

practical1. ['præktɪk(ə)] *n*

1. (*обыкн. pl*) практические занятия
2. прагматик; практичный человек

2. ['præktɪk(ə)] *a*

1. практический; связанный с применением на практике; утилитарный
 practical question - практический вопрос
 practical purposes - практические /утилитарные/ цели
 practical chemistry [geometry] - практическая /прикладная/ химия [геометрия]
 practical acquaintance with a language - практическое владение языком
 practical application of a theory - применение теории на практике
 practical rate of fire - *воен.* боевая скорострельность
 from a practical point of view, for all practical purposes - с чисто практической точки зрения
 of no practical value - не имеющий практической ценности
 from practical experience - из /на основании/ практического опыта, из практики
 to adopt practical measures - принять практические меры
2. 1) практичный, удобный; полезный, целесообразный
 practical dress - практичное /удобное/ платье
 practical purchase - практичная /полезная/ покупка
 2) практичный, практический, дельный
 not a very practical young man - не очень практичный молодой человек
 good, practical housewife - хорошая, расчётливая хозяйка
 practical mind - практичный /практический/ ум
3. осуществимый, реальный
 practical scheme - реальный план
4. фактический, настоящий
 practical farmer - непосредственно работающий на земле фермер
 practical ruler of the country - фактический /истинный/ правитель страны
 with practical unanimity - фактически единогласно
 to have practical control - иметь фактический контроль
5. с практическим опытом работы (*недипломированный, не имеющий специальной подготовки*)
 practical engineer - инженер-практик
 practical and graduate nurses - сиделки и медсёстры
6. земной, прозаический
 practical affairs - прозаические /земные, жизненные/ дела
 ◇ practical joke - шутка (*особ.* глупая *или* грубая), сыгранная над кем-л., розыгрыш
 practical politics - а) конкретная, практическая политика; политическое мероприятие; б) *пренебр.* политиканство, политические махинации
 practical politician - политикан

practical

prac-tical [practical practicals] adjective, noun *BrE* ['præktɪkl̩] ¹ *NAmE*

['præktɪkl̩]

adjective

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CONNECTED WITH REAL THINGS

1. connected with real situations rather than with ideas or theories

- to have gained **practical experience** of the work
- **practical advice/help/support**
- practical problems
- There are some obvious practical applications of the research.
- **In practical terms**, it means spending less.
- From a practical point of view, it isn't a good place to live.

compare ↑theoretical

LIKELY TO WORK2. (*of an idea, a method or a course of action*) right or sensible; likely to be successful

Syn: ↑workable

- It wouldn't be practical for us to go all that way just for the weekend.
- It was difficult to find a practical solution to the problem.

Opp: ↑impractical

USEFUL3. (*of things*) useful or suitable

- a practical little car, ideal for the city
- Cool, loose-fitting clothes are practical in a hot climate.

Opp: ↑impractical

SENSIBLE

4. (of a person) sensible and realistic
• Let's be practical and work out the cost first.
Opp: ↑impractical

GOOD AT MAKING THINGS

5. (of a person) good at making or repairing things
Syn: ↑handy
• Bob's very practical. He does all the odd jobs around the house.

ALMOST TOTAL

6. only before noun almost complete or total
Syn: ↑virtual
• She married a practical stranger.
• They're a practical certainty to win the game.

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from archaic practic 'practical' (from Old French *pratique*, via late Latin from Greek *praktikos* 'concerned with action', from *prattein* 'do, act') + ↑-al.

Thesaurus:

practical adj.

1.
• There are some obvious practical applications of the research.
applied • **experimental** • |informal **hands-on** • |formal **empirical** •

Opp: theoretical

practical/applied/experimental/empirical **knowledge**

practical/hands-on **experience**

a/an practical/experimental/empirical **investigation**

2.
• We need to find a practical solution.
realistic • **feasible** • **workable** • **achievable** • **possible** • |especially **business viable** •

Opp: impractical

a practical/realistic/feasible/workable/viable **solution/policy/plan**

a practical/realistic/feasible/viable **means**

a practical/realistic/workable/viable **alternative**

3.
• It's a practical little car— ideal for the city.
convenient • **useful** • **functional** • |informal **handy** •

Opp: impractical

practical/useful/handy **tips/hints**

highly practical/convenient/useful/functional

4. (usually approving)
• Let's be practical and work out the cost.
realistic • **no-nonsense** • **matter-of-fact** • **down-to-earth** • **level-headed** • |especially written **pragmatic** •

Opp: impractical

be practical/realistic/matter-of-fact/down-to-earth/pragmatic **about** sth

a practical/realistic/no-nonsense/matter-of-fact/down-to-earth/level-headed/pragmatic **approach**

a practical/down-to-earth/level-headed **person**

Example Bank:

