

merit**1. ['merɪt] n****1. заслуга**

to make a merit of smth. - ставить что-л. себе в заслугу

to take great merit to oneself (for smth.) - приписывать себе большие заслуги (в чём-л.)

to treat smb. according to his merits - оценивать кого-л. по заслугам [*ср. тж.* 2]

he was rewarded according to his merits - он был вознаграждён по заслугам

to make smb. a sergeant on merit - **воен.** присваивать кому-л. звание сержанта за боевые заслуги

there isn't much merit in it - в этом нет большой заслуги

Order of Merit - орден «За заслуги»

2. достоинство

a man of merit - достойный человек; человек, обладающий многими /большими/ достоинствами

a work of little merit - произведение, не имеющее особых достоинств

the suggestion has merit - предложение имеет свои достоинства /плюсы/

according to merit - по достоинству [*ср. тж.* 1]

3. pl качества

the merits of a case [a question, a proposal] - присущие делу [вопросу, предложению] положительные и отрицательные стороны; существо дела [вопроса, предложения]

figure of merit - показатель качества

on its merits - по существу

to come to the merits of the matter - перейти к вопросу по существу

to discuss /to go into/ the merits of smth. - обсудить что-л.; обсудить все достоинства и недостатки /все «за» и «против»/ чего-л.

to decide the question on its merits - решить вопрос по существу

2. ['merɪt] v

заслуживать, быть достойным

to merit reward - заслужить похвалу, быть достойным похвалы

he merited to be trusted - он заслужил доверие

this thesis merits careful consideration - это положение заслуживает тщательнейшего рассмотрения

merit

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merit [merɪt merits merited meriting] **noun, verb** *BrE* ['merɪt] ^u *NAmE* ['merɪt]

noun

1. uncountable (formal) the quality of being good and of deserving praise, reward or admiration

Syn: ↑worth

- a work of outstanding artistic merit
- The plan is entirely without merit.
- I want to get the job **on merit** .
- He was awarded a certificate of merit for his piano playing.

2. countable, usually plural a good feature that deserves praise, reward or admiration

Syn: ↑strength

- We will **consider each case on its (own) merits** (= without considering any other issues, feelings, etc.) .
- They weighed up the **relative merits** of the four candidates.

3. countable (BrE) a mark/grade in an exam or for a piece of work at school or university which is excellent

4. countable (BrE) a mark/grade given as a reward for good behaviour at school

Word Origin:

Middle English (originally in the sense 'deserved reward or punishment'): via Old French from Latin **meritum** 'due reward' , from **mereri** 'earn, deserve' .

Example Bank:

- Films are given a rating of one to five stars according to merit.
- I began to question the merits of these new technologies.
- I can see no merit in excluding the child from school.
- I find no merit at all in any of the arguments.
- I found no artistic merit in this film.
- Other schools already have merit systems in place that reward good work.
- Prizes are awarded entirely on merit.
- She proved her merit as a serious actress.
- She received a merit award for outstanding work.
- She saw the merit in this arrangement.
- She was elected on personal merit.
- The film has no artistic merit whatsoever.
- The play lacked artistic merit.
- The winners are ranked in order of merit.
- There is lots of merit to the idea.
- There is some merit in his argument.
- We need to assess the merits of both proposals before making our decision.

- We need to consider the relative merits of both makes of cooker.
- a lawsuit that lacked any real merit
- decisions on merit raises and promotions
- I want to get the job on merit.
- It's a work of outstanding artistic merit.
- We will consider each case on its (own) merits.
- Whatever the artist's individual merits, he really can't compete with the great painters.

verb (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ (doing) sth (formal)

to do sth to deserve praise, attention, etc.

