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 [juhst] /dʒʌst/ IPA Syllables Synonyms Examples
 Word Origin adjective

1. **guided by truth, reason, justice, and fairness:**
 "We hope to be just in our understanding of such difficult situations."
2. done or made according to principle; equitable; proper:
 "a just reply."
3. based on right; rightful; lawful:
 "a just claim."
4. **in keeping with truth or fact; true; correct:**
 "a just analysis."
5. given or awarded rightly; deserved, as a sentence, punishment, or reward:
 "a just penalty."
6. **in accordance with standards or requirements; proper or right:**
 "just proportions."

7. (especially in Biblical use) righteous.

8. actual, real, or genuine.

adverb

9. within a brief preceding time; but a moment before:

"The sun just came out."

10. exactly or precisely:

"This is just what I mean."

11. by a narrow margin; barely:

"The arrow just missed the mark."

12. only or merely:

"He was just a clerk until he became ambitious."

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13. actually; really; definitely (<http://dictionary.reference.com/#>)

"The weather is just glorious."

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Idioms

14. **just so**, neat and tidy; carefully arranged:

"My mother-in-law is very fussy; everything has to be placed just so."

Origin

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Latin

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1325-1375

1325-75; Middle English < Latin *jūstus* righteous, equivalent to *jūs* law, right + *-tus* adj.

suffix

Synonyms

1. upright; equitable, fair, impartial. 3. legitimate, legal. 4. accurate, exact; honest. 5. merited, appropriate, condign, sulted, apt, due.

Antonyms

1. biased. 4. untrue. 5. unjustified.

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Examples from the web for just

And all that heat is *just* no good for your hair.

He has no intention of finding a job; all along, he has studied *just* to study.

But from there I *just* got carried away with the flow.

But getting Bill to stand up and move *just* a little each day could help him ward off muscle decay.

That inspired me *just* to live every day as best I could.

We have *just* begun to see the effects of human-induced climate change.

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She's a fine girl, but I've given her *just* as much as she has me.

The black bean soup was a hearty and tasty rendition of the basic dish, not too thick and with *just* the right kick.

It *just* took this strange beginning to cause it to be what it is.

British Dictionary definitions for just

adjective (dʒʌst)

just a. fair or impartial in action or judgment
b. (as collective noun; preceded by *the*): *the just*

2. conforming to high moral standards; honest
3. consistent with justice: *a just action*
4. rightly applied or given; deserved: *a just reward*
5. legally valid; lawful: *a just inheritance*
6. well-founded; reasonable: *just criticism*
7. correct, accurate, or true: *a just account*

adverb (dʒʌst; unstressed) (dʒəst)

8. used with forms of *have* to indicate an action performed in the very recent past: *I have just closed the door*
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9. at this very instant: *he's just coming in to land*
10. no more than; merely; only: *just an ordinary car*
11. exactly; precisely: *that's just what I mean*
12. by a small margin; barely: *he just got there in time*
13. (intensifier): *it's just wonderful to see you*
14. (**informal**) indeed; with a vengeance: *isn't it just*
15. **just about**
 - a. at the point of starting (to do something)
 - b. very nearly; almost: *I've just about had enough*
16. **just a moment, just a second, just a minute**, an expression requesting the hearer to wait or pause for a brief period of time
17. **just now**
 - a. a very short time ago
 - b. at this moment
 - c. (**South African, informal**) in a little while
18. **just on**, having reached exactly: *it's just on five o'clock*
19. **just so**
 - a. an expression of complete agreement or of unwillingness to dissent
 - b. arranged with precision

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Derived Forms

justly, adverb

justness, NOUN

Usage note

The use of *just* with *exactly* (*it's just exactly what they want*) is redundant and should be avoided: *it's exactly what they want*

Word Origin

C14: from Latin *jūstus* righteous, from *jūs* justice

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Word Origin and History for just

adj.

late 14c., "righteous in the eyes of God; upright, equitable, impartial; justifiable, reasonable," from Old French *juste* "just, righteous; sincere" (12c.), from Latin *iustus* "upright, equitable," from *ius* "right," especially "legal right, law," from Old Latin *iōus*, perhaps literally "sacred formula," a word peculiar to Latin (not general Italic) that originated in the religious cults, from PIE root **yewes-* "law" (cf. Avestan *yaozda-* "make ritually pure;" see jurist (/browse/jurist)). The more mundane Latin law-word *lex* covered specific laws as opposed to the body of laws. The noun meaning "righteous person or persons" is from late 14c.

adv.

