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ex·ceed  (ĭk-sēd)

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tr.v. **ex·ceed·ed**, **ex·ceed·ing**, **ex·ceeds**

1. To be greater than, as in number or degree; surpass: *a fortune that exceeds ten million dollars; demand that exceeded supply.*
2. To go beyond the limits of: *I exceeded my allowance. The car exceeded the speed limit.*
3. To be better than or superior to: *a material that exceeds all others in durability.* See Synonyms at [excel](#).

[Middle English *exceden*, from Old French *exceder*, from Latin *excēdere* : *ex-*, *ex-* + *cēdere*, to go; see **ked-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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