

perfect

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1. [ˈpɜːfɪkt] *a*
- 1) совершенный, безупречный, идеальный, прекрасный
 perfect beauty - совершенная красота
 perfect actress - замечательная актриса
 perfect person - идеальный человек
 perfect specimen - прекрасный образчик
 a perfect place for our picnic - идеальное место для нашего пикника
 to be perfect in everything - быть во всём безупречным /совершенным/
 it's perfect! - *разг.* это изумительно!
 - 2) полный
 he is a perfect stranger to me - я его совершенно не знаю
 perfect silence - полная тишина
 perfect cleavage - *мин.* совершенная спайность
 perfect combustion - *тех.* полное сгорание
 perfect fourth [fifth, octave] - *муз.* чистая кварта [квинта, октава]
 perfect cadence - *муз.* совершенный каданс
 - 2) 1) точный
 perfect reproduction [imitation] - точное воспроизведение [подражание]
 perfect copy - точная копия
 - 2) чистый, без примесей
 perfect yellow - чистый жёлтый цвет
 3. законченный, полный, абсолютный
 perfect bliss - полное /абсолютное/ блаженство
 4. хорошо подготовленный, достигший совершенства (*в какой-л. области*)
 to have a perfect knowledge of smth. - знать что-л. в совершенстве
 to have one's lessons perfect - прекрасно выучить урок
 perfect mastery - высшее мастерство
 5. *разг.* приятный, чудесный
 a perfect day! - а) чудный день!; б) прекрасно проведённый день!
 6. *эмоц.-усил.* совершенный, настоящий
 in perfect sincerity - совершенно откровенно, с полной откровенностью
 perfect idiot /fool/ - форменный дурак
 perfect nonsense - абсолютная чепуха
 she is a perfect fright - она настоящая уродина
 7. *полигр.* бесшвейный (*о переплёте*)
 perfect binding - бесшвейное скрепление (*листов*)
2. [pəˈfekt] *v*
- 1) совершенствовать, улучшать
 to perfect an invention [plan] - улучшать изобретение [план]
 - 2) совершенствоваться
 to perfect oneself in some art - совершенствоваться в каком-л. искусстве
 2. завершать, заканчивать, выполнять
 the plan was perfected in April - план был закончен в апреле
 3. *полигр.* печатать на оборотной стороне листа

II

1. [ˈpɜːfɪkt] *n грам.*
перфект
2. [ˈpɜːfɪkt] *a грам.*
перфектный
perfect form - перфектная форма

perfect

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

per·fect [perfect perfects perfected perfecting] adjective, verb, nounadjective *BrE* [ˈpɜːfɪkt] ; *NAmE* [ˈpɜːrfɪkt]

1. having everything that is necessary; complete and without faults or weaknesses
 - in perfect condition
 - a perfect set of teeth
 - Well I'm sorry— but **nobody's perfect** (= used when sb has criticized you) .
2. completely correct; exact and accurate
 - She speaks perfect English.
 - a **perfect copy/fit/match**
 - What **perfect timing** !**see also** ↑word-perfect
3. the best of its kind
 - a **perfect example** of the painter's early style
 - the **perfect crime** (= one in which the criminal is never discovered)
4. excellent; very good

• The weather was perfect.

5. ~ **for sb/sth** exactly right for sb/sth

Syn: ↑ideal

- It was a perfect day for a picnic.
- She's the perfect candidate for the job.
- 'Will 2.30 be OK for you?' 'Perfect, thanks.'

6. **only before noun** total; complete

- I don't know him— he's a perfect stranger.

7. (**grammar**) connected with the form of a verb that consists of part of the verb have with the past participle of the main verb, used to express actions completed by the present or a particular point in the past or future

- 'I have eaten' is the present perfect tense of the verb 'to eat', 'I had eaten' is the past perfect and 'I will have eaten' is the future perfect.

see also ↑future perfect, ↑past perfect, ↑present perfect

see practice makes perfect **at** ↑practice, in an ideal/a perfect world **at** ↑world

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **perfet**, from Latin **perfectus** 'completed', from the verb **perficere**, from **per-** 'through, completely' + **facere** 'do'.

Thesaurus:

perfect adj.

1.

- He smiled, revealing a perfect set of teeth.

pristine • **faultless** • **flawless** • **impeccable** • **exemplary** • **immaculate** • **unspoiled** •

Opp: imperfect

perfect/pristine/impeccable/immaculate **condition**

a/an perfect/faultless/flawless/impeccable/exemplary/immaculate **performance**

perfect/flawless/impeccable **English/French**

2.