"merely, barely," 1660s, from Middle English sense of "exactly, precisely, punctually" (c.1400), from [just \(/browse/just\)](#) (adj.), and paralleling the adverbial use of French *juste*. *Just-so story* first attested 1902 in Kipling, from the expression *just so* "exactly that, in that very way" (1751).

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just as (/browse/just as)

just as soon (/browse/just as soon)

just deserts (/browse/just deserts)

just folks (/browse/just folks)

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Definition of JUST

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just

- : agreeing with what is considered morally right or good
- : treating people in a way that is considered morally right
- : reasonable or proper

Full Definition of JUST

- a** : having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason : **REASONABLE** <a just but not a generous decision>

b *archaic* : faithful to an original

c : conforming to a standard of correctness : **PROPER** <just proportions>
- a** (1) : acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good : **RIGHTEOUS** <a just war> (2) : being what is merited : **DESERVED** <a just punishment>

b : legally correct : **LAWFUL** <just title to an estate>

— **just-ly** *adverb*

— **just-ness** *noun*

- See just defined for English-language learners
- See just defined for kids

Examples of JUST

- a just cause for war
- The college treated the allegation with just seriousness.
- They got their just punishment for the crime.

Origin of JUST

Middle English, from Anglo-French & Latin; Anglo-French *juste*, from Latin *justus*, from *jus* right, law; akin to Sanskrit *yoś* welfare

First Known Use: 14th century

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Synonyms

competent, condign, deserved, due, fair, justified, merited, right, rightful, warranted

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Antonyms

undeserved, undue, unfair, unjust, unjustified, unmerited, unwarranted

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See Synonym Discussion at **fair, upright**

Rhymes with JUST

bust, crust, dust, gust, lust, must, musth, rust, thrust, trust


just  *adverb* \ˈjʌst, ˈjɪst, ˈjɛst also without t/

: to an exact degree or in an exact manner

: very recently

: at this or that exact moment or time

Full Definition of JUST

- 1 a** : **EXACTLY, PRECISELY** <*just* right>
b : very recently <the bell *just* rang>
 - 2 a** : by a very small margin : **BARELY** <*just* too late>
b : **IMMEDIATELY, DIRECTLY** <*just* west of here>
 - 3 a** : **ONLY, SIMPLY** <*just* last year> <*just* be yourself>
b : **QUITE, VERY** <*just* wonderful>
 - 4** : **PERHAPS, POSSIBLY** <it *just* might work>
- **just about**
: **ALMOST** <the work is *just about* done>
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Examples of JUST

- The store has *just* the tool you need.
- That's *just* what I expected.
- You have to accept me *just* as I am.
- This shirt fits *just* right.
- She called him a liar and told him he was *just* like all the other men she'd met.
- He was *just* here a minute ago.
- She had *just* returned when he entered.
- I was *just* going to telephone you!
- She's *just* finishing a letter, and she'll be with you shortly.
- I arrived *just* in time to see him win.

First Known Use of JUST

15th century

Related to JUST

Synonyms

exactly, precisely, to a T, by the skin of one's teeth

Antonyms

considerably, significantly, substantially, vastly, well

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just¹ (jɪst)

adj

- Honorable and fair in one's dealings and actions: *a just ruler*. See Synonyms at [fair](#).
- Consistent with what is morally right, righteous: *a just cause*
- Properly due or merited: *just deserts*
- Law Valid within the law; lawful: *just claims*
- Suitable or proper in nature, fitting: *a just touch of solemnity*
- Based on fact or sound reason, well-founded: *a just appraisal*

adv. (jɪst, jɪst; jɪst when stressed)

- Precisely, exactly: *just enough salt*
- Only a moment ago: *He just arrived*
- By a narrow margin, barely: *just missed being hit, just caught the bus before it pulled away*
- At a little distance: *just down the road*
- Merely; only: *just a scratch*
- Simply; certainly: *It's just beautiful!*
- Perhaps; possibly: *I just may go*

Idioms:

just about

Almost, very nearly: *This job is just about done*

just now

Only a moment ago

just the same

Nevertheless

(Middle English *juste*, from Old French, from Latin *iustus*; see [yewes](#) - in Indo-European roots.)

just¹ly adv

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- just so
 - an expression of complete agreement or of unwillingness to dissent
 - arranged with precision

