

good**1. [gvd] n****1) добро, благо**

good and evil - добро и зло

to do smb. good - делать добро кому-л., помогать кому-л.; помогать кому-л. исправиться

to be after /up to/ no good - задумать недоброе

there's some [a lot of] good in him - в нём есть немало [много] хорошего

2) польза

to extract all the good out of smth. - максимально использовать что-л.

to do good - быть полезным, приносить пользу

that will do more harm than good - это принесёт больше вреда, чем пользы

it will do you good to spend a week in the country - неделя в деревне пойдёт вам на пользу, вам будет полезно провести неделю в деревне

for (the) good of smb., for smb.'s good - на пользу /на благо/ кому-л., ради кого-л.

I'm doing it for your good - я делаю это для вашей пользы /ради вас/

an influence /a power/ for good - благотворное/хорошее/ влияние

for the public /common/ good - на общее благо

what good will it do? - что пользы в этом?

what is the good of it? - какой в этом смысл?; что в этом толку?

what good will that do you?, what good will it be to you? - зачем вам это?, какой вам смысл делать это?

a (fat) lot of good that will do you! - напрасно вы это затеваете, от этого (никакого) толку не будет

much good may it do you! **разг.** - а) пусть это пойдёт вам на пользу!; б) **ирон.** какая вам польза от этого?

to come to good - дать хороший результат

to come to no good - плохо кончить(ся)

he will come to no good - для него это добром не кончится; он плохо кончит

it is no good - бесполезно, ни к чему не ведёт

it's no good being insistent [talking about it] - бесполезно настаивать [говорить об этом]

he is no good - от него толку мало, он пустое место, он ни на что не годен

3) (the good) добрые люди

the good and the bad - добрые и злые

◇ to the good - а) к лучшему; that's all to the good - это всё к лучшему; that's so much to the good - пока всё хорошо; пока наша берёт, пока преимущество за нами; б) к выгоде

to be 500 dollars to the good - получить 500 долларов прибыли

for good (and all) - навсегда, окончательно

to settle down for good - осесть окончательно

he has gone for good - он уехал навсегда

we know not what is good until we have lost it - **посл.** ≅ что имеем - не храним, потерявши - плачем

2. [gvd] a (better; best)**1. 1) хороший**

good house [knife, road] - хороший дом [нож, -ая дорога]

good play [music, picture, dictionary] - хорошая пьеса [музыка, картина, -ий словарь]

good manners - хорошие манеры

good soil - хорошая /плодородная/ земля /почва/

good humour - хорошее настроение

of good family - из хорошей /благородной/ семьи

good breeding - хорошее воспитание, хорошие манеры

good behaviour - а) хорошее поведение; б) добросовестное выполнение своих обязанностей (**служащим**); безупречное прохождение службы

in good English - на хорошем английском языке, безупречным английским языком

very good! - прекрасно!, отличнo!, замечательнo!

good luck! - желаю удачи!

good points - **с.-х.** хорошие статьи, хороший экстерьер (**животных**)

Good Conduct Badge - **амер. воен.** значок за безупречную службу

to feel good - хорошо себя чувствовать

I don't feel too good - я неважно себя чувствую; я чувствую себя не в своей тарелке

I don't feel too good about it - мне это не нравится, мне это не по душе

to have a good time - хорошо /приятно, весело/ провести время, здорово повеселиться [**см. тж.** ◇]

to have a good night - хорошо спать

to bring good news - приносить хорошие /приятные/ новости

life is good here - здесь живётся хорошо

drink water, it's just as good - пей воду, она ничуть /ничем/ не хуже

it would be a good idea to spend a day on the farm - неплохая мысль /будет неплохо/ провести день на ферме

it's a good thing that you can do it - здорово /я рад/, что ты можешь это сделать

you've never had it so good - никогда раньше дела не шли так хорошо

2) приятный, хороший

good looks - приятная внешность

it's good to be here [to see you, to hear of it] - приятно быть здесь [видеть вас, слышать об этом]

the food looks good - еда выглядит (вполне) аппетитно

that smells good - пахнет приятно

3) **выгодный; удобный**

good marriage - выгодный брак
good opportunity - удобный случай

4) **имеющий хорошую репутацию; хороший (об имени и т. п.)**

to live at a good address - жить в фешенебельном квартале
the firm has a good name - у этой фирмы хорошее имя /-ая репутация/

5) **высокий, важный**

people of /in/ a good position - люди, занимающие высокое положение

2. 1) **полезный**

medicine good for a headache /toothache/ - лекарство, хорошо помогающее от головной [зубной] боли
oil is good for burns - ожоги хорошо смазывать маслом
meat is not good for you - мясо вам вредно
he drinks more than is good for him - он чересчур много пьёт, он пьёт во вред здоровью
this climate is not good for the health - этот климат вреден для здоровья
it's good for him to spend plenty of time out of doors - ему полезно побольше быть на свежем воздухе
it seemed [I thought] good to do so - казалось [я думал], что так нужно сделать

2) **годный**

are acorns good to eat? - жёлуди употребляют в пищу?
this water is good to drink - эта вода вполне пригодна для питья
no good for anything - ни на что не годный
this is good enough for me - мне это подходит, меня это устраивает [ср. тж. 5]
this isn't good enough - а) (мне) это не подходит, (меня) это не устраивает, б) это /так/ не годится; в) это чересчур, это слишком

3. 1) **умелый, искусный, хороший**

good workman - искусный ремесленник
good scholar - серьёзный учёный
good swimmer [runner] - хороший пловец [бегун]
to be a good skater - хорошо кататься на коньках
to be a good dancer - быть хорошим танцором, хорошо танцевать
he will make a good doctor - из него получится хороший врач
he is good with his hands - он всё умеет делать, у него золотые руки