Syn: †deserve

- He claims that their success was not merited.
- The case does not merit further investigation.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	merit
	BrE / 'merɪt/
	NAme / 'merɪt/
he / she / it	merits
	BrE / 'merɪts/
	NAme / 'merɪts/
past simple, past participle	merited
	BrE / 'merɪtɪd/
	NAme / 'merɪtɪd/

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Example Bank:

- The question hardly merits an answer.
- His discussion paper merits further consideration.
- Their efforts merit recognition.
- This problem merits expert advice.

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I. **mer** *ɪ* / 'merɪt, 'merɪt/ BrE [□] AmE [□] noun

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: merite, from Latin *meritum*, from *merere* 'to deserve, earn']

1. [countable] an advantage or good feature of something

merit of

- The film has the merit of being short.
- The merit of the report is its realistic assessment of the changes required.
- The great merit of the project is its flexibility and low cost.
- Each of these approaches to teaching has its merits.
- Tonight's meeting will weigh up the relative merits of the two candidates.

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Merit is used especially in formal contexts. In everyday English, people usually talk about the **good points** of something:

- The book does have its good points.

2. [uncountable] **formal** a good quality that makes someone or something deserve praise:

- There is never any merit in being second best.

have (some) merit/be of merit (=be good)

- The suggestion has some merit.

on merit

- Students are selected solely on merit (=because they are good).

artistic/literary merit

- a film lacking any artistic merit

3. **judge/consider etc something on its (own) merits** to judge something only on what you see when you look at it rather than on what you know from other people or things:

- It's important to judge each case on its merits.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ verbs

- **have merit** Both suggestions had some merit.
- **discuss/debate the merits of something** (=discuss whether or not something is a good idea) They were discussing the merits of sending soldiers to the area.
- **consider/judge the merits of something** (=think about whether or not something is a good idea) The committee is considering the merits of the proposal.
- **assess/evaluate the merits of something** (=to decide what is good about something using careful methods) Has any study

assessed the merits of the two schools?

- **question the merits of something** (=not be sure if something is a good idea) People began to question the merits of nuclear energy.
- **see little/no merit in something** (=think that something is not a good idea) I can see no merit in violence.
- **have its merits** (=have some good qualities) Each idea has its merits.

■ **adjectives**

- **artistic merit** (=the qualities that make something good as a piece of art) What are the artistic merits of this statue?
- **literary merit** (=the qualities that make something good as a book, play, or poem) There was no literary merit in his poems.
- **great merit** It seems to me that the idea has great merit.
- **outstanding merit** (=very great merit) The prize is given to students of outstanding merit.
- **considerable merit** (=a lot of merit) There is considerable merit in using this kind of approach.
- **the relative/comparative merits of something** (=the good qualities of something as compared to something else) She is an expert in the relative merits of spa waters.

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THESAURUS

- **advantage** a good feature that something has, which makes it better, more useful etc than other things: The great advantage of digital cameras is that there is no film to process.
- **benefit** a feature of something that has a good effect on people's lives: Regular exercise has many benefits, including reducing the risk of heart disease.
- **merit** a good feature that something has, which you consider when you are deciding whether it is the best choice: The committee will consider the merits of the proposals. | The merits and demerits of (=the good and bad features of) alternative funding systems were widely discussed in the newspapers. | The chairman saw no great merit in this suggestion (=he did not think that it was a good idea).
- **virtue** an advantage that makes you believe that something is a good thing: They believed in the virtues of culture, civilization, and reason. | He's always extolling the virtues of hard work (=saying that hard work is a good thing).
- **the good/great/best thing about something** especially spoken used when mentioning a good feature of something. This phrase is rather informal and you should not use it in formal essays: The good thing about cycling is that you don't have to worry about getting stuck in a traffic jam.
- **the beauty of something is that** used when you want to emphasize that something has a very good or useful feature: The beauty of the plan is that it is so simple.

II. **merit**² BrE^u AmE^u verb [transitive not in progressive] formal

to be good, important, or serious enough for praise or attention **SYN** deserve:

- " The results have been encouraging enough to merit further investigation.
- " It's a fascinating book which merits attention.

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