



# Good

## Exceptional Expressions For Everyday Events

**Good** is quite hardworking and functional, as words go, serving in many situations as an adjective or a noun, as well as in a goodly number of phrases. **Good** can describe something that is high in quality or of an elevated standard. A well-written paper or an insightful answer from a student would be considered good. The word **good** can refer to a person's character or behavior. A person who volunteers to help others, or who is honest, dependable, and trustworthy would be considered of good character.

**Good** is employed in evaluative statements that distinguish the relative quality of one thing compared with another. It is one of the set of comparative terms **good**, **better**, **best**. In addition, many synonyms exist for **good** that help express degrees of this quality, making **good** an excellent candidate for a word line exercise.

The noun **good** is defined as a moral quality, such as good versus evil, or as something beneficial, such as the common good. In its plural form, **goods**, the noun can also refer to items of merchandise, as in: "The U.S. imports goods from around the world."

Depending on its context, the word **good** may mean that something is merely adequate. If a student turns in a paper late the teacher might say, "Good." Most likely, however, his meaning is that the situation is acceptable but not ideal. When a friend's mother serves you food you really don't enjoy, you may say it is good to be polite but you are thinking, "This isn't so great."

## Follow-Ups

- When might the word **good** simply mean OK?
- How is being a good student different from being an excellent student?

## The Spanish Connection

The word **good** comes from the Old English word *god*, with ties to the Dutch *goed* and German *gut*. It is believed that *god* is related to a word that means "fitting" or "suitable." The Spanish word for **good** is not a cognate. However some of the synonyms for **good** have Spanish cognates, such as **excellent** and *excelente*.

## Word Changes

- Even though there is a word **goodly** (an adjective meaning a large amount), the correct adverb for **good** is **well**. This unusual form can create some challenges, for instance: Ronnie is a good student, but she did not do well on the test.
- Another complication is that the word **well** is also used as an adjective to mean "healthy," so people often confuse **well** and **good**. In casual conversation, people often say, "I feel good," meaning they feel healthy or happy, when, strictly speaking, they want to say "I feel well."



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## Good as in helpful

- beneficial
- helpful

## Good as in appropriate

- fine
- works
- adequate

## Good as a state of being

- virtuous
- righteous
- pious
- kind
- decent

## Good as in high quality or standard

- excellent
- great
- superb
- outstanding
- ace
- first-class
- exceptional
- wonderful
- fantastic



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## THE SPANISH CONNECTION

- excellent / excelente
- fantastic / fanastico

## IDIOMS

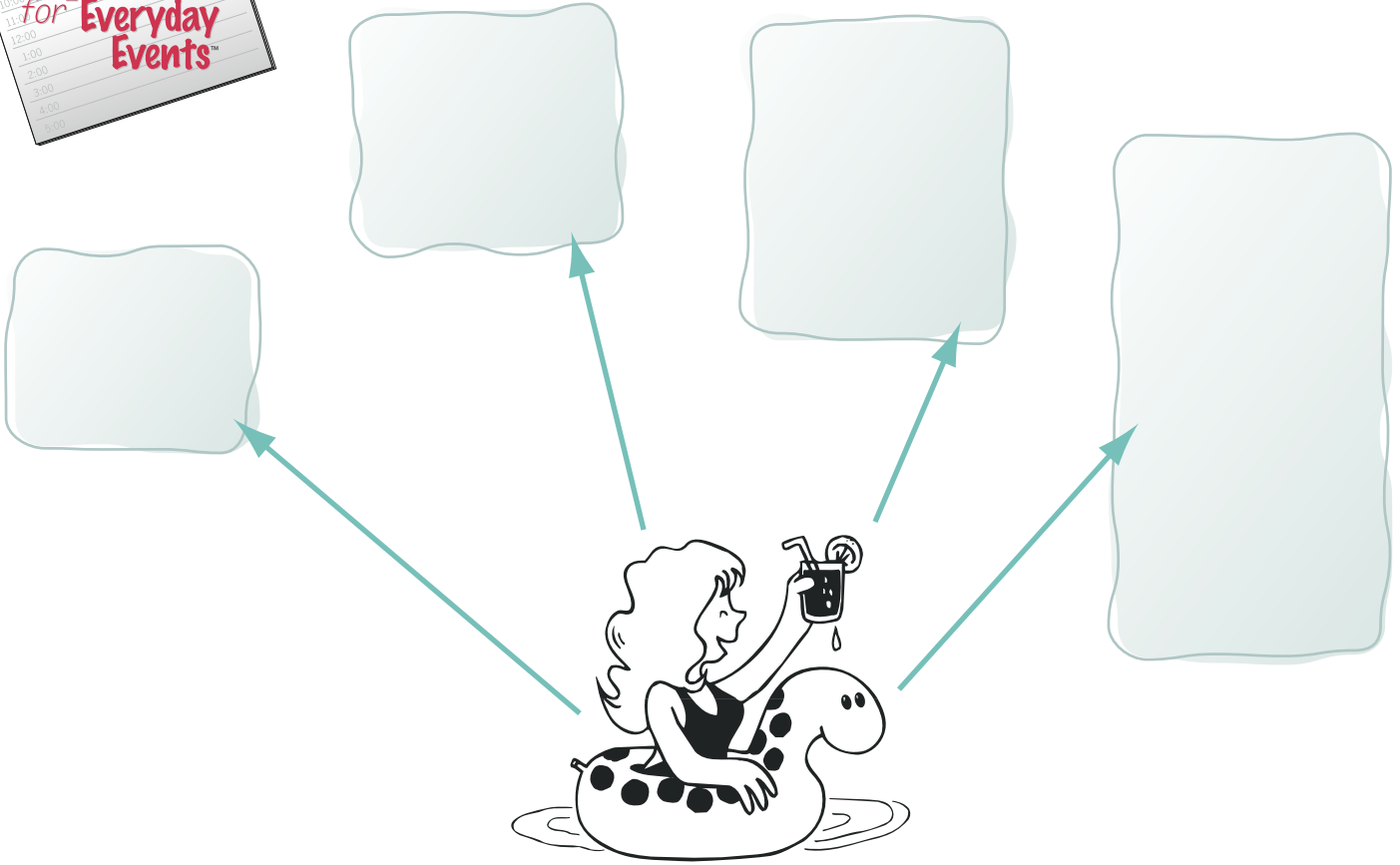
- The good samaritan
- For good
- All good things must end
- All in good time
- As good as new/gold
- Too good to be true
- Up to no good
- Good things come to those who wait
- So far so good