2) **подходящий; отвечающий цели, назначению; соответствующий**

good mother [wife, father] - хорошая мать [жена, -ий отец]
a good man for the work - человек, подходящий для данной работы
a good light for reading - свет, удобный для чтения
to come in good time - прийти вовремя /заранее/
it's good for the occasion - это годится для данного случая
he's too good for this job - он заслуживает лучшей работы
he proved to be a good friend - он оказался настоящим другом

3) **(at) способный**

to be good at mathematics [at languages] - быть способным к математике [к языкам]

4. 1) **добрый, доброжелательный**

good works [intentions] - добрые дела [намерения]
good nature - добродушие
good feeling - симпатия
good neighbourship /neighbourhood/ - добрососедские отношения
to say a good word for smb. - замолвить словечко за кого-л.
to do smb. a good turn - оказывать услугу кому-л.
to be good to smb. - проявлять доброту к кому-л.
to be good to animals - хорошо обращаться с животными
he has always been good to me - он всегда хорошо ко мне относился

2) **благоприятный, положительный (об отзыве и т. п.)**

to give a good report of smb., of smth. - хорошо отозваться о ком-л., о чём-л.

3) **добродетельный, чистый**

good Christian - добрый христианин
good citizen - лояльный гражданин
to live a good life - вести добропорядочную жизнь
to be good amid the temptations of the world - оставаться добродетельным среди мирских соблазнов

4) **воспитанный, послушный**

good child - послушный ребёнок
be good! - веди(те) себя прилично!

5. **милый, любезный, добрый**

it's very good of you - это очень мило с вашей стороны
be good enough to ... - будьте так любезны ... [ср. тж. 2, 2])

6. 1) **свежий, неиспорченный, доброкачественный**

good food - доброкачественная /свежая/ пища
meat keeps good in a refrigerator - мясо остаётся свежим /хорошо сохраняется/ в холодильнике
is the meat still good? - мясо не испортилось?

2) **настоящий, неподдельный**

good money - настоящие деньги [см. тж. 9]

good stone - хороший /драгоценный/ камень

3) надёжный; кредитоспособный

good man - кредитоспособный человек

good debt - долг, который обязательно будет выплачен

on good authority - из надёжного источника

7. 1) здоровый, хороший

good sight - хорошее зрение

good heart - здоровое сердце

2) (for) способный, в состоянии

all you're good for is to spend money - ты только и умеешь, что тратить деньги

he is good for some years more - он проживёт /протянет/ ещё несколько лет

he is good for £20 - он может дать /внести/ 20 фунтов стерлингов

he /his credit/ is good for £25 000 - он располагает суммой в 25 000 фунтов стерлингов, у него в банке 25 000 фунтов стерлингов

3) действительный, действующий

the ticket is good for two months - билет действителен в течение двух месяцев

this car ought to be good for another five years - эта машина послужит мне ещё добрых пять лет

are you good for a long walk? - хватит ли тебя на длинную прогулку?

8. основательный, оправданный; справедливый; законный

good excuse - основательная /уважительная/ причина

good reasons - а) основательные причины; б) убедительные /веские/ доводы

good claim - справедливое притязание

to stand good - оставаться в силе

to stand good in law - быть юридически обоснованным

the rule holds good - правило действительно /справедливо/

9. достаточный, обильный, изрядный

a good round sum - кругленькая сумма

a good few - немало

a good while - довольно долго

a good deal /many/ - много, значительное количество

I have a good many books /a good deal of books/ - у меня много книг

a good half hour - добрых полчаса

a good part of the day - значительная часть дня

a good share of the work - значительная часть работы

a good piece of cake - изрядный кусок пирога

to walk a good three miles - пройти добрых три мили

to have a good laugh [talk] - хорошенько /как следует/ посмеяться [поговорить]

to earn good money - неплохо заработать [см. тж. 6, 2])

to come in a good third - занять почётное третье место

10. добрый, милый (в вежливом, иногда ироническом или снисходительном обращении)

my good friend - мой добрый друг

my good man - мой дорогой (особенно как обращение к мужу)

your good lady - ваша милая супруга

my good sir - дорогой сэр /господин/

11. **эмоц.-усил.** сильный, большой, крепкий; как следует

good hard work - тяжёлая /весьма нелёгкая/ работа

good thrashing - здоровая трёпка

good blow - сильный удар

good bruise - большой синяк

a good strong dose (of a medicine) - изрядная доза (лекарства)

after a good cry - всласть поплакав

we had a good long walk - мы здорово прогулялись

12. **в грам. знач. нареч.** хорошо

••How'm I doing?•• - ••Not good•• - Ну, как у меня получается? - Так себе

◇ good morning [day, evening] - доброе утро [-ый день, вечер]

good night - доброй ночи

to wish smb. a good night - пожелать кому-л. доброй ночи

the Good Book - библия; священное писание

good God!, good gosh!, good gracious! - господи!, боже мой!, боже правый!

good grief! - чёрт возьми!; ну и ну! (выражает гнев, удивление и т. п.)

good old John [Tom]! - браво, Джон [Том]!

good for you! **амер.** - а) тем лучше для вас!; б) браво!

good Lord, deliver us! - господи, спаси и помилуй!