[C14. from Latin *iustus* righteous, from *iūs* justice]

justly adv justness n

Usage: The use of *just* with *exactly* (*it's just exactly what they want*) is redundant and should be avoided: *it's exactly what they want*

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adv

1. within a brief preceding time, but a moment before: *The sun just came out*
2. exactly or precisely: *That's just what I mean*
3. by a narrow margin; barely: *just over six feet tall*
4. only or merely: *I was just a child. Don't just sit there*
5. at this moment: *The movie is just ending*
6. simply: *We'll just have to wait and see*
7. quite, really; positively.

adj

8. guided by reason, justice, and fairness.
9. done or made according to principle; equitable: *a just reply*
10. based on right; lawful: *a just claim*
11. in keeping with truth or fact, true, correct: *a just analysis*
12. given or awarded rightly; deserved: *a just punishment*
13. in accordance with standards or requirements, proper or right: *just proportions*
14. [esp. in Biblical use] righteous.
15. actual, real, or genuine.

[1325–75; Middle English < Latin *iustus* lawful, deserved, just, adj. derivative of *iūs* law, right]

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justness, *n*

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just'er, *n*

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just

You use **just** to say that something happened a very short time ago. British speakers usually use the present perfect with **just**. For example, they say 'I've just arrived'.

I've just bought a new house.

American speakers usually use the past simple. Instead of saying 'I've just arrived', they say 'I just arrived'.

His wife just died.

I just broke the pink bowl.

Some British speakers also use the past simple, but in Britain this use is usually regarded as incorrect.

Be Careful!

Don't use 'just' with adverbs such as **partly** to give the meaning 'not completely'. Don't say, for example, 'The job is just partly done'. You say 'The job is only partly done'.

He was only partially successful.

The bus was only half full.

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Thesaurus

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- Adj.**
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fair, just - free from favoritism or self-interest or bias or deception; conforming with established standards or rules; "a fair referee"; "fair deal"; "on a fair footing"; "a fair fight"; "by fair means or foul"
honorable, honorable - worthy of being honored; entitled to honor and respect; "an honorable man"; "led an honorable life"; "honorable service to his country"
right - in conformance with justice or law or morality; "do the right thing and confess"
righteous - characterized by or proceeding from accepted standards of morality or justice; "the...prayer of a righteous man availeth much"- James 5:16
unjust - violating principles of justice; "unjust punishment"; "an unjust judge"; "an unjust accusation"
 2. **just** - fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience; "equitable treatment of all citizens"; "an equitable distribution of gifts among the children"
equitable
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reasonable, sensible - showing reason or sound judgment; "a sensible choice"; "a sensible person"
 4. **just** - of moral excellence; "a genuinely good person"; "a just cause"; "an upright and respectable man"
upright, good
righteous - characterized by or proceeding from accepted standards of morality or justice; "the...prayer of a righteous man availeth much"- James 5:16
- Adv.**
1. **just** - and nothing more; "I was merely asking"; "it is simply a matter of time"; "just a scratch"; "he was only a child"; "hopes that last but a moment"
but, merely, only, simply



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'fair adjective \fer\

- : agreeing with what is thought to be right or acceptable
- : treating people in a way that does not favor some over others
- : not too harsh or critical

Full Definition of FAIR

- 1** : pleasing to the eye or mind especially because of fresh, charming, or flawless quality
- 2** : superficially pleasing : SPECIOUS <she trusted his *fair* promises>
- 3 a** : CLEAN, PURE <*fair* sparkling water>
b : CLEAR, LEGIBLE
- 4** : not stormy or foul : FINE <*fair* weather>
- 5** : AMPLE <a *fair* estate>
- 6 a** : marked by impartiality and honesty : free from self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism <a very *fair* person to do business with>
b (1) : conforming with the established rules : ALLOWED
(2) : consonant with merit or importance : DUE <a *fair* share>
c : open to legitimate pursuit, attack, or ridicule <*fair* game>
- 7 a** : PROMISING, LIKELY <in a *fair* way to win>
b : favorable to a ship's course <a *fair* wind>
- 8** *archaic* : free of obstacles
- 9** : not dark <*fair* skin>
- 10 a** : sufficient but not ample : ADEQUATE <a *fair* understanding of the work>
b : moderately numerous, large, or significant <takes a *fair* amount of time>
- 11** : being such to the utmost : UTTER <a *fair* treat to watch him — *New Republic*>
— fair-ness *noun*

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Examples of FAIR

- That's a *fair* question, and it deserves an honest reply.
- He is known as a very *fair* man.

