

**handsome****1. ['hæns(ə)m] a**

1. красивый (*чаще о мужчине*); статный  
as handsome as a young Greek god - прекрасен, как молодой бог  
handsome flower [dress] - изящный цветок [-ое платье]  
handsome dog - большая сильная собака  
handsome woman - статная/интересная, импозантная/ женщина  
to grow handsome - похорошеть
2. 1) значительный, большой  
to make a handsome fortune - сколотить крупное /изрядное/ состояние
- 2) большой, крупный  
handsome building - внушительное здание
3. щедрый, благородный  
handsome gift - щедрый подарок  
handsome gesture - широкий /красивый/ жест  
handsome price - хорошая цена  
it is very handsome of you - это очень благородно с вашей стороны
4. *амер.* искусный; умелый  
a handsome piece of work - тонкая работа
5. *арх.* уместный  
◇ handsome is that /as/ handsome does - *посл.* ≅ судят не по словам, а по делам

**2. ['hæns(ə)m] adv дуал.**

- щедро  
to come down handsome - расщедриться

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**hand·some** [handsome handsomer handsomest] *BrE* ['hænsəm] <sup>а</sup> *NAmE*['hænsəm] <sup>а</sup> **adjective** (hand·somer, hand·som·est) **more handsome** and **most handsome** are more common**1. (of men) attractive****Syn:** ↑good-looking

- a handsome face
- He's the most handsome man I've ever met.
- He was aptly described as ' **tall, dark, and handsome** '.

**2. (of women) attractive, with large strong features rather than small delicate ones**

- a tall, handsome woman
- The bride and groom made a handsome couple.

**3. beautiful to look at**

- a handsome horse/house/city
- The two of them made a **handsome couple** .

**4. large in amount or quantity**

- a **handsome profit**
- He was elected by a handsome majority (= a lot of people voted for him) .
- a handsome cheque

**5. generous**

- She paid him a handsome compliment.
- It was very handsome of him to pay for the meal.

Derived Words ↑handsomely ▪ ↑handsomenessWord Origin:

Middle English: from ↑hand + ↑some. The original sense was 'easy to handle or use', hence 'suitable' and 'apt, clever' (mid 16th cent.), giving rise to the current appreciatory senses (late 16th cent.).

Synonyms:**beautiful**

pretty • handsome • attractive • lovely • good-looking • gorgeous

These words all describe people who are pleasant to look at.

**beautiful** • (especially of a woman or girl) very pleasant to look at: ▪ She looked stunningly beautiful that night.**pretty** • (especially of a girl or woman) pleasant to look at: ▪ She's got a very pretty face.**Pretty** is used most often to talk about girls. When it is used to talk about a woman, it usually suggests that she is like a girl, with small, delicate features.**handsome** • (of a man) pleasant to look at; (of a woman) pleasant to look at, with large strong features rather than small delicate ones: ▪ He was described as ' ▪ tall, dark and handsome ▪ '.**attractive** • (of a person) pleasant to look at, especially in a sexual way: ▪ She's a very attractive woman.**lovely** • (of a person) beautiful; very attractive: ▪ She looked particularly lovely that night.When you describe sb as **lovely**, you are usually showing that you also have a strong feeling of affection for them.**good-looking** • (of a person) pleasant to look at, often in a sexual way: ▪ She arrived with a very good-looking man.**gorgeous** • (*informal*) (of a person) extremely attractive, especially in a sexual way: ▪ You look gorgeous!**attractive or good-looking?**If you describe sb as **attractive** you often also mean that they have a pleasant personality as well as being pleasant to look at;

**good-looking** just describes sb's physical appearance.

a(n) beautiful/pretty/handsome/attractive/lovely/good-looking/gorgeous **girl/woman**

a(n) beautiful/handsome/attractive/good-looking/gorgeous **boy/man**

a(n) beautiful/pretty/handsome/attractive/lovely/good-looking **face**

### Example Bank:

- a tall, dark, handsome stranger
- his ruggedly handsome features
- He had an interesting and rather handsome face.
- He was elected by a handsome majority ( ).
- He's the most handsome man I've ever met.
- I enjoyed the job, and was paid a handsome salary too.
- She was a tall, handsome woman.
- They sold the house two years later at a handsome profit.

## handsome

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**hand[some]** /'hænsəm/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: handsome 'easy to handle' (15-17 centuries), from hand]

1.

a) a man who is handsome looks attractive **SYN good-looking**:

- an extremely handsome young man
- Sam was tall, dark, and handsome.
- his handsome face

b) a woman who is handsome looks attractive in a strong healthy way

### REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **good-looking** rather than **handsome**:

- Her new boyfriend is really good-looking.

2. an animal, object, or building that is handsome looks attractive in an impressive way:

- a row of handsome Georgian houses

3. [only before noun] a handsome amount of money is large:

- He managed to make a handsome profit out of the deal.
- a handsome fee

4. [only before noun] a handsome gift or prize is worth a lot of money:

- There are some handsome prizes to be won.

5. [only before noun] a handsome victory is important and impressive:

- They won a handsome victory in the elections.

—**handsomely** *adverb*:

- He was handsomely rewarded by the king.

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- **beautiful** a beautiful woman or child has perfect good looks: Grace Kelly was a very beautiful woman. | a beautiful baby
- **good-looking** a good-looking person looks nice. **Good-looking** is very common in spoken English: He's a good-looking guy, but he's a bit boring. | Do you think she's good-looking?
- **attractive** an attractive person looks nice, especially in a way that makes you feel sexually interested in them: She's a very attractive woman. | A lot of women find him attractive.
- **pretty** a pretty girl or woman looks nice – used especially about a woman who has a nice face: You look pretty with your hair down. | She has a very pretty face.
- **handsome** a handsome man or boy looks nice – used especially about a man who has a nice face. **Handsome** is also sometimes used, especially in literature, to describe a woman who is good-looking and has a strong face: He was tall, dark, and handsome. | She was a big, handsome woman.
- **gorgeous/stunning** *spoken* extremely attractive. **Gorgeous** is used especially by women: She thinks Brad Pitt is gorgeous. | You look absolutely stunning in that dress!
- **cute** *spoken* nice to look at – used about animals, babies, children, and young adults: a cute little puppy | She thinks you're cute!
- **lovely** *especially British English spoken* used when saying that someone looks very nice: You look lovely tonight.

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