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fa·mous  (fā mäs)

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adj.

1. Well or widely known.
2. First-rate; excellent: *had a famous time at the party.*

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman, from Latin *fāmōsus*, from *fāma*, fame; see **bhā**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

fa mous·ness *n.*

Synonyms: famous, celebrated, eminent, famed, illustrious, notable, noted, preeminent, renowned

These adjectives mean widely known and esteemed: *a famous actor; a celebrated musician; an eminent scholar; a famed scientist; an illustrious judge; a notable historian; a noted author; a preeminent archaeologist; a renowned painter.*

Antonym: [obscure](#)

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