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- I try to be *fair* to my children.
 - He claims that the competition wasn't *fair*.
 - It's not *fair* that she gets to leave early and I don't.
 - a *fair* and impartial jury
 - a bargain that is *fair* to everyone
 - "What a bad movie!" "*Be fair!* Parts of it are actually pretty funny."
 - I can't say I liked the movie, but, *to be fair*, parts of it are pretty funny.
 - She did poorly on the test, but, *to be fair*, so did a lot of other people.
 - "You boys not looking for any trouble, are you?" The question was *fair*. Millat's Crew looked like trouble. —Zadie Smith, *White Teeth*, (2000) 2001
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Origin of FAIR

Middle English *fager*, *fair*, from Old English *fæger*; akin to Old High German *fagar* beautiful
 First Known Use: before 12th century

Related to FAIR

Synonyms

bright, clear, cloudless, sunny, shiny, unclouded

Antonyms

bleak, cloudy, dirty, foul, nasty, overcast, rainy, raw, rough, squally, stormy, sunless, tempestuous, turbulent

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Synonym Discussion of FAIR

FAIR, **JUST**, **EQUITABLE**, **IMPARTIAL**, **UNBIASED**, **DISPASSIONATE**, **OBJECTIVE** mean free from favor toward either or any side. **FAIR** implies a proper balance of conflicting interests <a *fair* decision>. **JUST** implies an exact following of a standard of what is right and proper <a *just* settlement of territorial claims>. **EQUITABLE** implies a less rigorous standard than **JUST** and usually suggests equal treatment of all concerned <the *equitable* distribution of the property>. **IMPARTIAL** stresses an absence of favor or prejudice <an *impartial* third party>. **UNBIASED** implies even more strongly an absence of all prejudice <your *unbiased* opinion>. **DISPASSIONATE** suggests freedom from the influence of strong feeling and often implies cool or even cold judgment <a *dispassionate* summation of the facts>. **OBJECTIVE** stresses a tendency to view events or persons as apart from oneself and one's own interest or feelings <I can't be *objective* about my own child>.

Rhymes with FAIR

air, Ayr, bare, bear, Blair, blare, care, chair, chare, dare, Dare, e'er, ere, err, eyre, fare, flair, flare, glair, glare, hair, hare, He..

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²fair  *noun* \ˈfɛr\

Definition of FAIR

- 1** *obsolete* : **BEAUTY**, **FAIRNESS**
- 2** : something that is fair or fortunate (see **¹FAIR**)
- 3** *archaic* : **WOMAN**; especially : **SWEETHEART**

- **for fair**
: to the greatest extent or degree : **FULLY** <the rush is on for fair>
- **no fair**
: something that is not according to the rules <that's no fair>

Origin of FAIR

(see ¹FAIR)

First Known Use: before 12th century

fair  *adverb* \fer\

Definition of FAIR

- 1 : in a manner that is honest or impartial or that conforms to rules : in a fair manner <play fair>
- 2 chiefly British : FAIRLY 3 <fair makes you want to cry>

Examples of FAIR

- <we expect everyone on this basketball court to play fair>
- <it fair takes your breath away when you find out what properties in London are going for>

Origin of FAIR

(see ¹FAIR)

First Known Use: before 12th century

Related to FAIR

- Synonyms
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dirty, illegally
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fair  *verb* \fer\

Definition of FAIR

intransitive verb

of the weather
: **CLEAR**

transitive verb

- to join so that the external surfaces blend **smoothly**

Origin of FAIR

(see ¹FAIR)

First Known Use: 1819

fair  *noun* \fer\

Definition of FAIR

- 1 : a gathering of buyers and sellers at a particular place and time for trade
- 2 **a** : a competitive **exhibition** usually with accompanying entertainment and amusements <an agricultural fair>
b : an exhibition designed to acquaint prospective buyers or the general public with a product <a book fair>
c : an **exposition** that promotes the availability of services or opportunities <health fairs> <job fairs>

3 : a sale of assorted articles usually for a charitable purpose

Examples of FAIR

- At night the sparkling lights, hurdy-gurdy music of the merry-go-round, excited children, and screams of the riders on the roller coaster that races overhead recall the gaiety of a carnival midway at a county *fair*. —Witold Rybczynski, *Atlantic*, May 1993

