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.”
**Good**

**Good as in appropriate**
- fine
- works
- adequate

**Good as a state of being**
- virtuous
- righteous
- pious
- kind
- decent

**Good as in helpful**
- beneficial
- helpful

**Good as in high quality or standard**
- excellent
- great
- superb
- outstanding
  - ace
  - first-class
  - exceptional
  - wonderful
  - fantastic

**THE SPANISH CONNECTION**
- excellent / excelente
- fantastic / fanstico

**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
Good
Good

Derivational Suffixes
- goodness\textsuperscript{adj}
- goody\textsuperscript{adj}

Inflected Ending
- goods\textsuperscript{n}

Morphological Family for Good

\textsuperscript{adj} Good used as an adjective
\textsuperscript{n} Good used as a noun

Compound Words

\textit{Good used as an adjective}
- good-hearted
- good-looking
- goodwill
- good-bye
- good night
- good morning
- good-natured
- good-tempered
- good-luck

\textit{Good used as a noun}
- drygoods
- baked goods