

ideal**1. [aɪ'diəl] n****1. идеал**

an ideal of happiness [of comfort, of physical beauty] - идеал счастья [удобства, физической красоты]

an ideal of conduct - образец поведения

to form ideals - создавать идеалы

to realize one's ideals - осуществлять свои цели /стремления/, претворять в жизнь свои идеалы

2. верх совершенства, образец, идеал

he is the very ideal of a friend - лучшего друга, чем он, не найти

3. филос. идеальное, совершенное**2. [aɪ'diəl] a****1. идеальный, отличный, совершенный, превосходный**

an ideal place for a holiday - идеальное место для отдыха

it's ideal! - ≅ мечта!

2. 1) воображаемый, абстрактный, мысленный

ideal happiness - воображаемое счастье

ideal picture - мысленная /воображаемая/ картина

ideal diagram - теоретическая диаграмма

ideal fluid - **физ.** идеальная жидкость

2) нереальный, неосуществимый

ideal plans - нереальные планы

3. филос. идеалистический**ideal**

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ideal [ideal ideals] adjective, noun BrE [aɪ'di:əl] NAmE [aɪ'di:əl]

adjective

1. ~ (for sth) perfect; most suitable

- This beach is ideal for children.
- She's the ideal candidate for the job.
- The trip to Paris will be an **ideal opportunity** to practise my French.
- It was not the ideal solution to the problem.

2. only before noun existing only in your imagination or as an idea; not likely to be real

- the search for ideal love
- **In an ideal world** there would be no poverty and disease.

see in an ideal/a perfect world **at** ↑world

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a term in Platonic philosophy, in the sense 'existing as an archetype'): from late Latin **ideal**is, via Latin from Greek **idea** 'form, pattern', from the base of **idein** 'to see'.

Thesaurus:**ideal** adj.

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perfect • • **tailor-made** • • **optimum** • |spoken **just right** •

ideal/perfect/tailor-made/just right **for sb/sth**

an ideal/a perfect **opportunity/solution/candidate**

absolutely ideal/perfect

Example Bank:

- The hotel's size makes it ideal for large conferences.
- The houses are absolutely ideal for families with young children.
- As a solution to the problem it was far from ideal.
- His apartment would be an ideal place to stay.
- She's the ideal candidate for the job.
- The trip will be an ideal opportunity for you to practise your French.
- This job would be absolutely ideal for someone with an interest in local history.

Derived Word ↑ideally

noun

1. countable an idea or standard that seems perfect, and worth trying to achieve or obtain

- political ideals
- She found it hard to live up to his high ideals.

2. countable, usually singular ~ (of sth) a person or thing that you think is perfect

- It's my ideal of what a family home should be.

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ideal noun C

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principle • • **standards** • • **values** • • **morals** • • **morality** • • **ethics** • • **ethos** •

political ideals/principles/values/morality/ethics/ethos

have (no/high, etc.) ideals/principles/standards/values/morals/ethos

compromise your ideals/principles/standards

Example Bank:

- A journalist should always live up to the ideals of truth, decency, and justice.
- Platonic ideals of beauty
- Sam was a real leader who had high moral ideals.
- She was accused of betraying her political ideals.
- They still clung to the old ideals.
- This agreement falls far short of the ideal.
- This is not an unattainable ideal.
- We obviously share the same ideals.
- romantic ideals of motherhood
- the democratic ideals embodied in the charter
- Democratic ideals include the principle that everyone should have a say in how they are governed
- His followers sometimes found it hard to live up to his high ideals.
- Is true love an unattainable ideal?
- It's my ideal of what a family home should be.

ideal

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I. **ideal**¹ **S3 W3** /,aɪ'diəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: idéal, from Late Latin idealis, from Latin idea; ⇨ [↑]idea]

1. the best or most suitable that something could possibly be **SYN** perfect:

- advice on how to reach your ideal weight
- The scheme offers an ideal opportunity for youngsters to get training.
- With so much rain, conditions are far from ideal.

ideal for

- An elastic waist makes these jeans ideal for the larger woman.
- an ideal place for a walk

2. [only before noun] an ideal world, job, system etc is one that you imagine to be perfect, but that is not likely to really exist **SYN** perfect:

- In an ideal world there would be no need for a police force.

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■ most suitable

- **perfect** completely suitable for something or someone: It's the perfect place to relax after a hard day at work. | It was a perfect day for going to the beach. | I think she would be perfect for him.
- **ideal** very suitable and exactly what you want – often used about someone or something that you imagine, but which does not really exist: What would be your ideal job? | She still hasn't found her ideal man. | It is the ideal place for a vacation.
- **just right** *especially spoken* very good or suitable in every way: The weather was just right for a day at the beach. | The dress is just right for you.
- **be just the thing/person** *informal* to be exactly what is needed or wanted: Cold lemonade is just the thing on a hot day. | He's just the person for the job.

II. **ideal**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

1. a principle about what is morally right or a perfect standard that you hope to achieve

ideal of

- the ideal of a free and democratic society
- the long-vanished ideals of the 1950s

2. a perfect example of what something should be like

ideal of

- Are our ideals of beauty changing?

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a high ideal** (*also a lofty ideal formal*) Most politicians start out with high ideals.
- **a noble ideal** He was willing to sacrifice his life for this noble ideal.
- **a romantic ideal** I gave up my romantic ideal of love at the age of nineteen.
- **political ideals** Are you willing to fight for your political ideals?
- **revolutionary ideals** He still believed in the revolutionary ideals of equality and justice.
- **socialist/democratic/liberal ideals** He is committed to democratic ideals such as majority rule.
- **artistic ideals** (*also aesthetic ideals formal*) His father had given up artistic ideals in pursuit of money.

■ verbs

- **believe in an ideal** We believe in the ideal of justice for all.

- **be committed to an ideal** (=believe in it strongly) Everyone in the party is committed to the same socialist ideals.
- **meet/live up to your ideals** (=be as good as you think something should be) The regime is not living up to its supposed democratic ideals.
- **fall short of your ideals** (=not be as good as you think something should be) In appearance, she fell somewhat short of his ideals.
- **be true to your ideals** (=to behave in the way that you believe is right) Stick to your principles and be true to your ideals.
- **cling to your ideals** (=continue to believe that something is good or right even when it does not seem to be like this in real life) He is a man who still clings to ideals of loyalty and friendship.
- **abandon your ideals** (=to stop believing in ideals) Have these young people abandoned the ideals of the Civil Rights Movement?
- **betray your ideals** (=to do something that is not acceptable according to your ideals) He argues that Lenin betrayed his revolutionary ideals.

ideal

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RANGE: **2k IDEAL** ²⁴⁰⁶⁵

ideal ¹⁴⁴⁵³

ideals ³⁸⁰⁵

ideally ²⁴⁰²

idealist ³⁴⁶

idealists ²³¹

idealism ¹²⁹⁸

idealise ⁰

idealised ¹⁰

idealising ⁰

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