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Origin of FAIR

Middle English *feire*, from Anglo-French, from Medieval Latin *feria* weekday, fair, from Late Latin, festal day, from Latin *feriae* (plural) holidays — more at **FEAST**

First Known Use: 13th century

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fair *noun* (*Concise Encyclopedia*)

Temporary **MARKET** where buyers and sellers gather to transact business. Fairs are held at regular intervals, generally at the same location and time of year. An important form of commerce before the **INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION**, fairs solved the problem of distribution and made possible the demonstration of arts and crafts and the sale and **BARTER** of goods. They were a fixture of the Roman Empire and medieval Europe, where they were held at major caravan crossroads and near religious festivals. The rules of the fairs eventually became the basis of European **BUSINESS LAW**. Fairs began to die out as cities grew larger and transportation networks became more extensive, though some continued to exist as religious festivals or recreational events. County, agricultural, and livestock fairs are still held in many countries. The **TRADE FAIR** or trade show, often an international event in which exhibitors from one industry display their goods, gained popularity in the 20th century.

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- proportion
- alternate proportion
- continued proportion

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'pro·por·tion *noun* \prə-pôr-shən\

- : an amount that is a part of a whole
- : the relationship that exists between the size, number, or amount of two things
- : the correct or appropriate relationship between the size, shape, and position of the different parts of something

Full Definition of PROPORTION

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- : harmonious relation of parts to each other or to the whole : BALANCE, SYMMETRY
- a : proper or equal share <each did her *proportion* of the work>

b : QUOTA, PERCENTAGE
- : the relation of one part to another or to the whole with respect to magnitude, quantity, or degree : RATIO
- : SIZE, DIMENSION
- : a statement of equality between two ratios in which the first of the four terms divided by the second equals the third divided by the fourth (as in $4/2=10/5$) — compare EXTREME 1b, MÉAN 1c

— in *proportion*
: PROPORTIONAL 1

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Examples of PROPORTION

- His ears were drawn *out of proportion* with his head.
- The size of the window seems *out of proportion* with the height of the wall.

Origin of PROPORTION

Middle English *proporcion*, from Anglo-French, from Latin *proportion-*, *proportio*, from *pro* for + *portio-*, *portio* portion — more at FOR

First Known Use: 14th century

Related to PROPORTION

Synonyms
balance, coherence, concinnity, consonance, consonancy, orchestration, harmony, symmetry, symphony, unity

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asymmetry, discordance, disproportion, disunity, imbalance, incoherence, violence

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Other Mathematics and Statistics Terms

abscissa, denominator, divisor, equilateral, exponent, hypotenuse, logarithm, oblique, radii, rhomb

Rhymes with PROPORTION

abortion, apportion, contortion, distortion, extortion

'proportion *verb*

pro·por·tioned | **pro·por·tion·ing** 

Definition of PROPORTION



transitive verb

- 1 : to adjust (a part or thing) in size relative to other parts or things
- 2 : to make the parts of harmonious or symmetrical
- 3 : APPORTION, ALLOT

First Known Use of PROPORTION

14th century

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- anatomically correct
- politically correct

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'cor·rect *verb* \kə'rekt\

- to change (something) so that it is right, true, proper, etc.
- to make (something) correct
- to mark the errors on (something that a person has written)
- to deal with or take care of (a problem, bad situation, etc.) successfully

Full Definition of CORRECT



transitive verb

- a** : to make or set right : AMEND <correct an error>

b : COUNTERACT, NEUTRALIZE <correct a harmful tendency>

c : to alter or adjust so as to bring to some standard or required condition <correct a lens for spherical aberration>
- a** : to punish (as a child) with a view to reforming or improving

b : to point out usually for amendment the errors or faults of <spent the day *correcting* tests>

— *cor·rect·able* *adjective*

— *cor·rec·tor* *noun*

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Examples of CORRECT

- I hate it when she *corrects* my grammar.
- Please *correct* your essay for punctuation errors.
- Our teacher hasn't finished *correcting* our tests yet.
- He *corrects* papers with a red pen.
- We are finding ways to *correct* this difficult situation.
- We'll *correct* the problem with the circuit as soon as possible.
- These medicines are used for *correcting* chemical imbalances in the brain.

