs attention but the roof is sound.

Opp: ↑unsound

SLEEP

4. **usually before noun** deep and peaceful
- to have a sound night's sleep
 - to be a **sound sleeper**

GOOD, BUT NOT EXCELLENT

5. good and accurate, but not excellent
- a sound piece of writing
 - a sound tennis player

PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT

6. severe
- to give sb a sound beating

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Example Bank:

- It was a financially sound investment.
- She had a perfectly sound reason for acting as she did.
- That seems like fairly sound advice.
- The roof is in reasonably sound condition.
- We arrived home safe and sound.
- Do you think the evidence is sound?
- He's a person of very sound judgement.
- My father once gave me some very sound advice.
- This was another sound performance by the team.
- You need to have sound reasons to back up your arguments.

adverb ~ asleep

very deeply asleep

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sound

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I. **sound**¹ **S1 W1** /saund/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: son, from Latin sonus]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** something that you hear, or what can be heard **SYN noise**:

" There were strange sounds coming from the next room.

sound of

" She could hear the sound of voices.
 " a vowel sound

2. **[uncountable]**

a) the sound produced by a television or radio programme, a film etc:

" We apologize for the loss of sound during that report.
 " a sound engineer

b) the loudness of a television, radio, film etc **SYN volume**

turn the sound down/up

" Turn the sound down a little, will you?

3. **[countable usually singular, uncountable]** the particular quality that a singer's or group's music has:

" We're trying to develop a harder, funkier sound.

4. **by/from the sound of it/things** judging from what you have heard or read about something:

" By the sound of it, things are worse than we thought.

5. **not like the sound of something** to feel worried by something that you have heard or read:

" 'There's been a slight change in our plans.' 'I don't like the sound of that.'

6. **sounds** [plural] *British English informal* songs or music that are on a record, ↑CD, or tape:

" I need to buy some new sounds.

7. **[countable usually singular]** a narrow area of water that connects two larger areas of water

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **loud** There was a loud creaking sound and the branch snapped.
- **faint/soft** (=not loud) The sound was so faint I wasn't sure what it was at first.
- **deafening** (=very loud) The sound of the waterfall was deafening.
- **distinctive/unmistakable** Suddenly from below came the unmistakable sound of gunfire.
- **a strange sound** I heard a strange sound coming from outside.
- **a familiar sound** Suddenly she heard the familiar sound of the key being turned in the front door.
- **a distant sound** (=a long way away) All seemed quiet, but for the distant sound of police sirens.
- **a muffled sound** (=not clear) Now there were muffled sounds of movement.
- **a banging/tearing/hissing etc sound** There was an odd buzzing sound in her ears.

■ verbs

- **hear a sound** She heard the sound of a car starting.
- **make a sound** The machine made a strange hissing sound.
- **not make a sound** (=be completely quiet) He lay still and didn't make a sound.
- **a sound comes from somewhere** The sounds seemed to be coming from the study below.
- **sound travels** Light travels faster than sound.
- **sound carries** (=can be heard some distance away) I knew the sound of the horn would carry for miles.
- **a sound stops** The sound stopped suddenly.
- **a sound dies away** (=stops gradually) I listened until the sound had died away completely.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**a strong sound**'. Say **a loud sound**.

...

THESAURUS

■ a high sound

- **squeak** a very short high sound or cry: I heard the squeak of his shoes on the tiled floor. | Annie gave a squeak of surprise.
- **creak** a long high sound that something makes when someone opens it, walks on it, sits on it etc - used especially about a door, wooden floor, bed, or stairs: the creak of floorboards | The door opened with a creak.
- **screech** a loud, long, unpleasantly high sound - used especially about someone's voice, or about brakes, tyres etc: There was a screech of tyres followed by a bang. | She let out a screech of horror.
- **beep** (also **bleep** *British English*) a high electronic sound that a machine sends out, especially in order to attract someone's attention: You'll hear a beep when the photocopier's finished printing.

