

useful

[ˈjuːsf(ə)l] *a*

- полезный, пригодный**
 the book was very useful to me - книга очень мне помогла /пригодилась/
 to make oneself useful - приносить пользу
 stop complaining and make yourself useful - перестань жаловаться и займись чем-нибудь полезным /и помоги нам/
 useful area - *спец.* живое сечение
 useful work - *тех.* полезная работа
 useful life - *тех.* срок службы, долговечность (*агрегата*)
- разг. способный**
 he is a useful footballer - он способный футболист
- практический**
 useful arts - прикладные искусства

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

use-ful [useful usefully] *BrE* [ˈjuːsfl̩] *AmE* [ˈjuːsfl̩] *adjective*

- that can help you to do or achieve what you want
 - a useful gadget
 - ~ **(to do sth)** It can be useful to write a short summary of your argument first.
 - ~ **(to sb)** He might be useful to us.
 - ~ **(for sth/for doing sth)** These plants are particularly useful for brightening up shady areas.
 - Don't just sit watching television— **make yourself useful** !
 - This information could **prove useful** .
 - Your knowledge of German may **come in useful** (= be useful in a particular situation) .
 - Some products can be recycled at the end of their useful life.
- (BrE, informal)* good; of the right standard
Syn: ↑competent
 • He's a very useful player.
Derived Word ↑usefully

Example Bank:

- Internet booking is useful for people who want a short break.
- It needs to give more information to be truly useful.
- It was useful as a short-term measure.
- She has made an exceptionally useful contribution to the debate.
- She told Fred to make himself useful.
- She was very useful in dealing with foreign visitors.
- The same information is equally useful when negotiating.
- The subject is practically useful and will stand you in good stead when looking for a job.
- This method has proved the most generally useful.
- This tool is useful for a variety of purposes.
- an undoubtedly useful skill
- information which will be useful to new mothers
- some leaflets which you might find useful
- to provide rewarding and socially useful employment
- useful for people who need a short break
- Don't just sit watching TV— make yourself useful!
- Regular tests are useful for monitoring progress.
- This information could prove useful.
- Your knowledge of German may come in useful.
- a useful book/gadget

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use-ful **S1 W1** /ˈjuːsfl̩/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑usage, ↑use, ↑disuse, ↑misuse, ↑reuse, ↑usefulness ≠ ↑uselessness, ↑user; **adjective:** ↑reusable, used ≠ ↑unused, ↑disused, ↑useful ≠ ↑useless, ↑usable ≠ ↑unusable; **verb:** ↑use, ↑misuse, ↑reuse; **adverb:** ↑usefully ≠ ↑uselessly]

helping you to do or get what you want **OPP** **useless:**

- useful information
- A little Japanese can be really useful.

useful for

- The space under the desk is useful for storing CDs.

useful to

- techniques that could be useful to teachers
- Can you come and make yourself useful (=help people to do something)?

—**usefully** *adverb*

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **nouns**

- useful information/advice** She gave me some useful advice.

- **a useful tip** Their website has some useful tips on selling your home.
- **a useful way of doing something** Keeping lists of the words you learn is a useful way of remembering vocabulary.
- **a useful tool** The Internet is a useful tool for investors.
- **a useful contribution** He played well and made a useful contribution to the team's performance.

■ verbs

- **find something useful** Did you find the book useful?
- **prove useful** *formal* (=be useful) This equipment could prove useful in testing babies' hearing.

■ phrases

- **it is useful to do something** It is useful to practise in front of an audience.
- **come in useful** (=be useful) The extra income would come in useful.
- **make yourself useful** (=be helpful) Don't just stand there – make yourself useful!
- **serve a useful purpose/function** (=be useful) Sending her to prison would serve no useful purpose.

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THESAURUS

- **useful** something that is useful makes it easier for you to do something: He gave me some useful advice. | a useful thing to know
- **handy** *informal* useful – used especially about something that is convenient and easy to use: a handy little booklet | The book is full of handy hints. | I always keep old jars – you never know when they might come in handy (=be useful).
- **helpful** useful because it helps you to do something: This drug can be helpful in treating depression. | helpful advice | helpful suggestions
- **of use** [not before noun] if someone or something is of use, they are useful for you when you are doing something: I hope you'll find the book of use. | He wants to be of use.
- **worthwhile** if doing something is worthwhile, it is useful for you and you benefit from doing it: The training was certainly worthwhile. | a worthwhile experience | It is worthwhile to start by asking ourselves why people get involved in crime.

■ very useful

- **valuable** very useful in helping you do something: His information was very valuable to the police. | The course was a valuable experience for me. | a valuable contribution
- **invaluable** extremely useful in helping you do something: His help was invaluable. | The drug could be invaluable for treating cancer patients. | an invaluable experience
- **indispensable** someone or something that is indispensable is so useful and important that you cannot do something without them: For walkers, a good compass is indispensable. | He became an indispensable part of the team. | an indispensable guide to travelling in Italy
- **be great for something** *informal* to be very useful for doing something: The bag is great for taking on holiday.

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