Origin of CORRECT

Middle English, from Latin *correctus*, past participle of *corrige*, from *com-* + *regere* to lead straight — more at [RIGHT](#)

First Known Use: 14th century

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Synonyms

amend, debug, emend, rectify, red-pencil, reform, remedy

Antonyms

excuse, pardon, spare

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Synonym Discussion of CORRECT

CORRECT, **RECTIFY**, **EMEND**, **REMEDY**, **REDRESS**, **AMEND**, **REFORM**, **REVISE** mean to make right what is wrong. **CORRECT** implies taking action to remove errors, faults, deviations, defects <correct your spelling>. **RECTIFY** implies a more essential changing to make something right, just, or properly controlled or directed <rectify a misguided policy>. **EMEND** specifically implies correction of a text or manuscript <emend a text>. **REMEDY** implies removing or making harmless a cause of trouble, harm, or evil <set out to remedy the evils of the world>. **REDRESS** implies making compensation or reparation for an unfairness, injustice, or imbalance <redress past social injustices>. **AMEND**, **REFORM**, **REVISE** imply an improving by making corrective changes, **AMEND** usually suggesting slight changes <amend a law>, **REFORM** implying drastic change <plans to reform the court system>, and **REVISE** suggesting a careful examination of something and the making of necessary changes <revise the schedule>.

Rhymes with CORRECT

abject, advect, affect, aspect, bisect, cathect, collect, confect, connect, convect, cowl-necked, defect, deflect, deject, detect, direct,...

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²correct adjective

: true or accurate : agreeing with facts

: having no errors or mistakes

: proper or appropriate in a particular situation

Full Definition of CORRECT

- 1 : conforming to an approved or conventional standard <correct behavior>
- 2 : conforming to or agreeing with fact, logic, or known truth <a correct response>
- 3 : conforming to a set figure <enclosed the correct return postage>
- 4 : conforming to the strict requirements of a specific ideology or set of beliefs or values <environmentally correct> <spiritually correct>

— cor·rect·ly  *adverb*

— cor·rect·ness  *noun*

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Examples of CORRECT

- What's the *correct* answer to this question?
- Her watch never tells the *correct* time.
- an anatomically *correct* drawing of the human body
- Did I give you the *correct* change?
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Origin of CORRECT

Middle English, corrected, from Latin *correctus*, from past participle of *corrigere*

First Known Use: 1668

Related to CORRECT

Synonyms

accurate, bang on [*chiefly British*], dead-on, exact, good, on-target, precise, proper, right so, spot-on, true, veracious, on target, on the money

Antonyms

false, improper, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, off, untrue, wrong

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Synonym Discussion of CORRECT

CORRECT, **ACCURATE**, **EXACT**, **PRECISE**, **NICE**, **RIGHT** mean conforming to fact, standard, or truth. **CORRECT** usually implies freedom from fault or error <*correct answers*> <socially *correct dress*>. **ACCURATE** implies fidelity to fact or truth attained by exercise of care <*an accurate description*>. **EXACT** stresses a very strict agreement with fact, standard, or truth <*exact measurements*>. **PRECISE** adds to **EXACT** an emphasis on sharpness of definition or delimitation <*precise calibration*>. **NICE** stresses great precision and delicacy of adjustment or discrimination <*makes nice distinctions*>. **RIGHT** is close to **CORRECT** but has a stronger positive emphasis on conformity to fact or truth rather than mere absence of error or fault <*the right thing to do*>.


cor·rect  *transitive verb* \kə-'rekt\ (*Medical Dictionary*)

Medical Definition of CORRECT

: to alter or adjust so as to bring to some standard or required condition <*correct a lens for spherical aberration*>

—**cor·rect·able**  *adjective*

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cor·rect (kə-ˈrɛkt)
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- v. tr.
- To remove the errors or mistakes from.
 - To indicate or mark the errors in.
 - To punish for the purpose of improving or reforming.
 - To remove, remedy, or counteract (a malfunction, for example).
 - To adjust so as to meet a required standard or condition. *correct the wheel alignment on a car*

- v. intr.
- To make corrections.
 - To make adjustments; compensate. *correcting for the effects of air resistance*

- adj
- Free from error or fault; true or accurate
 - Conforming to standards; proper. *correct behavior*

[Middle English *correcten*, from Latin *corrigere*, *cor-rēct-*, to correct; *com-*, intensive *pref*; see *com-* + *regere*, to rule; see *reg-* in Indo-European roots.]