■ a quiet sound

- **hum** a quiet low continuous sound, especially from electrical equipment, traffic, an engine, or people's conversation: The only sound was the faint hum of the air-conditioning unit. | He could hear the hum of distant traffic.
- **rustle** a continuous quiet sound from papers, leaves, or clothes when they rub together: She heard the rustle of dried leaves behind her. | the rustle of silk dresses
- **murmur** a quiet low continuous sound, especially from people's voices that are far away: The murmur of voices died away. | They spoke in a low murmur.
- **rumble** a series of long low sounds, especially from big guns, traffic, or **thunder**: I heard a rumble of thunder. | the low rumble of a train approaching

■ made by a liquid

- **splash** the sound that a liquid makes when something hits it, or when it hits against another thing: She jumped into the pool with a big splash. | the splash of the waves against the rocks
- **gurgle** the low sound that water makes when it flows gently over or through something: the gurgle of a stream | She listened to the gurgle as the water drained out of the bath.
- **plop** the sudden short sound when something is dropped into a liquid: Kate dropped the ice into her glass with a plop.

■ made by air or gas

- **hiss** a continuous high sound when air or gas comes out of something: There was a hiss of steam from the coffee machine. | Workers reported hearing a loud hiss moments before the explosion.

■ made by an explosion, gun etc

- **bang** a short sudden loud noise made by a gun, bomb etc: There was a loud bang as the bomb exploded. | The firework went off with a bang.
- **boom** a very loud sound from an explosion, which you can hear for several seconds after it begins: The building exploded into rubble with a loud boom. | The boom of artillery fire echoed in the distance.
- **roar** a continuous very loud noise that gets louder and continues for a long time: The light was followed by the deafening roar of explosions. | the roar of the ship's guns

■ made by things hitting other things

- **bang** a loud sound caused especially when something hard or heavy hits something else: I heard a loud bang and rushed out to see what had happened. | He slammed the door shut with a bang.
- **crash** a very loud sound caused when something hits something else, especially when damage is caused: The tray of dishes fell to the floor with a crash. | I heard an enormous crash outside our house, and I went to see what had happened.
- **thud** a quiet low sound made when a heavy object falls down onto surface: There was a dull thud as the box hit the floor. | His head hit the ground with a sickening thud.
- **thump** a dull loud sound made when a heavy object hits something else: There was a loud thump as Eddie threw Luther back against the wall.
- **clink** a short ringing sound made when two glass, metal, or china objects hit each other: the clink of champagne glasses | The clink of cutlery could be heard in the restaurant.

▪ **tinkle** the pleasant sound that is made by light pieces of glass or metal hitting each other repeatedly: He listened to the faint tinkle of cow bells in the distance.

▪ **jingle** the sound of small metal objects being shaken together: the jingle of her bracelets | the jingle of keys

▪ **rattle** a short repeated sound made when things hit against each other - used especially when part of something is loose and is hitting against something: There was a strange rattle coming from the engine. | the rattle of the trolley

II. **sound**² **S1 W2 BrE** *AmE* *verb*

[Sense 1-5: Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: soner, from Latin sonare, from sonus; ⇨ ¹sound¹]

[Sense 7: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: sonder, from sonde 'line for measuring the depth of water']

1. **SEEM** [linking verb] if something or someone sounds good, bad, strange etc, that is how they seem to you when you hear about them or read about them

sound adj

▪ Istanbul sounds really exciting.

▪ The whole story sounded very odd.

▪ \$80 sounds about right for a decent hotel room.

sound noun *British English*:

▪ That sounds a good idea.

sound like

▪ Nick sounds like a nice guy.

it sounds as if/as though

▪ It sounds to me as if he needs professional help.

it sounds like *informal*:

▪ It sounds like you had a good time on your trip.

▪ I'll come over to Richmond and take you out for dinner. How does that sound (=used to ask someone what they think of your suggestion)?

▪ faraway places with strange-sounding names

2. **NOISE** [linking verb] if a noise sounds like a particular thing, that is how it seems to you when you hear it

sound like

▪ To Thomas, her laugh sounded horribly like a growl.

▪ I heard what sounded like fireworks.

sound adj

▪ Her breathing sounded very loud.

(it) sounds as if/as though

▪ The banging sounded as if it was coming from next door.

(it) sounds like *informal*:

▪ It sounds like the dog wants to be let out.

3. **VOICE** [linking verb] if someone sounds tired, happy, sad etc, that is how they seem to you when you hear their voice

sound adj

▪ Are you okay? You sound tired.