- This farm is a perfect example of sustainable agriculture.

excellent • **outstanding** • **wonderful** • **classic** • **first-rate** • **prime** • **superb** • |informal **fantastic** • **terrific** • |BrE, especially spoken **marvellous** • |AmE, especially spoken **marvelous** •

Opp: mediocre

a/an perfect/excellent/outstanding/wonderful/first-rate/superb/fantastic/terrific/marvellous **performance** /**job**

a/an perfect/excellent/outstanding/wonderful/classic/prime/superb/fantastic/terrific/marvellous **example**

3.

- It was the perfect day for a picnic.

ideal • **optimum** • **tailor-made** • |spoken **just right** •

perfect/ideal/tailor-made/just right **for sb/sth**

a/an perfect/ideal **opportunity/solution/candidate**

absolutely perfect/ideal

Perfect or ideal? **Perfect** is slightly more informal. A **perfect day for sth** is one with very good weather; an **ideal day for sth** is a very convenient day.

Synonyms:

excellent

outstanding • perfect • superb

These words all describe sth that is extremely good.

excellent • extremely good. **Excellent** is used especially about standards of service or of sth that sb has worked to produce: ▪ The rooms are excellent value at \$20 a night. ◇▪ He speaks excellent English.

Excellent is also used to show that you are very pleased about sth or that you approve of sth: ▪ You can all come? Excellent!

outstanding • extremely good. **Outstanding** is used especially about how well sb does sth or how good sb is at sth: ▪ an outstanding achievement

perfect • extremely good. **Perfect** is used especially about conditions or how suitable sth is for a purpose: ▪ Conditions were perfect for walking. ◇▪ She came up with the perfect excuse.

superb • (informal) extremely good or impressive: ▪ The facilities at the hotel are superb.

a(n) excellent/outstanding/perfect/superb **job/performance**

a(n) excellent/outstanding/superb **achievement**

really/absolutely/quite excellent/outstanding/perfect/superb

Example Bank:

- He had brought chaos to her once perfect life.
- He had high blood pressure but was in otherwise perfect health.
- He seemed too perfect to be real.
- Her high heels emphasized her already perfect legs.
- Hove's position makes it perfect for touring.
- The day seemed perfect for a picnic.
- The town's position in the region makes it perfect for touring.
- The treaty is far from perfect, but it is clearly the way forward.

- a seemingly perfect alibi
- the impossibly perfect shine on the vinyl-tiled floors
- 'What's your room like?' 'Perfect!'
- Conditions were perfect for walking.
- He has behaved like a perfect gentleman ever since I met him.
- He smiled, revealing a perfect set of teeth.
- I don't know her— she's a perfect stranger.
- I have a perfect right to ask you— and you have the right not to answer.
- In a perfect world no one would need to pay for health care.
- Most of our testers considered the driving position and seats close to perfect.
- She came up with the perfect excuse that she had to visit her sick grandmother.
- The location of the cottage makes it perfect for touring.
- Well, I'm sorry, but nobody's perfect.
- What's your idea of the perfect partner?

verb **BrE** [pə'fekt] ^m ; **NAmE** [pər'fekt] ^m ~ sth

to make sth perfect or as good as you can

- As a musician, she has spent years perfecting her technique.
- They have perfected the art of winemaking.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	perfect
	BrE /pə'fekt/
	NAmE /pər'fekt/
he / she / it	perfects
	BrE /pə'fektz/
	NAmE /pər'fektz/
past simple, past participle	perfected
	BrE /pə'fektɪd/
	NAmE /pər'fektɪd/
-ing form	perfecting
	BrE /pə'fektɪŋ/
	NAmE /pər'fektɪŋ/

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noun **BrE** ['pɜːfɛkt] ^m ; **NAmE** ['pɜːrɪfɛkt] ^m **the perfect** (also **the perfect 'tense**) **singular** (grammar)

the form of a verb that expresses actions completed by the present or a particular point in the past or future, formed in English with part of the verb have and the past participle of the main verb

see also ↑future perfect, ↑past perfect, ↑present perfect

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I. **per'fekt**¹ **S2 W2** /'pɜːfɛkt/ ^m **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **adjective**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑perfection ≠ ↑imperfection, ↑perfectionist, ↑perfectionism, ↑perfectibility; **adjective:** ↑perfect ≠ ↑imperfect, ↑perfectible, ↑perfectionist; **verb:** ↑perfect; **adverb:** ↑perfectly ≠ ↑imperfectly]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** parfit, from Latin perfectus, past participle of perficere 'to do completely, finish']

1. not having any mistakes, faults, or damage **OPP imperfect:**

- His English was perfect.
- The car was in perfect condition.
- You're very lucky to have perfect teeth.
- a perfect performance
- In a perfect world, we wouldn't need an army.

