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Definition of 'acceptable'

acceptable

(æksəptəbəl)

1. adjective

Acceptable activities and situations are those that most people approve of or consider to be normal.

It is becoming more acceptable to talk more openly about our mental health.

acceptability (æksəptəbɪlɪti)

uncountable noun

This assumption played a considerable part in increasing the social acceptability of divorce.

acceptably (əkseptəbli)

adverb

The aim of discipline is to teach children to behave acceptably.

Synonyms: pleasantly, delightfully, agreeably, pleasingly

Synonyms of acceptable

2. adjective

If something is acceptable to someone, they agree to consider it, use it, or allow it to happen.

They have thrashed out a compromise formula acceptable to Moscow.

3. adjective

If you describe something as acceptable, you mean that it is good enough or fairly good.

On the far side of the street was a restaurant that looked acceptable.

acceptably

adverb

...a method that provides an acceptably accurate solution to a problem.

Synonyms: adequately, satisfactorily, tolerably, passably

Synonyms of acceptable

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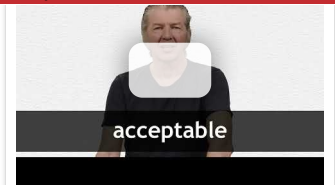
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in American English

(æk'septəbəl ⓘ; ək'septtəbəl ⓘ)

adjective

- worth accepting; satisfactory or, sometimes, merely adequate
- tolerable; bearable

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Derived forms

acceptability (ək,septə'bility) **noun** or ac'ceptableness

acceptably (ək'ceptəbly) **adverb**



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- 1. capable or worthy of being accepted
- 2. pleasing to the receiver; satisfactory; agreeable; welcome
- 3. meeting only minimum requirements; barely adequate
an acceptable performance
- 4. capable of being endured; tolerable; bearable
acceptable levels of radiation

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acceptability or acceptableness **noun**
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Word origin

[1350–1400; ME < LL *acceptābilis*. See *accept*, -able]

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in British English

(əkˈseptəbəl ⓘ)

adjective

- 1. satisfactory; adequate
- 2. pleasing; welcome
- 3. tolerable

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Derived forms

acceptability (əkˌseptəˈbɪlɪti) or
acceptableness (əkˌseptəbələnəs) **noun**
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In no other policy area would such a situation be considered acceptable.

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They are the visible signs that we are acceptable to the people we love most on earth.

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In no country is it acceptable to take something without paying for it.

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Windows that are painted shut are not considered an acceptable alternative.

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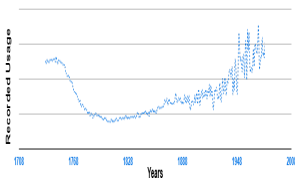
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If a situation or action is *acceptable*, people approve of it.
It is not acceptable for any country to attack Red Cross buildings during war.

American English: *acceptable*  /ækˈseptəbəl/
Arabic: مقبول 
Brazilian Portuguese: aceitável 
Chinese: 可接受的 
Croatian: prihvatljiv 
Czech: přijatelný 
Danish: acceptabel 
Dutch: acceptabel 
European Spanish: *acceptable* 
Finnish: hyväksyttävä 
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