good time - а) приятное времяпрепровождение [см. тж. 1, 1]); б) долгое время, достаточный срок; в) **юр.** сокращение срока заключения /досрочное освобождение/ за хорошее поведение

in good time - а) со временем, с течением времени; б) своевременно; в) заранее, заблаговременно

all in good time - всё в своё время

good sport - славный парень

the good people - эльфы, феи

in good faith **см.** faith 4
to fulfil in good faith - добросовестно выполнять
as good as - почти; всё равно что
he is as good as dead - он уже не жилец на свете
it's as good as new - вещь почти новая
it's as good as done /settled/ - дело в шляпе
he has as good as got the job - это место у него в кармане; считай, что он уже получил эту работу
as good as a feast - вполне достаточно
as good as gold - а) послушный; б) добрый, снисходительный, благожелательный
as good as pie - **амер.** очень хороший, симпатичный; благонравный, паинька
as good as wheat - **амер.** очень хорошо, подходяще
as good as a play - очень интересно, забавно
as good as one's word - верный своему слову
to be as good as one's word - быть хозяином своего слова
his word is as good as his bond - он никогда не нарушает обещаний, он всегда держит своё слово
his example is as good as his sermon - у него слово не расходится с делом
too good to be true - так хорошо, что не верится; невероятно, не может быть
to have a good mind to ... - намереваться, собираться (*сделать что-л.*)
to make good - а) сдержать слово; выполнить обещание; б) восполнять, возмещать, компенсировать (*потерю*); в) доказать, обосновать; г) преуспевать, делать успехи
to make good the ground - **воен.** закрепляться на местности
that's a good one /'un/! - какая ложь!, какой вздор!, надо же такое придумать!
to be in good spirits - быть весёлым /в хорошем настроении/
to be in smb.'s good books - пользоваться чьей-л. благосклонностью
to be in smb.'s good graces **см.** grace | 3
good and hard - **амер.** основательно, сильно
good and proper - а) основательно, как следует; to tell smb. off good and proper - как следует отругать, распечь кого-л.; сказать кому-л. всё, что о нём думаешь; б) полностью; наголову, в пух и прах; to beat smb. good and proper - разбить кого-л. наголову

good

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good [good better best] adjective, noun, adverb **BrE** [gʊd] ^ˈ **NAmE** [gʊd] ^ˈ
adjective (**bet-ter** **BrE** ['betə(r)] ^ˈ ; **NAmE** ['betər] ^ˈ **best** **BrE** [best] ^ˈ ; **NAmE** [best] ^ˈ)

HIGH QUALITY

1. of high quality or an acceptable standard

- a good book
- good food
- The piano was in good condition.
- Your work is just not good enough.
- The results were pretty good.
- Sorry, my English is not very good.
- This is **as good a** place **as any** to spend the night.
- You'll never marry her— she's much too good for you.

PLEASANT

2. pleasant; that you enjoy or want

- Did you have a **good time** in London?
- It's good to see you again.
- This is very **good news** .
- Let's hope we have good weather tomorrow.
- We are still friends, though, which is good.
- **It's a good thing** (= it's lucky) you came early.

SENSIBLE/STRONG

3. sensible, logical or strongly supporting what is being discussed

- Thank you, **good question** .
- Yes, that's a **good point** .
- I have **good reason** to be suspicious.
- What a **good idea** !
- This is a good example of what I mean.

FAVOURABLE

4. showing or getting approval or respect

- The play had good reviews.
- The hotel has a good reputation.
- He comes from a good family.

SKILFUL

5. able to do sth well

- to be a good actor/cook
 - ~ **at sth** to be good at languages/your job
 - ~ **at doing sth** Nick has always been good at finding cheap flights.
- 6. ~ with sth/sb** able to use sth or deal with people well
- She's good with her hands (= able to make things, etc.) .
 - He's very good with children.

MORALLY RIGHT

- 7. morally right**; behaving in a way that is morally right
- She has tried to lead a **good life** .
 - a **good deed**
 - Giving her that money was a good thing to do.
 - He is a very good man.

FOLLOWING RULES

- 8. following strictly** a set of rules or principles
- It is **good practice** to supply a written report to the buyer.
 - She was a good Catholic girl.

KIND

- 9. willing to help**; showing kindness to other people
- ~ **(to sb)** He was very good to me when I was ill.
 - ~ **(of sb) (to do sth)** It was very good of you to come.
 - ~ **(about sth)** I had to take a week off work but my colleagues were very good about it.

CHILD

- 10. behaving well** or politely
- You can stay up late if you're good.
 - Get dressed now, there's a good girl.

HEALTHY

- 11. healthy** or strong
- Can you speak into my good ear?
 - I don't feel too good today.
 - 'How are you?' 'I'm good.' (= used as a general reply to a greeting)

USEFUL/HELPFUL

- 12. ~ (for sb/sth)** having a useful or helpful effect on sb/sth
- Too much sun isn't good for you.
 - It's probably good for you to get some criticism now and then.
 - (informal) Shut your mouth, **if you know what's good for you** (= used as a threat) .
- 13. no ~ doing sth | no ~ to sb** not having a useful or helpful effect
- It's no good complaining— they never listen.
 - This book is no good to me: I need the new edition.

SUITABLE

- 14. suitable** or appropriate
- Now is a good time to buy a house.
 - ~ **for sth/to do sth** She would be good for the job.
 - ~ **for sb** Can we change our meeting? Monday isn't good (= convenient) for me.

SHOWING APPROVAL

- 15. (informal)** used to show that you approve of or are pleased about sth that has been said or done, or to show that you want to move on to a new topic of conversation
- 'Dinner's ready.' 'Good— I'm starving.'
 - 'I got the job.' 'Oh, good.'
 - Good, I think we've come to a decision.
- 16. only before noun (informal)** used as a form of praise
- Good old Jack!
 - 'I've ordered some drinks.' 'Good man!'

IN EXCLAMATIONS

- 17. (informal)** used in exclamations
- Good heavens!
 - Good God!

LARGE

- 18. only before noun** great in number, amount or degree
- a good many people
 - The kitchen is a good size.

- We spent a good while (= quite a long time) looking for the house.
- He devoted a **good deal of** (= a lot of) attention to the problem.
- There's a **good chance** (= it is likely) that I won't be here next year.

