

miracle['mɪrək(ə)l] *n*

1. чудо

- by a (some) miracle - (каким-то) чудом
- to a miracle - на диво, удивительно хорошо
- to work /to accomplish/ a miracle - совершать чудо
- to work miracles - творить чудеса
- it sounds like a miracle - в это трудно поверить; это похоже на чудо

2. удивительная вещь, выдающееся событие

- a miracle of architecture [of fortitude] - чудо архитектуры [стойкости]
- economic miracle - экономическое чудо

3. *театр. уст.* миракль (*мж.* miracle play)**miracle**

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mir·acle ['mirəkl̩] *BrE* ['mɪrəkəl] *NAme* ['mɪrəkəl] *noun*1. **countable** an act or event that does not follow the laws of nature and is believed to be caused by God**Syn:** ↑wonder2. **singular (informal)** a lucky thing that happens that you did not expect or think was possible**Syn:** ↑wonder

- an economic miracle
- **It's a miracle (that)** nobody was killed in the crash.
- It would take a miracle to make this business profitable.
- a **miracle cure/drug**

3. **countable ~ of sth** a very good example or product of sth**Syn:** ↑wonder

- The car is a miracle of engineering.

Idiom: ↑work miraclesWord Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin **miraculum** 'object of wonder', from **mirari** 'to wonder', from **mirus** 'wonderful'.Thesaurus:**miracle** *noun C (informal)*

- It's a miracle no one was killed in the accident.

wonder • • **marvel** • • **phenomenon** • | **informal fluke** •**It's a miracle/wonder/fluke (that)...**a miracle/wonder/phenomenon **of** sth**work/perform** a miracle/wondersExample Bank:

- Don't expect this medicine to work miracles.
- It would take a miracle to get the old car going again.
- The letter's survival is something of a minor miracle.
- A colony of bees is a miracle of organization.
- It's a miracle that nobody was killed.
- There is still no miracle cure for this condition.
- You shouldn't expect the treatment to work miracles.

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mir·a·cle /'mɪrəkəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin miraculum]

1. something very lucky or very good that happens which you did not expect to happen or did not think was possible:

- It's a miracle you weren't killed!
- By some miracle, we managed to catch the plane.
- the economic miracle of the 1950s.
- She's our miracle baby.

small/minor miracle (=something lucky but not very important)

- The fence's survival in these winds seems like a minor miracle.

2. an action or event believed to be caused by God, which is impossible according to the ordinary laws of nature:

- Do you believe in miracles?

3. **miracle cure/drug** a very effective medical treatment that cures even serious diseases:

- There is no miracle cure for diabetes.

4. **work/perform miracles** to have a very good effect or achieve a very good result:

- Maybe you should try yoga – it worked miracles for me.

5. **a miracle of something** a very good example of something:

- The concert tour was an absolute miracle of organization.
- a miracle of modern engineering

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **perform/work a miracle** (=achieve something very good which no one thought was possible) The new coach has worked miracles, and the team have won their last four games.
- **believe in miracles** Do you believe in miracles?
- **need a miracle** He'll need a miracle to pass this test.
- **take a miracle** (=need a miracle) it would take a miracle to transform her into an elegant woman.
- **hope for a miracle** I knew I would probably never walk again, but I couldn't help hoping for a miracle.
- **pray for a miracle** We prayed for a miracle, but her burns were so severe that she did not survive.
- **a miracle happens** Then the miracle happened – there was a job, and I could have it.

adjectives

- **a minor/small miracle** (=something lucky but not very important) I'd managed to produce a good meal in half an hour, which seemed like a minor miracle.
- **an economic miracle** Brazil seemed to be experiencing an economic miracle.

miracle + NOUN

- **a miracle worker** (=someone who performs miracles) A doctor is just a person, not a miracle worker.
- **a miracle cure** (=something that solves a problem very effectively) Unfortunately, there is no miracle cure for thinning hair.
- **a miracle drug** (=a very effective drug that cures a serious disease) Why is this new miracle drug so expensive?

phrases

- **it's a miracle (that)** It's a miracle you weren't killed
- **something is no miracle** It was no miracle, it was just good planning and leadership.
- **something is nothing short of a miracle** (=it is extremely unexpected and you are very pleased about it) What has happened is nothing short of a miracle.
- **don't expect miracles** Don't expect miracles. A hairdresser can't make a 50-year-old look like a 20-year-old.

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