

complement

1. [ˈkɒmplɪmənt] n

1. дополнение; дополняющее до нормы количество
complement of an angle - *мат.* дополнительный угол
2. полный комплект; штатное количество; норма
the plane had received its full complement of passengers - все места в самолёте были заняты
3. *грам.* дополнение
4. *воен.* (штатный) личный состав части *или* корабля
the ship carried a complement of 930 men - на корабле находился экипаж численностью в 930 человек

2. [ˈkɒmplɪmənt] v

- 1) дополнять
this wine complements the food perfectly - это вино отлично дополняет обед
- 2) укомплектовывать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

com-ple-ment AW [complement complements complemented complementing] verb, noun

verb *BrE* [ˈkɒmplɪmənt] ¹ ; *NAmE* [ˈkɑːmplɪmənt] ¹ ~ sth

to add to sth in a way that improves it or makes it more attractive

- The excellent menu is complemented by a good wine list.
- The team needs players who **complement each other**.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	complement
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkɒmplɪmənt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈkɑːmplɪmənt/
he / she / it	complements
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkɒmplɪmənts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈkɑːmplɪmənts/
past simple, past participle	complemented
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkɒmplɪməntɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈkɑːmplɪməntɪd/
-ing form	complementing
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈkɒmplɪməntɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈkɑːmplɪməntɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Which Word?:

compliment / complement

These words have similar spellings but completely different meanings. If you compliment someone, you say something very nice to them: ▫ She complimented me on my English. If one thing complements another, the two things work or look better because they are together: ▫ The different flavours complement each other perfectly.

The adjectives are also often confused. Complimentary: ▫ She made some very complimentary remarks about my English. It can also mean 'free': ▫ There was a complimentary basket of fruit in our room. Complementary: ▫ The team members have different but complementary skills.

Example Bank:

- The dishes on the menu complement each other perfectly.
- The flavours in the dish complement each other perfectly.

noun *BrE* [ˈkɒmplɪmənt] ¹ ; *NAmE* [ˈkɑːmplɪmənt] ¹

1. ~ (to sth) a thing that adds new qualities to sth in a way that improves it or makes it more attractive
2. the complete number or quantity needed or allowed
• We've taken our full complement of trainees this year.
3. (*grammar*) a word or phrase, especially an adjective or a noun, that is used after linking verbs such as be and become, and describes the subject of the verb. In some descriptions of grammar it is used to refer to any word or phrase which is *governed* by a verb and usually comes after the verb in a sentence
• In the sentences 'I'm angry' and 'He became a politician', 'angry' and 'politician' are complements.

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1. **com-ple-ment** ¹ **AC** /ˈkɒmpləmənt, ˈkɒmplɪmənt \$ ˈkɑːm- *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: complementum, from complere; ⇨ ↑*complete*¹]

1. someone or something that emphasizes the good qualities of another person or thing

complement to

" This wine would be a nice complement to grilled dishes.

2. the number or quantity needed to make a group complete

complement of

" Each new cell will carry its full complement of chromosomes.

3. *technical* a word or phrase that follows a verb and describes the subject of the verb. In 'John is cold' and 'John became chairman', 'cold' and 'chairman' are complements.

II. **complement**² **AC** /'kɒmplɪmənt, 'kɒmplɪmənt \$ 'kɑ:mpl- *BrE* " *AmE* " verb [transitive]

to make a good combination with someone or something else:

" John and Bob complemented each other well.

" The dark red walls complement the red leather chairs.

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In everyday English, people usually say that something **goes well with** another thing, or they **go well together**, rather than say they **complement** each other:

▪ White wine goes well with fish.

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▪ **match** if something matches something else, they look good together because they are very similar in colour or style: a black suit with a handbag and shoes to match | The earrings matched her eyes.

▪ **go with something** to look good with something else - **Go with** is very common in everyday English: Do you think that blue wallpaper will go with the carpet?

▪ **go together** if two things go together, they look good when they are worn or seen with each other. **Go together** is very common in everyday English: That jacket and skirt don't really go together. | The blue and the yellow go together well.

▪ **complement** *formal* if a piece of clothing or a colour complements something, it makes it look more attractive: A simple string of pearls will complement any outfit.

▪ **well coordinated/perfectly coordinated** if clothes, decorations etc are well or perfectly coordinated, they look good together because they have similar colours and styles: Her outfits are always perfectly coordinated.

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