AT LEAST

19. not less than; rather more than

- We waited for a good hour.
- It's a good three miles to the station.

THOROUGH

20. **only before noun** thorough; complete

- We had a good laugh about it afterwards.
- You'll feel better after a good sleep.

AMUSING

21. **usually before noun** amusing

- a **good story/joke**
- (informal) That's a good one!

FOR PARTICULAR TIME/DISTANCE

22. ~ **for sth** having enough energy, health, strength, etc. to last for a particular length of time or distance

- You're good for (= you will live) a few years yet.

23. ~ **for sth** valid for sth

- The ticket is good for three months.

LIKELY TO PROVIDE

24. ~ **for sth** likely to provide sth

- He's always good for a laugh.
- Bobby should be good for a few drinks.

Rem: Most idioms containing good are at the entries for the nouns and verbs in the idioms, for example (as) good as gold is at gold.

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Old English gōd, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch goed and German gut.

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good adj.

1.

- Your work is very good.

fine • **high quality** • **superior** • **excellent** • **first-rate** • **prime** • **quality** • |informal **great** • |especially BrE, formal **sterling** •

Opp: bad

(of) good/fine/high/superior/excellent/prime/great/sterling **quality**

a/an good/fine/high quality/superior/excellent/first-rate/quality/great/sterling **performance /service**

a/an good/fine/high quality/superior/excellent/quality/great **product**

2.

- Did you have a good time in America?

enjoyable • **wonderful** • **pleasant** • |especially spoken **nice** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **lovely** • |formal **pleasurable** •

Opp: bad

a/an good/enjoyable/wonderful/pleasant/nice/lovely/pleasurable **experience /thing (to do)**

a/an good/enjoyable/wonderful/pleasant/nice/lovely **time/evening /party**

It's good/wonderful/pleasant/nice/lovely **to be/feel/find/have/know/meet/see...**

Good, nice or pleasant? All these words can describe times, events, feelings and the weather. **Nice** and **pleasant** can also describe places, and **nice** can also describe sb's appearance.

3.

- Let's hope we have good weather for the picnic tomorrow.

dry • **mild** • **clear** • **sunny** • **glorious** • |especially BrE **fine** •

Opp: bad

good/dry/mild/clear/sunny/glorious/fine **weather**

good/dry/clear/sunny/fine (**weather**) **conditions**

4.

- Maria made a really good point.

valid • **solid** • **sound** • **legitimate** • **well founded** •

Opp: bad

a good/valid/solid/sound/legitimate **reason/basis**

good/valid/solid/sound **evidence**

a good/valid/legitimate **question/point/excuse**

5.

- The school has an extremely good reputation.

positive • **complimentary** • **approving** • **appreciative** • **flattering** • **glowing** • **admiring** • |BrE **favourable** • |AmE

favorable •

Opp: bad

a/an good/positive/complimentary/approving/appreciative/flattering/favourable **comment**

a good/positive/favourable **opinion/impression/reaction/response**

show sb/sth in a good/positive/favourable **light**

Good or favourable? In some cases **good** does not mean that sth expresses approval; instead use **favourable**: a **good comment** is a clever comment; a **favourable comment** is a comment expressing approval. If you are **good to sb** you are kind to them; if sth is **favourable to sb** it expresses approval.

6.

• He's a really good cook.

skilled • **talented** • **gifted** • **capable** • **competent** • **expert** • **proficient** • **accomplished** • **able** • |BrE **skilful** •

|AmE **skillful** • |especially spoken **great** •

Opp: bad, **Opp:** poor

good/skilled/gifted/competent/expert/proficient/accomplished/skilful/great **at** sth

good/skilled/gifted/competent/great **with** sb/sth

a/an good/skilled/competent/talented/capable/gifted/able/skilful/great **teacher**

a/an good/skilled/talented/capable/accomplished/skilful/great **performer**

7.

• She's such a good person.

moral • **principled** • **virtuous** • **ethical** • **scrupulous** •

Opp: bad, **Opp:** evil, **Opp:** wicked

a good/moral/principled/virtuous/scrupulous **person**

a good/moral/virtuous **life**

good moral/ethical **behaviour/practices/principles**

8. **not usually before noun** (especially spoken)

• She was very good to me when I was ill.

kind • **generous** • **considerate** • **thoughtful** • |informal **wonderful** • |especially spoken **nice** • **sweet** • |especially BrE,

especially spoken **lovely** • |formal **benign** • **benevolent** •

Opp: unkind, **Opp:** cruel

good/kind/generous/nice/considerate/benevolent **to** sb

be good/kind/generous/considerate/thoughtful/wonderful/nice/sweet/lovely **of** sb (to do sth)

9.

• He's such a good little boy.

well behaved • **obedient** • |written **dutiful** •

Opp: bad, **Opp:** naughty

a/an good/well-behaved/obedient/dutiful **child**

a/an good/obedient/dutiful **daughter/son/wife/servant**

a/an good/obedient **dog**

10.

• Vijay gave me some good advice.

valuable • **helpful** • **worthwhile** • **constructive** • **positive** • **advantageous** • |BrE **favourable** • |AmE **favorable** •

|formal **beneficial** •

Opp: bad

good/valuable/helpful/advantageous/favourable/beneficial **for** sb/sth

good/valuable/helpful/worthwhile/advantageous/beneficial **to do sth**

good/valuable/helpful/constructive/positive **suggestions/advice**

11.

• Too much sun isn't good for you.

healthy • **nutritious** • **nourishing** • |technical **nutritional** •

Opp: bad

a good/healthy/nutritious/nourishing/nutritional **meal/diet**

good/healthy/nutritious/nourishing **food**

12.