## COMMON PHRASES

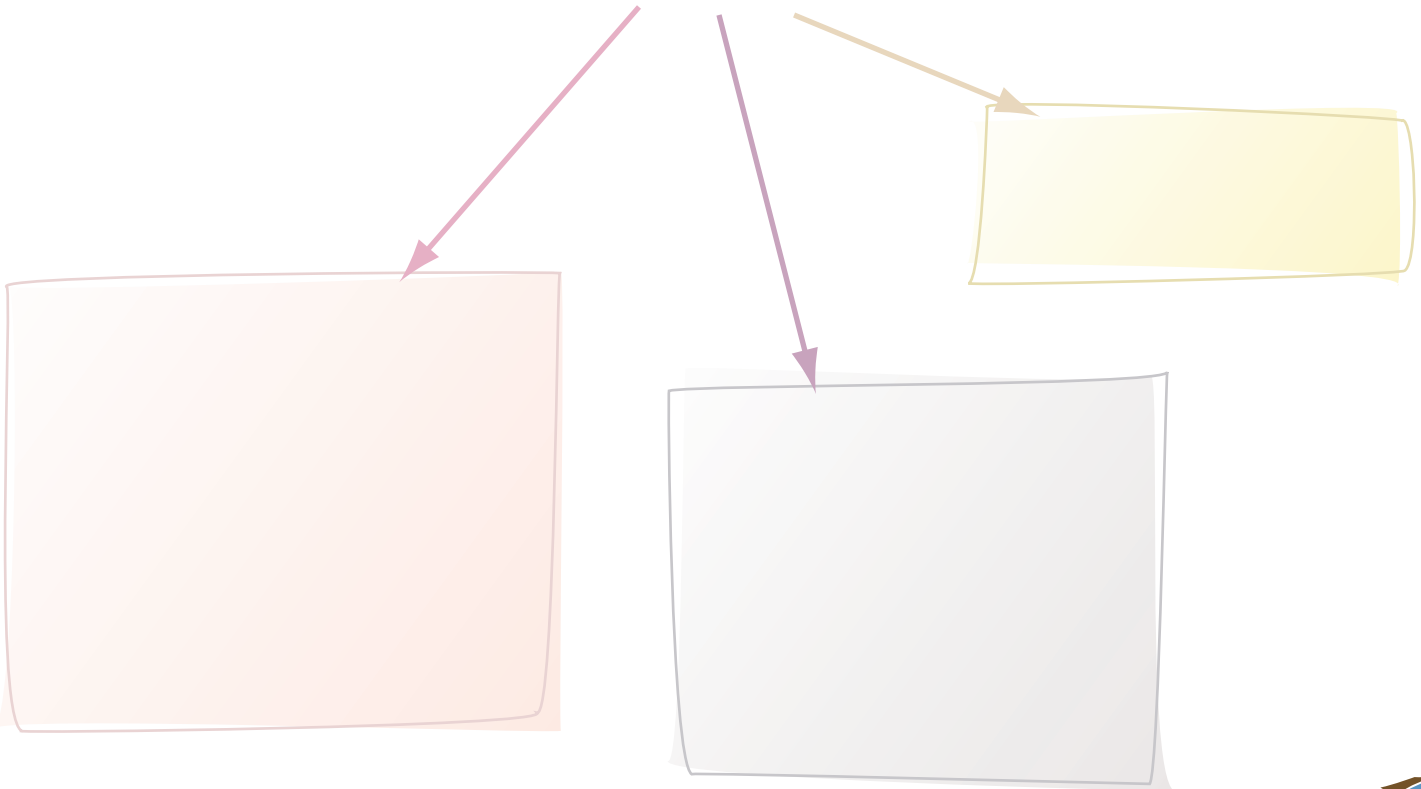
- Good news
- For your own good
- To make good on something
- Good enough
- Good guy
- Good morning/afternoon/night
- Good job/work
- Do a world of good



