#### excellent ['eks(ə)lənt] a

excellent song - превосходная песня

excellent dinner - отличный обед

excellent idea - великолепная мысль excellent man - прекрасный человек

students excellent in English - студенты, отлично успевающие по английскому языку

#### 2. арх., поэт. превосходящий (всех), непревзойдённый

excellent hypocrite - лицемер, каких свет не видел

excellent liar - отъявленныйлжец

the excellent brightness of the sun - сияние солнца, которое ничто не может затмить

## 3. арх. возвышенный, высокопоставленный, высокочтимый

## excellent

ex·cel·lent BrE ['eksələnt] NAmE ['eksələnt] adjective

# 1. extremely good

- an excellent meal
- excellent service
- At \$300 the bike is **excellent value** .
- She speaks excellent French.
- (informal) It was absolutely excellent.
- 2. used to show that you are very pleased about sth or that you approve of sth
  - You can all come? Excellent!

Derived Word <sup>†</sup>excellently

### Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the general sense 'outstanding' in either a good or bad way): from Old French, from Latin excellent- 'being pre-eminent', from excellere 'surpass', from ex- 'out, beyond' + celsus 'lofty'. The current appreciatory sense dates from the early 17th cent.

### Thesaurus:

### excellent [excellent excellently] adj.

• The rooms are excellent value at \$30 a night.

outstanding • • wonderful • • first-rate • • perfect • • classic • • superb • |BrE, especially spoken marvellous • |AmE, especially spoken marvelous • |BrE, informal, spoken brilliant • |especially BrE, formal sterling • Opp: mediocre

a/an excellent/outstanding/wonderful/first-rate/perfect/superb/marvellous/brilliant/sterling performance/job/service a/an excellent/outstanding/wonderful/superb/marvellous/brilliant achievement

really excellent/outstanding/wonderful/first-rate/perfect/superb/marvellous/brilliant

Synonyms:

excellent

### outstanding • perfect • superb

These words all describe sth that is extremely good.

excellent • extremely good. Excellent is used especially about standards of service or of sth that sb has worked to produce: = The rooms are excellent value at \$20 a night. The speaks excellent English.

**Excellent** is also used to show that you are very pleased about sth or that you approve of sth: • You can all come? Excellent! **outstanding** • extremely good. **Outstanding** is used especially about how well sb does sth or how good sb is at sth: • an outstanding achievement

perfect • extremely good. Perfect is used especially about conditions or how suitable sth is for a purpose: = Conditions were perfect for walking.  $\diamond$ = She came up with the perfect excuse.

superb • (informal) extremely good or impressive: - The facilities at the hotel are superb.

### a(n) excellent/outstanding/perfect/superb job/performance

a(n) excellent/outstanding/superb achievement

really/absolutely/quite excellent/outstanding/perfect/superb

### Example Bank:

- In an otherwise excellent issue about global warming, I found Jeremy Creed's article very unconvincing.
- In an otherwise excellent issue, I found Creed's article very unconvincing.
- The meals are generally excellent.
- The performances and recordings are uniformly excellent.
- The school is considered excellent.
- These potatoes are excellent for baking.
- 'You can all come?'' Excellent!'
- He speaks excellent English.
- She made one factual error in her otherwise excellent article.
- The rooms are excellent value at \$20 a night.
- You can get an excellent view of the town from the balcony.

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[Word Family: noun: 1excellence, 1Excellency; verb 1excel; adverb 1excellently; adjective: 1excellent]

1. extremely good or of very high quality:

- an excellent suggestion
  - His car is in excellent condition.

Second-hand computers can be excellent value.

2. spoken said when you approve of something SYN great:

'I'll bring the books overtonight.' 'Excellent.'

-excellently adverb

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• excellent extremely good or of very high quality: His English was excellent. | an excellent piece of work

• great *spoken* extremely good. Great is less formal than excellent, and is the usual word to use in everyday spoken English: 'Did you have a good holiday?' 'It was great!' | He did a great job as captain.

• fantastic/terrific/wonderful *spoken* extremely good. These words sound even more excited than great or excellent : 'I passed my exam.' 'That's fantastic!' | Last year Jess had a terrific season, averagingeleven points a game. | The trip will be a wonderful opportunity for the children.

 amazing /incredible extremely good in a surprising and exciting way: an amazing view of Tokyo | The trip was an incredible experience.

• superb extremely good – used especially when you are very impressed by something: The acting was superb. | There is a superb range of cheeses.

• first-class of a high quality and much better than most others: The service is first-class. | a first-class restaurant

• outstanding extremely good – used when saying how well someone does something: He's an outstanding player. | It was an outstanding performance by a talented young actor.

• exceptional unusually good – used when saying that someone or something is much better than any others: She has an exceptional talent. | He writes good essays, but I wouldn't say that his work is particularly exceptional. | Merits are given as an honour for exceptional achievement.

• out of this world [not before noun] *spoken informal* used when saying that something is so good that it is better than anything you could have imagined: The food is out of this world.

awesome especially American English very good: It was an awesome concert.

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