2. as good as possible, or the best of its kind:

- The weather was perfect the whole week.
- a perfect example of Gothic architecture
- The clothes were a perfect fit.
- a perfect solution to the problem
- Ronnie was in perfect health.

perfect timing (=used when something happens at exactly the right time)

- Good, you're home. Perfect timing – dinner's on the table.

3. exactly what is needed for a particular purpose, situation, or person **SYN ideal:**

- That's perfect! Just the way I wanted it to look.
- Crusty bread is the perfect accompaniment to this soup.

perfect for

The land is perfect for sheep farming.

perfect way/place/time etc to do something

" She thought she'd found the perfect place to live.

perfect day/place/person etc for something

" a perfect day for a picnic
" the perfect actor for the part

4. **nobody's perfect** *spoken* said when you are answering someone who has criticized you or someone else:

" So I made a mistake! Nobody's perfect.

5. **have a perfect right to do something** used to emphasize that it is reasonable for someone to do something:

" He has a perfect right to know what's happening.

6. **perfect stranger/fool/angel etc** used to emphasize that someone has a particular quality completely **SYN complete, total**:

" I felt a perfect idiot.

⇒ ↑perfectly, ⇒ **practice makes perfect** at ↑practice(9), ⇒ ↑present perfect, ↑past perfect

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1, 2 & 3)

■ **adverbs**

- **absolutely perfect** His sight is absolutely perfect.
- **quite perfect** *written (=absolutely perfect)* The old bottle was very dark blue and quite perfect.
- **almost/nearly/near perfect** His collection included an almost perfect skeleton of an armadillo. | Her performance was near perfect.
- **less than perfect** (*=not perfect*) So many excellent writers, for example Byron and Keats, were less than perfect spellers.
- **far from perfect** (*=not at all perfect*) The weather conditions were far from perfect.
- **technically perfect** The system was technically perfect.

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THESAURUS

■ **without anything wrong**

- **perfect** used about something that is very good in every way, and could not be better: We had a wonderful vacation - the weather was perfect. | The meal was absolutely perfect. | She has perfect teeth.
- **flawless/faultless** without any mistakes or faults: His English was flawless. | a faultless performance
- **impeccable** so good that you cannot find anything wrong with it – used especially about someone's behaviour, taste, or experience: The food was excellent and the service impeccable. | a man of impeccable manners, charm, and sensibility | her mother's impeccable taste in clothing | The commission was composed of economists with impeccable credentials (*=very impressive qualifications and experience, which are impossible to criticize*).
- **unspoiled** (*also unspoilt British English*) an unspoiled area has not been changed or had ugly buildings, roads etc built on it: a beautiful area of unspoiled countryside

■ **most suitable**

- **perfect** completely suitable for something or someone: It's the perfect place to relax after a hard day at work. | It was a perfect day for going to the beach. | I think she would be perfect for him.
- **ideal** very suitable and exactly what you want – often used about someone or something that you imagine, but which does not really exist: What would be your ideal job? | She still hasn't found her ideal man. | It is the ideal place for a vacation.
- **just right** *especially spoken* very good or suitable in every way: The weather was just right for a day at the beach. | The dress is just right for you.
- **be just the thing/person** *informal* to be exactly what is needed or wanted: Cold lemonade is just the thing on a hot day. | He's just the person for the job.

II. **per·fect**² /pə'fekt \$ pər-/ *BrE* [■] *AmE* [■] *verb* [transitive]

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to make something as good as you are able to:

" Mock trials help students perfect their legal skills.

III. **per·fect**³ /'pɜ:fɪkt \$ 'pɜ:r-/ *BrE* [■] *AmE* [■] *noun*

the perfect technical the form of a verb which is used when talking about a period of time up to and including the present. In English, it is formed with 'have' and the past participle. **SYN present perfect**

⇒ ↑past perfect

perfect

12500 **1697**^{MCW}

15000 **781**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k PERFECT** 59912

perfect 36237

perfected 1102

perfecting 444

perfectly 14329

perfects 51

perfection 3163

imperfect 1554

imperfectly 270

imperfection 287

imperfections 685

perfectionist 546
perfectionists 174
perfectionism 1070

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

23596 **1178**³⁵³²⁰ *jj*

565 **29153**⁵⁸⁴ *vvi*

314 **40698**³²⁵ *vv0*

8 **294030**⁸ *nnu*