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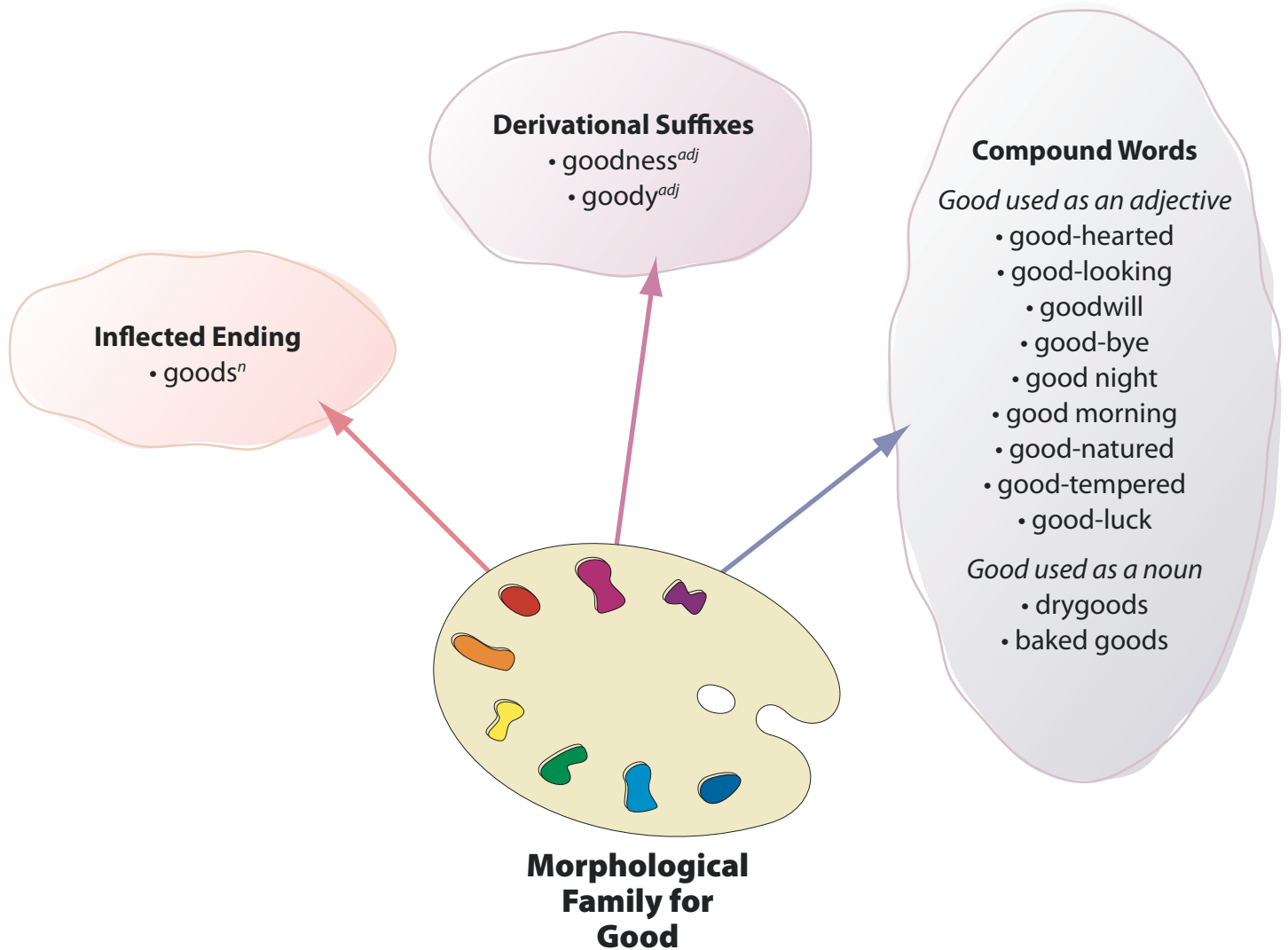


