

performance[pə'fɔ:məns] *n*

I

- 1. выполнение, исполнение**
in the performance of a task [of an experiment] - при решении задачи [при проведении опыта]
to be faithful in the performance of one's duty - честно выполнять свои обязанности
specific performance - *юр.* исполнение (обязательства) в натуре; реальное исполнение
- 2. действие, поступок; поведение**
to be modest about one's own performances - не хвалиться своими поступками
to put up a good performance - хорошо вести /проявлять/ себя
to give a performance as - действовать в качестве (*кого-л.*)
he gives a pleasant performance as a teacher - как преподаватель он производит приятное впечатление
I was shocked at his performance in the restaurant - я был возмущён его поведением в ресторане
the address for the defence was an excellent performance - защитник выступил прекрасно
even some of her own Cabinet members are beginning to grumble about her performance - даже некоторые члены её собственного кабинета начинают выражать недовольство её действиями
- 3. лингв.** реальное исполнение; практическое применение языковых законов; речь

II

- 1) представление, спектакль**
first performance - премьера
farewell performance - прощальное выступление, прощальный спектакль
evening [afternoon] performance - вечерний [дневной] спектакль
no performance tonight - сегодня спектакля нет
- 2) исполнение, выступление, концерт**
musical performance - концерт
- 3) киносеанс**
continuance performance - демонстрация фильма без перерыва между сеансами
- 2. игра, исполнение (роли и т. п.)**
best performance - лучшее исполнение
a very creditable performance - очень хорошее исполнение
public performance - публичное исполнение
the play has had a run of one hundred performances - пьеса шла сто раз
to give a performance - а) исполнять; to give a performance of an oratorio - исполнять ораторию; б) рисоваться
without the least air of giving a performance - без всякой рисовки; нисколько не рисуясь
- 3. трюки, фокусы**
the conjurer's performance kept the children spell-bound - дети как зачарованные смотрели на фокусы
- 4. разг.** возня, волокита
it's too much of a performance to cook this dish - готовить это блюдо - слишком волокитное дело
- 5. разг.** безобразие
what a performance! - какое безобразие!

III

- 1. тех.**
- 1) работа (машины)**
- 2) характеристика работы машины; эксплуатационные качества**
- 3) интенсивность труда, работы**
- 2. мед.** деятельность
cardiac performance - деятельность сердца
- 3. р/воен.** тактико-технические данные
- 4. р/ав.** лётные качества

performance

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per·form·ance [performance performances] *BrE* [pə'fɔ:məns] *NAmE*[pə'fɔ:rməns] *noun*

- 1. countable** the act of performing a play, concert or some other form of entertainment
 - The performance starts at seven.
 - an evening performance
 - a performance of Ravel's String Quartet
 - Please refrain from talking during the performance.
 - a series of performances by the Kirov Ballet
 - one of the band's rare **live performances**
- 2. countable** the way a person performs in a play, concert, etc
 - She **gave the** greatest **performance** of her career.
 - an Oscar-winning performance from Kate Winslet
- 3. uncountable, countable** how well or badly you do sth; how well or badly sth works
 - the country's economic performance
 - It was an impressive performance by the French team.
 - The new management techniques aim to improve performance.
 - He criticized the recent poor performance of the company.
 - **high-performance** (= very powerful) cars

- **performance indicators** (= things that show how well or badly sth is working)
- Profits continue to grow, with strong performances in South America and the Far East.
- Her academic performance has been inconsistent.

compare ↑pay-for-performance ↑performance-related

4. **uncountable, singular** (formal) the act or process of performing a task, an action, etc

- She has shown enthusiasm in the performance of her duties.
- He did not want a **repeat performance** of the humiliating defeat he had suffered

5. **singular** (informal, especially BrE) an act that involves a lot of effort or trouble, sometimes when it is not necessary

Syn: ↑carry-on

- It's such a performance getting the children off to school in the morning.
- He always goes through the whole performance of checking the oil and water even if we're in a hurry.

Thesaurus:

performance noun C

- They gave a magnificent performance of Ravel's String Quartet.

show • • **production** • • **display** • • **act** • • **spectacle** •

a **live** performance/show/production/act

do a/an performance/show/production/act

put on/stage a performance/show/production/display

Collocations:

Cinema/the movies

Watching

go to/take sb to (see) a film/movie

go to/sit in (BrE) the cinema/(NAme) the (movie) theater

rent a film/movie/DVD

download a film/movie/video

burn/copy/rip a DVD

see/watch a film/movie/DVD/video/preview/trailer

Showing

show/screen a film/movie

promote/distribute/review a film/movie

(BrE) **be on** at the cinema

be released on/come out on/be out on DVD

captivate/delight/grip/thrill the audience

do well/badly at the box office

get a lot of/live up to the hype

Film-making

write/co-write a film/movie/script/screenplay

direct/produce/make/shoot/edit a film/movie/sequel/video

make a romantic comedy/a thriller/an action movie

do/work on a sequel/remake

film/shoot the opening scene/an action sequence/footage (of sth)

compose/create/do/write the soundtrack

cut/edit (out) a scene/sequence

Acting

have/get/do an audition

get/have/play a leading/starring/supporting role

play a character/James Bond/the bad guy

act in/appear in/star in a film/movie/remake

do/perform/attempt a stunt

work in/make it big in Hollywood

forge/carve/make/pursue a career in Hollywood

Describing films

the camera **pulls back/pans over sth/zooms in (on sth)**

the camera **focuses on sth/lingers on sth**

shoot sb/show sb in extreme close-up

use odd/unusual camera angles

be filmed/shot on location/in a studio

be set/take place in London/in the '60s

have a happy ending/plot twist

Collocations:

Music

Listening

listen to/enjoy/love/be into music/classical music/jazz/pop/hip-hop, etc.

listen to the radio/an MP3 player/a CD

put on/play a CD/a song/some music

turn down/up the music/radio/volume/bass

go to a concert/festival/gig/performance/recital
copy/burn/rip music/a CD/a DVD
download music/an album/a song/a demo/a video

Playing

play a musical instrument/the piano/percussion/a note/a riff/the melody/a concerto/a duet/by ear
sing an anthem/a ballad/a solo/an aria/the blues/in a choir/soprano/alto/tenor/bass/out of tune
hum a tune/a theme tune/a lullaby
accompany a singer/choir
strum a chord/guitar

Performing

form/start/get together/join/quit/leave a band
give a performance/concert/recital
do a concert/recital/gig
play a concert/gig/festival/venue
perform (*BrE*) at/in a concert/(*especially NAmE*) a concert
appear at a festival/live
go on/embark on a (world) tour

Recording

write/compose music/a ballad/a melody/a tune/a song/a theme song/an opera/a symphony
land/get/sign a record deal
be signed to/be dropped by a record company
record/release/put out an album/a single/a CD
be top of/top the charts
get to/go straight to/go straight in at/enter the charts at number one

Example Bank:

- Finney gives a virtuoso performance as a psychopath.
- He got top marks for overall academic performance.
- Mel Gibson's central performance in the film as Hamlet
- Sales forecasts were based on past performance.
- The agency has developed a set of core performance indicators to compare schools.
- The band gave a great performance at the festival.
- The company is putting on a performance of the popular musical 'Cats'.
- The course aims to develop the children's appreciation of music in performance.
- The film has a great performance from Jack Lemmon.
- The musical closes this week after a record number of performances.
- The party are dreading a repeat performance of their defeat in the last election.
- The quality of his performance was unmatched.
- The recording gives the most convincing performance of Stravinsky's 'Rite of Spring' to date.
- The singer is renowned for his live concert performances.
- The team put in an excellent performance at the World Cup.
- her fine performance as Ophelia
- his flawless performance on the piano
- the country's strong economic performance over the last two years
- to maintain a high level of performance
- They gave a magnificent performance of Ravel's String Quartet.
- This was one of the band's rare live performances.
- the country's economic performance

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per|form|ance **S2 W1** /pə'fɔ:məns/ pə'fɔ:m-*BrE* ^ɪ *AmE* ^ɪ *noun*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑performance, ↑performer; **verb:** ↑perform; **adjective:** performing]

1. [countable]

when someone performs a play or a piece of music

performance of

- Their performance of Mozart's Concerto in E flat was finely controlled and dramatic.
- This evening's performance will begin at 8.00 pm.

2. [uncountable and countable] how well or badly a person, company etc does a particular job or activity:

- Sean's performance at school has greatly improved.
- I was impressed by the team's performance.
- The country's economic performance so far this year has been good.
- Shareholders blamed him for the company's poor performance.
- her disappointing performance in the Olympics

Exam results are used as performance indicators (=things that show how well something is done) for schools.

3. [uncountable] the act of doing a piece of work, duty etc

performance of

- the performance of his official duties

4. [uncountable] how well a car or other machine works:

- The car's performance on mountain roads was impressive.

an imaging system using **high-performance** (=very effective) technology

5. **a performance** *British English spoken* a process that takes a lot of unnecessary time and effort:

Shopping at the markets turned out to be quite a performance.

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **give a performance** Samuel Jackson gives a terrific performance as Elijah.
- **turn in/deliver a performance** (=give a performance) Both actors turn in great performances. | In the role of Carmen, Ms Leblanc delivered a quite exquisite performance.
- **go to a performance** (also **attend a performance formal**) We can go to the evening performance if you prefer. | The Princess attended a performance of The Magic Flute at the London Coliseum.

adjectives

- **a fine/great performance** There are fine performances by Kathy Bates and Daryl Hannah.
- **a memorable performance** (=good and easy to remember) There were memorable performances from Madonna and U2.
- **a brilliant/magnificent/superb performance** Rogers gave a brilliant performance of Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1.
- **a virtuoso performance** (=one showing great skill) He delivered a virtuoso performance as The Phantom Of The Opera.
- **a live performance** (=one performed for people who are watching) This is the band's first live performance since last year.
- **a solo performance** (=one performed by a single musician, not a group) Young's solo performances are often his most effective.

COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**have a performance**' or '**make a performance**'. Say **give a performance**.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

adjectives

- **good** England needs to produce another good performance against France.
- **strong** The performance of the retail sector continues to be strong.
- **poor** Why is his performance in school so poor?
- **disappointing** The country's recent economic performance has been disappointing.
- **lacklustre** (=not good or impressive) The team must improve on Saturday's lacklustre performance.
- **economic performance** Its economic performance has not matched that of other countries.
- **financial performance** Our overall financial performance has improved.

verbs

- **improve sb's performance** These changes significantly improve the performance of the engine.
- **produce a performance** Tiger Woods produced one of the best performances of his career.
- **put in/up a (good/bad etc) performance** Liverpool put in a marvellous performance in the second half.
- **assess sb's performance** (=judge how good or bad it is) Banks assess the performance and prospects of firms before lending.
- **monitor sb's performance** The children's performance at school is continually monitored.

performance + NOUN

- **performance indicators** (=things that show how well someone or something is doing) We use a set of performance indicators to assess the level of progress.
- **performance targets** Several train operators failed to meet the performance targets.

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