• Monday morning is a good time to have the meeting.

appropriate • **right** • **convenient** • **suitable** • **apt** • **fit** • |informal **cut out for sth/to be sth** • |formal **fitting** •

Opp: bad

good/appropriate/right/convenient/suitable/apt/fit/cut out/fitting **for** sb/sth

good/appropriate/suitable **as** sb/sth

good/appropriate/right/convenient/suitable/apt/fit/fitting **that...**

Which word? How **appropriate** or **suitable** sb/sth is depends on your judgement. How **good** sb/sth is depends more on what you like yourself or what is convenient. How **right** sb/sth is depends more on the facts:

• Do you think she would be a/an good/appropriate/suitable person to ask?

✗ **a right person to ask:**

• She's definitely the right person to ask.

✗ **She's definitely the good/appropriate/suitable person to ask** **Good, suitable** and **right** can all be used when sth is correct for a particular purpose, but **appropriate** is only used about people or situations.

Vocabulary Building:

Good and very good

Instead of saying that something is **good** or **very good**, try to use more precise and interesting adjectives to describe things:
delicious /tasty food
an **exciting /entertaining /absorbing** movie
an **absorbing /a fascinating /an informative** book
a **pleasant /an enjoyable** trip
a **skilful /talented /fine** player
impressive /high-quality acting
useful /helpful advice
In conversation you can use words like **great, super, wonderful, lovely** and **excellent**.
note at ↑[nice](#)

Example Bank:

- She was very good to me when my husband died.
- She's getting quite good at reading now.
- She's good with figures.
- The food was surprisingly good.
- Vegetables are good for you.
- Why ruin a perfectly good story?
- You've done a pretty good job.
- a really good film
- 'But where are we going to stay?' 'That's a very good question.'
- 'How are you?' 'I'm good, thanks!'
- 'That's a good dog,' I said, patting its head.
- 'They won't be able to find the way without a map.' ' Good point.'
- 'What was the weather like on your holiday?' 'Good.'
- Are you any good at languages?
- Can we change the time of the meeting? Monday is no good for me.
- Citrus fruits are a good source of vitamin C.
- Did you have a good time in America?
- Do you think she would be good for the job?
- Get dressed now, there's a good boy.
- Get yourself a haircut and a good suit before the interview.
- He doesn't seem to have a very good diet.
- He prayed that God would make him a better person.
- He's a good man.
- Her school report was much better this year.
- I don't feel too good today.
- I had a lot of time off work, but my boss was very good about it.
- I think that make of car's pretty good.
- I took Sarah's children to school so I've done my good deed for the day.
- I want you all to be good while I'm out of the room.
- I'm doing good.
- I'm not really a very good cook.
- If the weather's good, we can take a picnic.
- In good weather, they sometimes went riding.
- Initial reactions to the proposal have been good so far.
- It was good of you to come.
- It would be good if he moved to London.
- It'd be a good place to go on holiday, but not to live in.
- It's no good complaining— they neverlisten.
- It's probably good for you to get some criticism now and again.
- Jo's very good with her hands.
- Let's hope we have good weather tomorrow.
- My father once gave me some good advice.
- Nick has always been good at finding cheap deals.
- She tried to lead a good life.
- She's a really good actor.
- She's usually quite good in class.
- She's very good with young children.
- Students are not allowed to miss classes without good reason.
- That's a really good idea.
- The old piano was in good condition.
- The play had very good reviews.
- The school has an extremely good reputation.
- This essay really is very good.
- Too much sun isn't good for you.
- We are still friends though, which is good.
- We got a pretty good response from our viewers about the programme.
- You can stay up late if you're good.

• You raised several good points in your letter.

• You'll have to think of a better excuse than that!

Idioms: ↑all to the good ▪ ↑as good as ▪ ↑as good as it gets ▪ ↑do good ▪ ↑do somebody good ▪ ↑for good ▪ ↑good and ... ▪ ↑good few ▪ good for you/somebody/them ▪ ↑no good ▪ ↑not be any good ▪ ↑the good ▪ ↑up to no good

noun

see also ↑goods

MORALLY RIGHT

1. **uncountable** behaviour that is morally right or acceptable

- the difference between good and evil
- Is religion always a force for good?

2. **the good plural** people who live a moral life; people who are admired for the work they do to help other people

- a gathering of the great and the good

STH HELPFUL

3. **uncountable** something that helps sb/sth

- Cuts have been made **for the good of the company** .
- I'm only telling you this **for your own good** .
- **What's the good of** (= how does it help you) earning all that money if you don't have time to enjoy it?
- **What good is it** redecorating if you're thinking of moving?

see also ↑do-gooder

more at it's an ill wind (that blows nobody any good) **at** ↑ill adj., do sb a power of good **at** ↑power n., do sb/sth the world of good **at** ↑world

Word Origin:

Old English gōd, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch goed and German gut.

Thesaurus:

good noun

1. U

- the difference between good and evil

right • • **goodness** • • **morality** • • **purity** • |formal **virtue** • |formal, especially religion **righteousness** •

Opp: evil

do good/right

Good or right? Questions of **right** and wrong are about treating people in a fair or unfair way; matters of **good** and evil are about treating people in a kind or cruel way.

2. U

- We've made these changes for the good of the whole company.

benefit • • **advantage** • • **merit** • • **virtue** •

do sth **for sb's** good/benefit

see the good/benefit/advantage/merit/virtue

Which Word?:

good / goodness

The noun **good** means actions and behaviour that are morally right. You can talk about a person doing good: ▪ The charity does a lot of good. ◇▪ the difference between good and evil.

Goodness is the quality of being good. You can talk about a person's goodness: ▪ Her goodness shone through.