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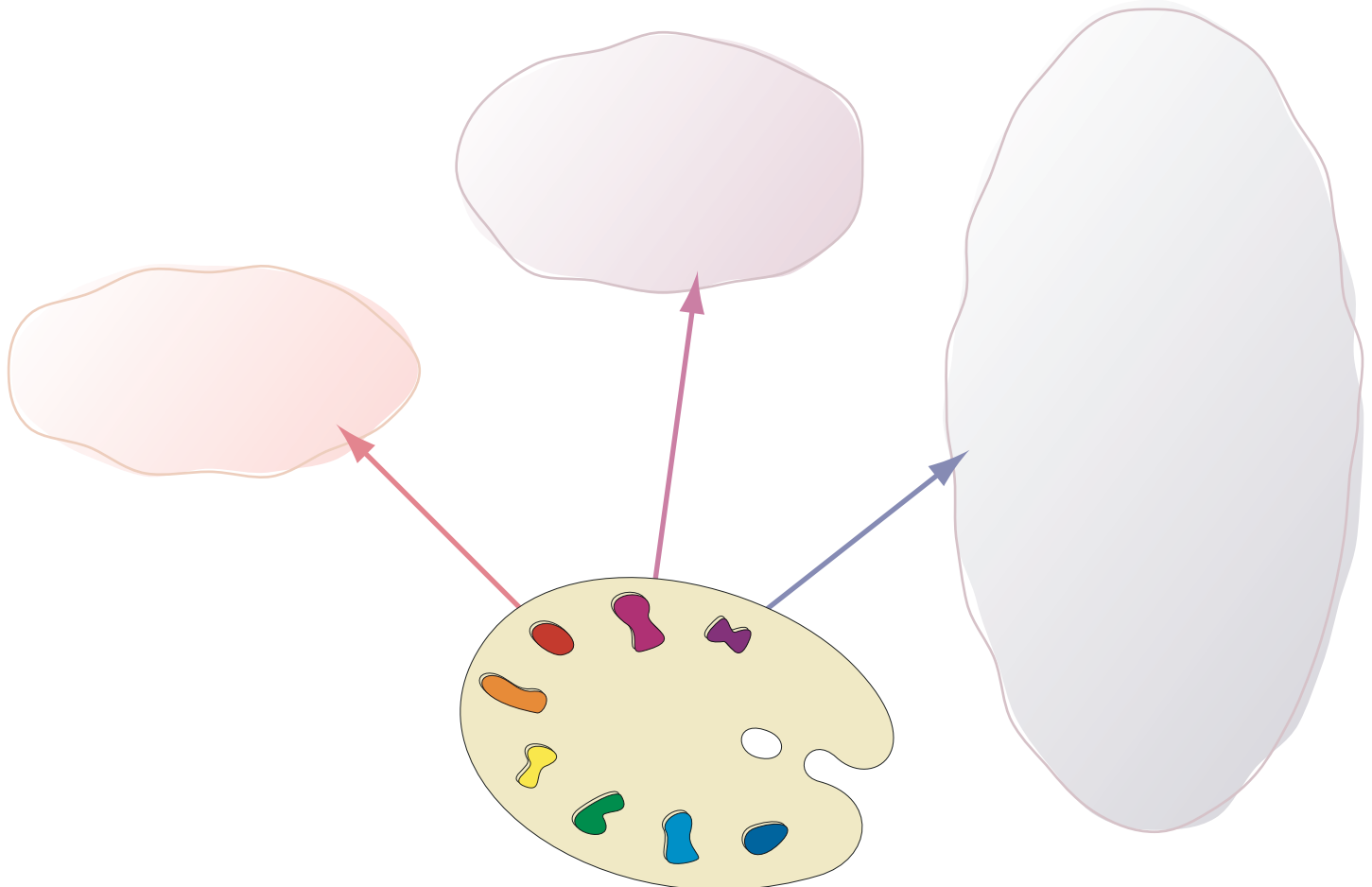
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<sup>n</sup> Good used as a noun





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