

ability[ə'bilɪti] *n*

1. способность, возможность (*сделать что-л.*)
ability to walk [to weep, to understand] - способность ходить [плакать, понимать]
a child's ability to learn - обучаемость ребёнка
2. 1) способность, ловкость; квалификация умение
ability test /testing/ - *спец.* психотехническое испытание
ability factor - *мех.* показатель работоспособности
a man of ability - способный *или* знающий /квалифицированный человек
ability to write well - владение слогом /пером/
ability to think clearly - способность ясно мыслить
ability in doing smth. - ловкость в каком-л. деле
to treat smth. with ability - умело справляться с чем-л.
to be best of one's ability - по мере сил /способностей/
- 2) *часто pl* способность; талант, дарование, одарённость
ability for music [in mathematics] - музыкальные [математические] способности
to be possessed of great ability - быть одарённым
composing music is beyond his abilities - он не способен сочинять музыку
3. *ком.* платёжеспособность (*мж.* ability to pay)
4. *юр.* правоспособность, компетенция

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abil-ity [ability abilities] *BrE* [ə'bilɪti] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ə'bilɪti] [ⓘ] noun (pl. **abil-ities**)**1. singular ~ to do sth** the fact that sb/sth is able to do sth

- The system has the ability to run more than one program at the same time.
- Everyone has the right to good medical care regardless of their ability to pay.
- A gentle form of exercise will increase your ability to relax.

Opp: [↑]inability**2. countable, uncountable** a level of skill or intelligence

- Almost everyone has some musical ability.
- He was a man of extraordinary abilities.
- students of mixed abilities
- A woman of her ability will easily find a job.
- I try to do my job **to the best of my ability** (= as well as I can) .

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- the ability to learn

capability • • **capacity** • • **power** •**Opp:** inabilitythe ability/capability/capacity/power **to do sth****beyond/within** your ability/capability/capacity/power**2. U, C**

- a child's natural abilities

talent • • **gift** • • **skill** • • **expertise** • • **aptitude** • • **competence** • • **proficiency** • • **art** • • **flair** • |informal **knack** • •**know-how** • |formal **prohess** •a **natural** ability/talent/gift/skill/aptitude/flair(a) **special** ability/talent/gift/skill/expertise/aptitudeExample Bank:

- Fox's abilities were soon recognized.
- I seem to have lost my ability to attract clients.
- I taught a wide range of abilities.
- It is much more difficult to teach a mixed-ability class.
- It's important to discover the natural abilities of each child.
- She showed a high level of ability as a runner.
- She showed great ability in mathematics.
- The school does nothing for children of high ability.
- There was a high level of ability among the school leavers.
- We will keep you informed to the best of our ability.
- discovering the natural abilities of each child
- Are you used to teaching students of mixed abilities?
- I try to do the job to the best of my ability.

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[Word Family: noun: ↑ability ≠ ↑inability, ↑disability; adjective: ↑able ≠ ↑unable, ↑disabled; verb: ↑enable ≠ ↑disable; adverb: ↑ably]

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1. [countable] the state of being able to do something

ability to do something

- the ability to walk
- The health center serves all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

2. [uncountable and countable] someone's level of skill at doing something:

- The test measures your mathematical ability.
- mixed ability classes

of high/low etc ability

- students of average ability
- There are musicians of all abilities.

somebody's abilities as something

- He showed his abilities as a leader.

3. **to the best of your ability** as well as you can:

- He completed the job to the best of his ability.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)**adjectives**

- high/low/average ability** a group of low ability pupils | Many of these students are of above average ability. | Children of high ability demand more absorbing tasks.
- great/considerable ability** He was a young man of great ability. | These drawings required considerable ability on the part of the artist.
- remarkable /outstanding/exceptional ability** a writer of remarkable ability | The company aims to select people of outstanding ability. | his exceptional ability as a swimmer
- mixed ability** (=at different levels) a mixed ability class
- uncanny ability** (=an unusual ability that is difficult to explain) He has an uncanny ability for spotting investment opportunities.
- natural ability** (also **innate ability formal**) (=an ability that you are born with) He didn't have the natural ability of his brother. | Babies have an innate ability to do simple maths.
- physical/athletic ability** He has considerable athletic ability.
- artistic/creative ability** You do not need to have any artistic ability.
- musical ability** Tim showed musical ability at an early age.
- acting ability** Her acting abilities were obvious straightaway.
- mental ability** The exercises are supposed to help you improve your mental ability.
- intellectual /academic ability** No one doubts his intellectual abilities. | A degree is evidence of your academic ability in a particular subject area.
- verbal /linguistic ability** (=language skills) The test is intended to measure the children's linguistic ability.
- mathematical ability** These students have a higher level of mathematical ability.
- proven ability** (=that you have proved through your achievements) Companies often value the proven ability and reliability of older employees.

verbs

- have the ability to do something** (also **possessthe ability to do something formal**) She has the ability to make people feel relaxed.
- show/demonstrate the ability to do something** a chance for candidates to demonstrate their abilities
- lack the ability to do something** As a young man, he lacked the ability to say no.

phrases

- a level of ability/ability level** The children were of the same age and ability level.
- a range of ability/ability range** There is a wide range of ability within the class. | Disruptive behaviour is more prominent in the lower ability range.
- a test of ability/an ability test** Examinations are not always a good test of ability. | The class was given a verbal ability test.
- an ability group** (=a group that students are taught in, based on their level of ability) Children are divided into different ability groups.

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