Example Bank:

- I know you don't want to go into hospital, but it's for your own good.
- In disadvantaged areas, schools can be a force for good.
- It will do you good to get out of the house more often.
- That break has done me a power of good.
- The results of the research should be used for the common good rather than for individual profit.
- When his health problems continued, he resigned for the good of the party.
- You can try talking to her, but I don't think it will do much good.
- the struggle between good and evil
- Cuts have been made for the good of the company.
- Do they know the difference between good and evil?
- I'm telling you this for your own good.
- Look for an opportunity to do good whenever you can.
- Schools can definitely be seen as a force for good in this area.
- What good would it do to tell her about it after all this time?
- What's the good of earning all that money if you've no time to enjoy it?

adverb (especially NAmE, informal)

well

- 'How's it going?' 'Pretty good.'

- (non-standard) Now, you listen to me good!

Word Origin:

Old English *gōd*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *goed* and German *gut*.

See also: ↑for good and all ▪ ↑good on you

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good

I. **good**¹ **S1 W1** /gʊd/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **better** /'betə \$ -ər/, superlative

best /best/)

[Word Family: noun: ↑good, ↑goodie, ↑goody, ↑goodness, ↑goods; adjective: ↑good, ↑goodish; adverb ↑good]

[Language: Old English; Origin: god]

1. **OF A HIGH STANDARD** of a high standard or quality **OPP** bad, poor:

- a good hotel
- good quality cloth
- The train service is not very good.
- My French is better than my Spanish.
- You'll receive the best medical treatment.
- His qualifications aren't good enough.

2. **SKILFUL** able to do something well:

- She's a very good player.
- Do you know a good builder?

good at (doing) something

- Alex is very good at languages.
- She's good at making things.

good with

- As a politician, you need to be good with words (=skilful at using words).
- He's very good with people (=skilful at dealing with people).

do/make a good job (of doing something) (=do something well)

- Mike's done a good job of painting the windows.

3. **WHAT YOU WANT** used about something that is what you want or happens in the way that you want **OPP** bad:

- That's good news!
- I need a bit of good luck.

4. **PLEASANT/ENJOYABLE** pleasant and enjoyable

it's good to do something

- It's good to see you again.

have a good time/day/weekend etc

- Did you have a good vacation?
- That was good fun.

5. **SUCCESSFUL/CORRECT** likely to be successful or correct:

- She's full of good ideas.
- Well, can you think of a better plan?
- What's the best way to deal with this?
- The police have a pretty good idea who did it.
- I'm not sure, but I could make a good guess.

6. **SUITABLE** suitable or convenient:

- Is this a good time to talk to you?
- It was a good place to rest.

good for (doing) something

- It's a good day for going to the beach.

be good for somebody especially American English:

- Ten o'clock is good for me.

7. **USEFUL** useful or helpful **OPP** bad:

- Do you want some good advice?
- The best thing you can do is wait here.
- You should make good use of your time.

8. **BEHAVING WELL** behaving well and not causing any trouble – used especially about a child **SYN** well-behaved **OPP** naughty:

- She's such a good baby.
- The kids were as good as gold (=very good). ⇒ **be on your best behaviour** at ↑behaviour(2)

9. **MAKING YOU HEALTHY** likely to make you healthy, either physically or mentally **OPP** bad

good for

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are good for you.
- Watching too much TV isn't good for you.

good to eat/drink

- They have to learn which wild foods are good to eat.

10. **IMPROVING SOMETHING** likely to improve the condition of something **OPP** bad

good for

- products that are good for the environment
- The publicity has been good for business.

11. **PHYSICALLY WELL** [used especially in negatives and comparatives] healthy or well:

- 'How are you?' 'Better, thanks.'
- Lyn's not feeling too good today.

12. **NOT DAMAGED OR WEAK** if the condition of something is good, it is not damaged or weak

in good condition/shape

- It's in pretty good condition for an old car.
- Boris had always kept his body in good shape.
- The Chancellor announced that the economy is in good shape.
- Once the boat's repaired, it'll be as good as new (=in perfect condition).

sb's good eye/arm/leg etc (=the one that is not damaged)

- He sat up, supporting himself on his good arm.

13. **KIND** kind and understanding about what other people need or want

good about

- Dad lent me the money. He was very good about it.

it/that/this is good of somebody

- It was good of him to offer you a lift.
- The company's always been very good to me.

14. **MORALLY RIGHT** behaving correctly or being right according to accepted moral standards **OPP bad**:

- a good man
- I try to be good, but it isn't always easy.
- Well, that's my good deed for the day (=something good you try to do for someone else every day).
- I'm on the side of the good guys (=people who behave in a morally right way, for example in a film).

15. **LARGE** large in amount, size, range etc ⇒ **goodish**:

- We've had a good crop of apples.
- There's a good range of leisure facilities.
- I'd been waiting a good while (=a fairly long time).
- Our team has a good chance of winning (=is fairly likely to win).

16. **REASONABLE PRICE** a good price is reasonable and not expensive:

- Thirty dollars sounds like a good price to me.

17. **COMPLETELY/THOROUGHLY** [only before noun] doing something for a long time, so that you do it completely and thoroughly:

- You need a good rest.
- Take a good look at it.
- She sat down and had a good cry.
- This time he waited until he was good and ready (=completely ready).

18. **a good deal** a lot:

- It cost a good deal, I can tell you.

a good deal of trouble/time/work etc

- I went to a good deal of trouble to get this ticket.

a good deal bigger/better etc

- He was a good deal older than her.

19. **good value (for money)** *British English* something that is good value is not expensive, or is worth what you pay for it:

- The three-course menu is good value for money.

