



Meaning of **flexible** in English



flexible

adjective

UK /'flek.sə.bəl/ US /'flek.sə.bəl/

flexible *adjective* (ABLE TO CHANGE)

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able to change or be changed easily according to the situation:

- *My schedule is flexible - I could arrange to meet with you any day next week.*

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- *The European Union should remain flexible enough to assimilate more countries quickly.*
- *"If they're flexible, we're flexible", the official was quoted as saying.*
- *Warships are flexible in operation and can travel the seas freely.*
- *Computer generated models are more flexible and less expensive to build than physical models.*



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☐ Yes

☐ No

flexible *adjective* (ABLE TO BEND)



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able to bend or to be bent easily without breaking:

- *Rubber is a flexible substance.*
- *Dancers and gymnasts need to be very flexible (= able to bend their bodies easily).*

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flexibility.

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flexible | AMERICAN DICTIONARY

flexible

adjective

US  /'flek·sə·bəl/

flexible *adjective* (CHANGEABLE)

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able to change or be changed easily according to the situation:

- *I'm fortunate because my job has flexible hours, and I can come and go pretty much as I want.*

flexible *adjective* (ABLE TO BEND)

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able to bend or be bent easily without breaking:

- *The wire has to be flexible enough to go around corners of the room.*

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flexible | BUSINESS ENGLISH





adjective

UK /'fleksɪbl/ US

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a flexible person or company can work in different ways, at different times, or in different places when it is necessary:

- *How can we encourage employees to be more flexible?*
- **be flexible about sth** *Companies can now be more flexible about where they site their operations.*
- **a flexible approach/attitude**

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something that is flexible can change or be changed according to the situation:

- *The pay and benefits are good, and the **hours** are **flexible**.*
- **a flexible mortgage/loan** *With a flexible mortgage you can pay more or less than your agreed monthly payment.*
- **flexible work/jobs**
- **a flexible pension**

flexibility

noun [U] UK /,fleksɪ'bɪlɪti/ US /-ətli/

- *The job requires flexibility, but is very rewarding.*



EXAMPLES of **flexible**

flexible

The concise size and scope of the book make it extremely *flexible* for classroom use.

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The *flexible* extreme defined by the parts-of-speech hierarchy is a language with no lexical specialization at all.

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More research on the complex and *flexible* contemporary relationships between affluent older people and their children is required.

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Most important in the context of the present analysis, the survey asks respondents about their take-up of *flexible* working options at the workplace.

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Flexible space category learning occurs when new categorizations cannot be represented with the features available.

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The idea that evolved learning mechanisms in humans are sensitive to cultural influences (and are therefore *flexible*) must be explained rather than assumed.

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An expert system for scheduling robots in a *flexible* electroplating system with dynamically changing workloads.

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The structure of the musical interventions is designed to be *flexible*.





Therefore, governments should show members' production potential on time to reduce dependence on external financing.

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Flexible programmes differ from all other types of programmes in the following ways.

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Algorithms that can be formulated in terms of general, coordinate-independent operations are much more *flexible* in their use than algorithms tied to particular representations.

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They are *flexible* and can learn anything that a person can learn.

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Should we consider these "*flexible* negotiations" a form of benevolent paternalism?

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Thus, keeping plural currencies with *flexible* exchange ratios was a suitable way to trade in the actual market.

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To this end, they can use the plans and specifications provided by the architect as a *flexible* guideline for the application of their own technologies.

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What is the pronunciation of *flexible*?



in Chinese (Traditional)

可改變的, 可變動的, 靈活的...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

可改变的, 可变动的, 灵活的...

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in Spanish

flexible, flexible [masculine-feminine]...

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in Portuguese

flexível, flexível [masculine-feminine]...

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Browse

flex your muscles *idiom*





flexibility

flexible

flexible benefit plan

flexible benefits

flexible sigmoidoscopy

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out of the blue

If something happens out of the blue, it is completely unexpected.



BLOG

Chilled to the bone or roasting? (The effect that the weather has on us)





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