- I'll do something practical now and answer some mail.
- It's time to get practical!
- She always adopted a severely practical tone.
- a feature that makes the system more practical
- From a practical point of view, it isn't a good place to live.
- In practical terms, it means spending less.
- It wouldn't be practical for us to go all that way just for the weekend.
- It's a practical little car— ideal for the city.
- Let's be practical and work out the cost first.
- Travel by boat was often faster and more practical than travel along the primitive roads.
- a practical alternative/approach/measure/method/option/possibility/proposition
- practical advice/help/support
- practical problems/difficulties

Idiom: ↑for practical purposes

noun (BrE, informal)

a lesson or an exam in science or technology in which students have to do or make things, not just read or write about them

- a biology practical
- The second part of the exam is a three-hour practical.

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Example Bank:

- I passed the written exam but failed the practical.
- The course involves lectures, demonstrations and practicals.

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I. **practical**¹ **S3 W2** /'præktɪkəl/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Late Latin; Origin: *practicus*, from Greek *praktikos*, from *prassein* 'to do']

1. **REAL** relating to real situations and events rather than ideas, emotions etc ⇒ **theoretical**:

- Candidates should have training and practical experience in basic electronics.
- the practical problems of old age
- They provide financial and practical help for disabled students.
- a combination of theoretical and practical training
- They haven't thought about the practical consequences of the new regulations.
- In practical terms, this means spending more time with each student.

2. **EFFECTIVE** practical plans, methods etc are likely to succeed or be effective in a situation **OPP impractical**:

- It doesn't sound like a very practical solution.
- a practical way of achieving greater efficiency
- Unfortunately, there's no practical alternative to driving.
- a practical guide to buying and selling a house

3. **CLEAR THINKING** a practical person is good at dealing with problems and making decisions based on what is possible and what will really work **OPP impractical**:

- She's a very practical person.
- I was very shocked, but tried to be practical and think what to do.

4. **SUITABLE** useful or suitable for a particular purpose or situation **OPP impractical**:

- Skirts aren't very practical in my kind of work.

5. **USING YOUR HANDS** good at repairing or making things:

- I'm not very practical – I can't even change a light bulb.

6. **for/to all practical purposes** used to say what the real effect of a situation is:

- The time you spend on it doesn't, for all practical purposes, affect the final result.

7. **practical certainty/disaster/sell-out etc** something that is almost certain, almost a ↑disaster etc:

- Sampras looks a practical certainty to win Wimbledon this year.

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **practical experience** You have to gain practical experience before you qualify as a solicitor.
- **practical work** Archaeology students are required to do a certain amount of practical work.
- **practical problems/difficulties** The local Social Services Department may be able to help with practical problems.
- **practical help/support** (also **practical assistance formal**) There will be trained people available to listen and to provide practical help.
- **practical advice** The booklets offer clear, practical advice on running your business.
- **practical use** Knowledge without understanding is of little practical use.
- **practical considerations** There are a number of practical considerations that must be taken into account when choosing a car.
- **practical implications** He was well aware of the practical implications of his theory.

phrases

- **in practical terms** In practical terms, the experiment is going to be difficult.

II. **practical**² *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun** [countable]

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British English a lesson or examination in science, cooking etc in which you have to do or make something yourself rather than write or read about it:

- a chemistry practical

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THESAURUS

- **test** a set of questions or practical activities, which are intended to find out how much someone knows about a subject or skill: I have a chemistry test tomorrow. | Did Lauren pass her driving test?
- **exam** (also **examination formal**) an important test that you do at the end of a course of study or class or at the end of the school year: He's upstairs, revising for an exam. | When do you get your exam results? | There's a written examination at the end of the course.
- **quiz** *American English* a quick test that a teacher gives to a class, usually to check that students are learning the things they should be learning: We have a math quiz every Monday. | a pop quiz (=a quiz given by a teacher without any warning)
- **finals** *British English* the last exams that you take at the end of a British university course: During my finals I was revising till 3

o'clock in the morning most days.

- **final** *American English* an important test that you take at the end of a particular class in high school or college: The English final was pretty hard.
- **midterm** *American English* an important test that you take in the middle of a term, covering what you have learned in a particular class in high school or college: He did badly in the midterm.
- **oral exam** (also **oral** *British English*) an exam in which you answer questions by speaking, instead of writing, for example to test how good you are at speaking a foreign language: Nicky got an A in her Spanish oral. | You can either take an oral exam or do a 25 page essay.
- **practical** *British English* an exam that tests your ability to do or make things, rather than your ability to write about them: The chemistry practical is on Monday.
- **mocks/mock exams** *British English informal* tests that you take as practice before the official examinations: She did well in the mocks.
- **paper** *British English* a set of printed questions used as an examination in a particular subject, or the answers people write: The history paper was really difficult. | The papers are marked by the other teachers.

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