20. **good for something**

a) able to be used for a particular period of time **SYN valid**

good for one month/a year etc

- Your passport is good for another three years.

b) likely to continue living or being useful for a particular time or distance, even though old or not in good condition

good for some time/a hundred miles etc

- This old truck is good for another 100,000 miles.

c) *informal* likely to give you something or provide something:

- Dad should be good for a few bucks.

21. **a good three miles/ten years etc** at least three miles, ten years etc, and probably more:

- It's a good mile away.
- He's a good ten years younger than her.

22. **as good as** almost

as good as done/finished etc

- The summer's as good as over.

as good as dead/ruined/useless etc

- This carpet's as good as ruined.

23. **a good few/many** a fairly large number of things or people:

- I've done this a good few times now.
- A good many people were upset about the new tax.

24. **too good to be true/to last** *informal* so good that you cannot believe it is real, or you expect something bad to happen:

- Their relationship had always seemed too good to be true.

25. **sb's too good for somebody** used to say that you think the second person does not deserve to have a relationship with the first:

- George is a good lad, too good for you!

26. **in your own good time** *informal* if you do something in your own good time, you do it only when you are ready to do it, rather than when other people want you to:

- I'll tell him in my own good time.

27. **in good time (for something/to do something)** *British English* if you do something in good time, you do it early enough to be

ready for a particular time or event:

Ben arrived in good time for dinner.

28. **hanging/shooting etc is too good for somebody** *spoken* used to say that someone has done something so bad that they deserve the most severe punishment available

29. **as good a time/place etc as any** used to say that although a time etc is not perfect, there will probably not be a better one:

I suppose this is as good a place as any to stay.

30. **be as good as your word** to do something that you promised to do

31. **a good word for somebody/something** something good that you say about someone or something:

Dan put in a good word for you at the meeting.

have/find a good word (to say)

No one had a good word to say for her.

32. **be in sb's good books** *informal* if you are in someone's good books, they are pleased with you or your work:

I'll ask my boss for the day off – I'm in her good books just now.

33. **have a good thing going** to have or be doing something that is successful:

They've got a good thing going with that little shop of theirs.

34. **be onto a good thing** *British English informal* to have found an easy way of being successful or getting what you want:

Andrew knew when he was onto a good thing.

35. **make good** (also **make it good**) to become successful and rich after being poor – used especially in newspapers:

a country boy who made good in New York

36. **make good a debt/loss etc** to pay someone money that you owe, or to provide money to replace what has been lost – used especially in business:

The loss to the company was made good by contributions from its subsidiaries.

37. **make good your escape** *literary* to succeed in escaping

38. **the good life** an expensive way of living with good food, fast cars etc:

his weakness for women and the good life

39. **the good old days** the good times in the past:

We talked for hours about the good old days.

40. **good works** things that someone does to help other people, especially people with problems

41. **sb's good offices** *formal* help that someone provides, especially someone in a position of power

42. **good Samaritan** someone who gives help to people in trouble

43. **the good book** *old-fashioned* the Bible ⇒ **so far so good** at ↑far¹(8), ⇒ **give as good as you get** at ↑give¹(34), ⇒ **while the going's good** at ↑going¹(4), ⇒ **hold good** at ↑hold¹(14), ⇒ **for good measure** at ↑measure²(8), ⇒ **pay good money for something** at ↑money(5), ⇒ **bad/good sailor** at ↑sailor(2), ⇒ **that's/it's all well and good** at ↑well³(4)

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SPOKEN PHRASES

44. good

a) used to say that you are pleased about something:

Good. I'm glad that's finished.

'I got an A in biology, Mum.' 'Oh, good.'

b) used to tell someone that you think their work or what they are doing is good:

'Is the answer five?' 'Yes, good.'

45. **that's good** used to say that you approve of something:

'I've booked a table.' 'Oh, that's good.'

46. **(that's a) good idea/point/question** used to say that someone has just said or suggested something interesting or important that you had not thought of before:

'But it's Sunday, the bank will be closed.' 'Good point.'

47. **good luck** used to say that you hope that someone is successful or that something good happens to them:

Good luck in your exams.

48. **good luck to him/them etc** used to say that you hope someone is successful, even if you think this is unlikely:

'They're hoping to finish it by November.' 'Good luck to them.'

49. **good for somebody** used to say that you approve of something that someone has done:

'I've decided to accept the job.' 'Good for you.'

50. **it's a good thing** (also **it's a good job** *British English*) used to say that you are glad something happened, because there would have been problems if it had not happened:

It's a good thing you're at home. I've lost my keys.

and a good thing/job too *British English*:

She's gone, and a good thing too.

51. **that's/it's not good enough** used to say that you are not satisfied with something and that you are annoyed about it:

It's just not good enough. I've been waiting an hour!

52. **be good and ready** to be completely ready:

We'll go when I'm good and ready and not before.

53. **that's a good one** used to tell someone that you do not believe something they have said and think it is a joke or a trick:

You won \$50,000? That's a good one!

54. **be good for a laugh** (also **be a good laugh** *British English*) to be enjoyable or amusing:

It's Hazel's party tomorrow. Should be good for a laugh.

55. **good old John/Karen etc** used to praise someone, especially because they have behaved in the way that you expect them to:

Good old Ed! I knew he wouldn't let us down.

56. **good grief/God/Lord/heavens/gracious!** used to express surprise or anger:

'It's going to cost us £500.' 'Good grief!'

