

**efficient**

[ɪˈfɪʃ(ə)nt] *a*

1. квалифицированный умелый, знающий своё дело; деятельный, расторопный  
efficient worker - знающий и энергичный работник  
efficient secretary - исполнительный/квалифицированный секретарь
2. эффективный действительный действенный  
the efficient discharge of the committee's responsibilities - эффективноеосуществление обязанностей комитета
3. целесообразный рациональный  
efficient distribution - целесообразное распределение
4. *mex.*  
1) продуктивный, работающий с высоким коэффициентомполезного действия  
2) исправный (о механизме)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ef-fi-cient** *BrE* [ɪˈfɪʃnt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAme* [ɪˈfɪʃnt] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

doing sth well and thoroughly with no waste of time, money, or energy

- an efficient secretary
- efficient heating equipment
- the efficient use of energy
- We offer a fast, friendly and efficient service.
- As we get older, our bodies become less efficient at burning up calories.
- fuel-efficient cars (= that do not use much fuel)

**Opp:** †inefficient

Derived Word †efficiently

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense ‘making, causing’): from Latin **efficient-** ‘**accomplishing**’, from the verb **efficere** ‘**accomplish**’, from **ex-** ‘**out, thoroughly**’ + **facere** ‘**do, make**’. The current sense dates from the late 18th cent.

Thesaurus:

**efficient** [**efficient efficiently**] **adj.**

- an incredibly efficient system

**systematic** • • **methodical** • • **organized** • • **orderly** • • **businesslike** •

efficient/systematic /methodical/organized/businesslike **in** sth

a/an efficient/systematic /methodical/organized/orderly/businesslike **approach/way**

**highly** efficient/systematic /organized

Example Bank:

- A quietly efficient manservant brought them coffee and brandy.
- He was ruthlessly efficient in acquiring estates.
- His secretary was formidably efficient: her minutes were works of art.
- The heating system is very efficient in its use of fuel.
- The procedure is not fully efficient: improvements could be made.
- The receptionist was briskly efficient.
- Their equipment was not as efficient at finding gold as today's machinery.
- We already have a perfectly efficient system — why change it?
- Efficient teachers minimize the amount of paperwork they have to do.
- It's an incredibly efficient system .
- Modern water boilers are highly efficient in fuel use.
- More efficient use of energy resources is vital.
- Our bodies become less efficient at burning off calories.
- Our procedures are not yet fully efficient.
- She was helpful, quietly efficient and tactful.
- The more efficient firms have lower costs .
- The organization seems pretty efficient to me.
- The system is not very efficient as it stands.
- Which software is the most efficient at processing the data?

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**ef fi c i e n t** **S3 W3** /ɪˈfɪʃənt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** present participle of **efficere**; ⇒ †**effect**!]

if someone or something is efficient, they work well without wasting time, money, or energy **OPP inefficient**:

- “ a very efficient secretary
- “ an efficient use of land
- “ Lighting is now more energy efficient.

**—efficiently** **adverb**

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **adverbs**

▪ **extremely /highly efficient** The factory is modern and highly efficient.

■ **efficient + NOUN**

- **an efficient way** Email is an efficient way of contacting a large number of people.
- **an efficient method** The railways used to provide a cheap efficient method of travel.
- **an efficient means** The tram is a very efficient means of transport.
- **an efficient system** We need a more efficient system for collecting money.
- **an efficient service** We aim to provide our clients with an efficient and friendly service.
- **the efficient use of something** We must work towards the more efficient use of all natural resources.
- **the efficient operation of something** The law must protect investors without interfering with the efficient operation of the market.

■ **NOUN + efficient**

- **energy/fuel efficient** (=not wasting any fuel or energy) an energy efficient heating system
- **cost efficient** (=costing or spending as little as possible) The larger a firm becomes the more cost efficient it can become.

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efficiencies <sup>753</sup>

inefficiency <sup>591</sup>

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efficiently <sup>3415</sup>

inefficient <sup>1672</sup>

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