▪ Josie didn't sound very keen when I spoke to her.

▪ Her voice sounded very young.

sound as if/as though

▪ You sound as if you've got a cold.

sound like *informal*:

▪ She sounded like she'd been crying.

sound like

▪ You sound just like my mother (=the things you say, opinions you express etc are just like the things my mother says).

4. **WARNING** [transitive] to publicly give a warning or tell people to be careful:

▪ Several earlier studies had sounded similar warnings.

sound a note of caution/warning

▪ I would, however, sound a note of caution.

▪ Now it is an American economist who is sounding the alarm.

5. **MAKE A NOISE** [intransitive and transitive] if something such as a horn or bell sounds, or if you sound it, it makes a noise:

▪ The bell sounded for dinner.

▪ Sound your horn to warn other drivers.

▪ She was unable to sound the alarm.

6. **PRONOUNCE** [transitive usually passive] *technical* to make the sound of a letter in a word:

▪ The 's' in 'island' is not sounded.

7. **MEASURE DEPTH** [transitive] *technical* to measure the depth of the sea, a lake etc ⇨ **soundings**

sound off *phrasal verb*

1. *informal* to express strong opinions about something, especially when you complain angrily in a way that other people find rude or boring

sound off about

▪ She's always sounding off about too much sex in the media.

▪ He should check his facts before sounding off.

2. *American English* if soldiers sound off, they shout out numbers or their names to show that they are there

sound somebody/something ⇔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to talk to someone in order to find out what they think about a plan or idea:

▪ He sounded people out and found the responses favourable.

▪ They want to sound out his opinion before they approach him formally.

sound somebody/something ↔out about

• I wanted to sound her out about a job that I'm thinking of applying for.

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- **appear** a more formal word for 'seem': These reports appear to be unfounded.
- **look** to seem to be something, often because of what can be seen: The future looks bleak. | He looked pleased.
- **sound** used to say that something or someone seems to be something because of what you have heard or read about them, or because of the noise or voice that you hear: This study sounds very ambitious. | They heard what sounded like a blow.
- **come across as something** to seem to have particular qualities: He comes across as a very sensitive man.

III. sound³ W3 BrE AmE adjective

[Language: Old English; Origin: gesund]

1. WELL-JUDGED sensible or good, and likely to produce the right results **OPP** poor:

- The book is full of sound advice.
- a man of great integrity and sound judgement

ecologically/ideologically/theoretically etc sound

- environmentally sound farming practices
- a sound investment

2. PERSON *British English*

a) someone who is sound can be depended on to make good decisions and give good advice

sound on

- He's very sound on matters of law.

b) *informal* someone who is sound is a good person and can be trusted – used especially by young people:

- My mum's sound. She'd never throw me out.

3. THOROUGH [only before noun] complete and thorough:

- a sound understanding of money and banking systems
- a sound knowledge of English
- He has a sound grasp of European history.

4. IN GOOD CONDITION in good condition and not damaged in any way **OPP** unsound:

- The floor was completely sound.
- Is the building structurally sound?

sound as a bell *British English spoken* (=in perfect condition)

5. HEALTHY physically or mentally healthy **OPP** unsound

of sound mind *law* (=not mentally ill)

sound as a bell *British English spoken* (=in perfect health)

6. SLEEP sound sleep is deep and peaceful

sound sleeper (=someone who always sleeps well)

—soundness *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **sound advice** He gave us some sound advice.
- **sound judgement** He was beginning to rely on her sound judgement.
- **a sound reason** Both these buyers have sound reasons for their choice.
- **a sound investment** Property is usually a sound investment.
- **a sound policy** The problems of industry will only be solved by sound economic policies.
- **a sound basis** Sometimes friendship is a sound basis for a good marriage.

adverbs

- **environmentally /ecologically sound** The government encourages environmentally sound management of the countryside.
- **ideologically sound** (=good, according to a set of beliefs) It was the ideologically sound thing to do.
- **scientifically/technically sound** Are these studies scientifically sound?

IV. sound⁴ BrE AmE adverb

sound asleep deeply asleep:

- The baby was sound asleep.

sound

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