57. **good job** *American English* used to tell someone that they have done something well
58. **good girl/boy/dog etc** used to tell a child or animal that they have behaved well or done something well:
 " Sit! Good dog.
59. **if you know what's good for you** used in a threatening way to tell someone to do something or something bad will happen to them:
 " Do as he says, if you know what's good for you!
60. **would you be good enough to do something?** (also **would you be so good as to do something?**) *formal* used to ask someone very politely to do something:
 " Would you be good enough to help me with my bags?
61. **all in good time** *British English* used when someone wants to do something soon but you want to wait a little:
 " 'When can we open our presents, Mum?' 'All in good time, Billy.'
62. **have a good one** *American English* used to say goodbye and to wish someone a nice day
63. **be good to go** *American English informal* to be ready to do something:
 " I've got my shoes and I'm good to go.
64. **be as good as it gets** *spoken* if a situation is as good as it gets, it is not going to improve:
 " Enjoy yourself while you can. This is as good as it gets.
65. **it's all good** *especially American English informal* used to say that a situation is good or acceptable, or that there is not a problem:
 " Don't worry about it, man – it's all good.
66. **very good** *British English old-fashioned* used to tell someone in a position of authority that you will do what they have asked:
 " 'Tell the men to come in.' 'Very good, sir.'
67. **(jolly) good show** *British English old-fashioned* used to say that you approve of something someone has done
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GRAMMAR

good, well

Good is not used as an adverb in standard English. Use **well** :

- He speaks English extremely well (NOT extremely good).

The comparative form of both **good** and **well** is **better** :

- His first book was better. (adj)
- We'll play better next time. (adv)

The superlative form of both **good** and **well** is **best** :

- Who is the best singer? (adj)
 - How could this best be achieved? (adv)
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THESAURUS

- **good** of a high standard or quality: I've just read a really good book. | My French is not very good.
- **nice** pleasant and enjoyable. **Nice** is very common in spoken English. In written English, it is better to use other words: I hope you have a nice vacation. | It will be nice to see you again.
- **good quality/high quality** well made from good materials: If you buy good quality shoes, they last much longer. | high-quality wallpapers
- **fine** used for describing things of a very high quality, or weather with no rain and clear skies: The restaurant serves the finest food in Florence. | If it's fine tomorrow, we'll go for a walk.
- **neat** *American English spoken* good – used when you like something: That's a neat idea. | They sell some really neat stuff.
- **attractive** an attractive offer, course of action etc seems good and makes you want to accept it or do it: Going home for dinner was a more attractive proposition than completing his run. | Buying direct from the manufacturer seems the most attractive option.
- **impressive** something that is impressive is good in a way that makes people admire it: an impressive achievement | It was a very impressive performance.

extremely good

- **excellent /superb** extremely good: Your English is excellent. | She's a superb teacher.
- **great/wonderful/terrific/fantastic** *especially spoken* extremely good: It's a great film. | Her cooking is wonderful. | That's a terrific idea!
- **brilliant** *British English especially spoken* extremely good: The play was absolutely brilliant.
- **amazing /incredible** extremely good, in a surprising and exciting way: New York is an amazing place. | The skating has been incredible in this competition.
- **beautiful /glorious** used about weather that is very pleasant and sunny: It's a beautiful day. | The weather was just glorious.
- **outstanding/first-class/top-quality** much better than other places, people etc: an outstanding performance | The service is always first-class.
- **exceptional** unusually good: Occasionally, we get a student with exceptional talent. | a woman of exceptional beauty
- **awesome** *especially American English informal* very good: The movie was awesome.
- **be out of this world** *spoken* to be extremely good: Their chocolate cake is just out of this world!

II. good² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑good, ↑goodie, ↑goody, ↑goodness, ↑goods; **adjective**: ↑good, ↑goodish; **adverb**: ↑good]

1. no good/not much good/not any good

a) not useful or suitable:

- One lesson's not much good – you need five or six.
- 'I could come next week.' 'That's no good. I'll be away.'

no good/not much good/not any good for

- The land here isn't any good for agricultural crops.

no good/not much good/not any good to

You're no good to me if you can't drive a car.

b) of a low standard or level of ability:

" The movie wasn't much good.

" Is the new headteacher any good?

no good at (doing) something

" I'm no good at speaking in public.

c) morally bad:

" Stay away from Jerry – he's no good.

2. **it's no good (doing something)** used to say that an action will not achieve what it is intended to achieve:

" It's no good telling him – he won't listen.

3. **do some good/do somebody good** to have a useful effect:

" She works for a small charity where she feels she can do some good.

" I'll talk to him but I don't think it will do any good.

" A bit more exercise would do you good. ⇒ **do more harm than good** at ↑harm¹(1)

4. **what's the good of ...?/what good is ...?** used to say that it is not worth doing or having something in a particular situation:

" What's the good of buying a boat if you're too busy to use it?

" What good is money when you haven't any friends?

5. **for good** permanently:

" The injury may keep him out of football for good.

6. **for the good of somebody/something** in order to help someone or improve a situation:

" We must work together for the good of the community.

" Take the medicine – it's for your own good!

7. **[uncountable]** behaviour, attitudes, forces etc that are morally right:

" She is definitely an influence for good on those boys.

" There's a lot of good in him, in spite of his rudeness.

" the struggle between good and evil ⇒ ↑do-gooder

8. **be up to no good** *informal* to be doing or planning something wrong or dishonest:

" Those guys look like they're up to no good.

9. **the common/general good** *formal* the advantage of everyone in society or in a group:

" countries united for the common good

10. **be (all) to the good** used to say that something that happens is good, especially when it is in addition to or as the result of something else:

" If further improvements can be made, that would be all to the good.

11. **three goals/£200 etc to the good** used to say that someone has more of something than before or than someone else:

" With United two goals to the good, the result seemed a certainty.

III. **good**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adverb American English spoken informal*

[Word Family: noun: ↑good, ↑goodie, ↑goody, ↑goodness, ↑goods; adjective: ↑good, ↑goodish; adverb: ↑good]

well. Many teachers think this is not correct English:

" The business is doing good now.

" Listen to me good!

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