

Meaning of **acceptable** in English



acceptable

adjective

US /əkˈsept.ə.bəl/ UK /əkˈsept.ə.bəl/

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satisfactory and able to be agreed to or approved of:

- *Clearly we need to come to an arrangement that is **acceptable** to both parties.*
- *So what is an **acceptable** level of radiation?*
- *This kind of attitude is simply **not acceptable**.*

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just good enough, but not very good:

- *Her performance was **acceptable**, but not stunning.*

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good enough but not excellent

acceptable *Your essay was **acceptable**, but I think you could have done better.*

reasonable *They have a **reasonable** chance of winning.*

adequate *The law provides **adequate** compensation for robbery victims.*

passable *I speak **passable** Spanish.*

will do *It's not perfect, but it'll **do**.*

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acceptable

adjective

US /ɪkˈsep.tə.bəl, æk-/

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satisfactory; good enough:

- *An offer that is **acceptable** to the union leaders might still be voted down by the union members.*

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If behavior is acceptable, it is considered to be within the range of behavior that is permitted and is not disapproved:

- *In those days, it was **not acceptable** for men to wear shirts without ties.*

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EXAMPLES of **acceptable**

acceptable

I think it's wonderful that men who are geared to and enjoy raising children, that it's **acceptable** for them to stay home and do that.

From *The Atlantic*



An **acceptable** candidate looks at the company's website before heading to the interview.

From *CNN*



See, not responding is an *acceptable* move in online dating.
From CNN

We are moving into a new era where secrecy in city government is no longer *acceptable*.
From Baltimore Sun

It has become more *acceptable* and more influential with the rise of partisan media.
From CNN

However, knock your balance down to \$2,500 and your utilization rate falls to an *acceptable* 25 percent.
From Huffington Post

Cool pose is about self-presentation of style -- the art of aloofness and emotional detachment, postulating toughness and strength as *acceptable* forms of male behavior.
From Huffington Post

If we support the narrowing of *acceptable* physical features as adults, are we not fostering little tolerance for differences in future generations?
From Huffington Post

But if we're honest, it's more that we're judgmental, picking and choosing which sort of superficiality is *acceptable* to us on any given day.
From Huffington Post

Here are the different ways myself is used -- and how *acceptable* they are now.
From Slate Magazine

We look for some simple, rapid and broadly *acceptable* criteria that will help us get this pain out of the way.
From The New York Review of Books

It is engraved into youngsters with clearly defined standards of pretty and ugly, *acceptable* and not.
From Huffington Post

No war is ever *acceptable* to cowards yelling for change, but deny the realities nor will do the heavy lifting.
From Washington Post

Were this simply a case of a team rebuilding with a new, more cost-conscious philosophy, that would be *acceptable*.
From The Star-Ledger - NJ.com

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令人滿意的, 可以接受的, 可容許的...

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in Chinese (Simplified)
令人满意的, 可以接受的, 可容许的...

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in Spanish
acceptable, acceptable [masculine-feminine]...

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in Portuguese
aceitável, aceitável [masculine-feminine], -veis [masculine-feminine]...

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accentuation

accept

accept/take something on faith *idiom*

acceptability

acceptable

acceptably

acceptance



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salt of the earth

very good, honest, and reasonable, and not thinking you are special in any way

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