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good  (g d)

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adj. **bet·ter** (bět ər), **best** (běst)

1. Being positive or desirable in nature; not bad or poor: *a good experience; good news from the hospital.*
2.
 - a. Having the qualities that are desirable or distinguishing in a particular thing: *a good exterior paint; a good joke.*
 - b. Serving the desired purpose or end; suitable: *Is this a good dress for the party?*
3.
 - a. Not spoiled or ruined: *The milk is still good.*
 - b. In excellent condition; sound: *a good tooth.*
4.
 - a. Superior to the average; satisfactory: *a good student.*
 - b. Used formerly to refer to the US Government grade of meat higher than standard and lower than choice.
5.
 - a. Of high quality: *good books.*
 - b. Discriminating: *good taste.*
6.
 - a. Of moral excellence; upright: *a good person.*
 - b. Benevolent; kind: *a good soul; a good heart.*
 - c. Loyal; staunch: *a good Republican.*
 - d. Well-behaved; obedient: *a good child.*
 - e. Socially correct; proper: *good manners.*
7. Worthy of respect; honorable: *ruined the family's good name.*
8. Attractive; handsome: *good looks.*
9. Beneficial to health; salutary: *a good night's rest.*
10. Competent; skilled: *a good machinist.*
11. Complete; thorough: *a good workout.*
12.
 - a. Reliable; sure: *a good investment.*
 - b. Valid or true: *a good reason.*
 - c. Genuine; real: *a good dollar bill.*
13.
 - a. In effect; operative: *a warranty good for two years; a driver's license that is still good.*
 - b. Ready or able for a specified or assumed activity: *I'm good for another round of golf.*
14.
 - a. Able to pay or contribute: *Is she good for the money that you lent her?*
 - b. Able to elicit a specified reaction: *He is always good for a laugh.*
15.
 - a. Ample; substantial: *a good income.*
 - b. Bountiful: *a good table.*
16. Full: *It is a good mile from here.*
17.
 - a. Pleasant; enjoyable: *had a good time at the party.*
 - b. Propitious; favorable: *good weather; a good omen.*
18. Sports

a. Landing within bounds or within a particular area of a court and therefore in play: *The first serve was wide, but the second was good.*

b. Passing between the uprights of the goal and therefore scoring, as a field goal in football.

19. Used to form exclamatory phrases expressing surprise or dismay: *Good heavens! Good grief!*

n.

1.

a. Something that is good.

b. A good, valuable, or useful part or aspect.

2. Welfare; benefit: *for the common good.*

3. Goodness; virtue: *There is much good to be found in people.*

4.

a. A product that is bought and sold: *frozen goods.*

b. **goods** Portable personal property.

c. (*used with a sing. or pl. verb*) Fabric; material.

5. **goods** Slang Incriminating information or evidence: *tried to get the goods on the crook.*

adv.

Informal

Well.

Idioms:

as good as

Practically; nearly: *as good as new.*

but good

Informal Used as an intensive: *The pipe started to leak but good.*

for good

Permanently; forever: *I'm moving to Europe for good.*

good and

Informal Very; thoroughly: *I'll do it when I'm good and ready.*

no good Informal

1. Worthless.

2. Futile; useless: *It's no good arguing with them.*

to the good

1. For the best; advantageous.

2. In an advantageous financial position: *ended up to the good.*

[Middle English, from Old English *gōd*; see **ghedh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

Usage Note: In standard usage, *good* is an adjective, and the only verbs it should be used with are linking verbs such as *be*, *seem*, or *appear*: *The future looks good. The soup tastes good.* It should not be used as an adverb with other verbs: *The car runs well (not good).* Thus, *The dress fits well and looks good.* See Usage Note at **well**².

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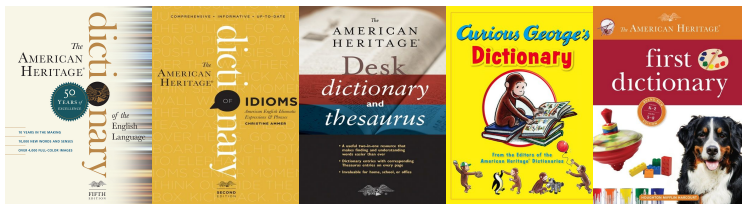
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