cor·rect'a·ble, cor·rect'i·ble adj

cor·rect'ly adv

cor·rect'ness n

cor·rec'tor n

Synonyms: correct, rectify, remedy, redress, reform, revise, amend
These verbs mean to make right what is wrong. *Correct* refers to eliminating faults, errors, or defects: *I corrected the spelling mistakes*.
Rectify stresses the idea of bringing something into conformity with a standard of what is right. *The omission of your name from the list will be rectified*.
Remedy involves removing or counteracting something considered a cause of harm or damage: *He took courses to remedy his abysmal ignorance*.
Redress refers to setting right something considered immoral or unethical and usually involves making reparation: *The wrong is too great to be redressed*.
Reform implies broad change that improves form or character: *Let us reform our schools, and we shall find little reform needed in our prisons* (John Ruskin).
Revise suggests change that results from reconsideration: *The author revised her manuscript for publication*.
Amend implies improvement through alteration or correction: *Whenever [the people] shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it* (Abraham Lincoln). See Also Synonyms at **punish**.

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correct (kə ˈrɛkt)

vb (tr)

- to make free from errors
- to indicate the errors in
- to rebuke or punish in order to set right or improve *to correct a child, to stand corrected*
- to counteract or rectify (a malfunction, ailment, etc) *these glasses will correct your sight*
- to adjust or make conform, esp to a standard

adj

- free from error, true, accurate *the correct version*
- in conformity with accepted standards *correct behaviour*

[C14. from Latin *corrigere* to make straight, put in order, from *com-* (intensive) + *regere* to rule]

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correct (kə ˈrɛkt)

v. t.

- to set or make right, remove the errors or faults from.
- to point out or mark the errors in. *to correct examinal on papers*
- to rebuke or punish in order to improve. *Don't correct your child in public.*
- to counteract the operation or effect of (something harmful or undesirable).
- to alter or adjust so as to bring into accordance with a standard or with a required condition.

v. i.

- (of stock prices) to reverse a trend, esp temporarily, as after a sharp advance or decline in previous trading sessions.

adj

- conforming to fact or truth; accurate
- in accordance with an acknowledged or accepted standard; proper *correct behavior*

[1300–50, (v.) Middle English (< Anglo-French *correcter*) < Latin *correctus*, past participle of *corrigere* to make straight = *cor-* + *-rigere*, comb. form of *regere* to guide, rule, (adj.) (< French *correct*) < Latin]

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Definitions (5)

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1 General. Freedom from error (correctness), or closeness to truth or fact, resulting from exercise of painstaking care or due diligence. Accuracy depends on how the data is collected, and is usually judged by comparing several measurements from the same or different sources.

2. Accounting: (1) A financial statement item is judged accurate when all account balances included in it are correct in (a) value, (b) presentation, and (c) disclosure of material information. (2) An account balance is judged accurate when all elements included in it (such as assets, costs, equities, liabilities, reserves) are correct in (a) value, and (b) classification. (3) A class of transactions is judged accurate when all accounting events included in it are correct in (a) value, and (b) description.

3. Engineering: Ratio of an error to the range of possible output (full scale output) values

4. Forecasting: Degree of fit (matching) between the predictions and the actual data.

5. Testing: Degree of the closeness (to actual value) by which an instrument measures or senses the value of a variable being measured or sensed. See also precision

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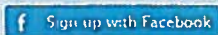


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Accuracy and Precision:

Accuracy refers to the closeness of a measured value to a standard or known value. For example, if in lab you obtain a weight measurement of 3.2 kg for a given substance, but the actual or known weight is 10 kg, then your measurement is not accurate. In this case, your measurement is not close to the known value.

Precision refers to the closeness of two or more measurements to each other. Using the example above, if you weigh a given substance five times, and get 3.2 kg each time, then your measurement is very precise. Precision is independent of accuracy. You can be very precise but inaccurate, as described above. You can also be accurate but imprecise.

For example, if on average, your measurements for a given substance are close to the known value, but the measurements are far from each other, then you have accuracy without precision.

A good analogy for understanding accuracy and precision is to imagine a basketball player shooting baskets. If the player shoots with accuracy, his aim will always take the ball close to or into the basket. If the player shoots with precision, his aim will always take the ball to the same location which may or may not be close to the basket. A good player will be both accurate and precise by shooting the ball the same way each time and each time making it in the basket.

Accuracy and Precision

They mean slightly different things!

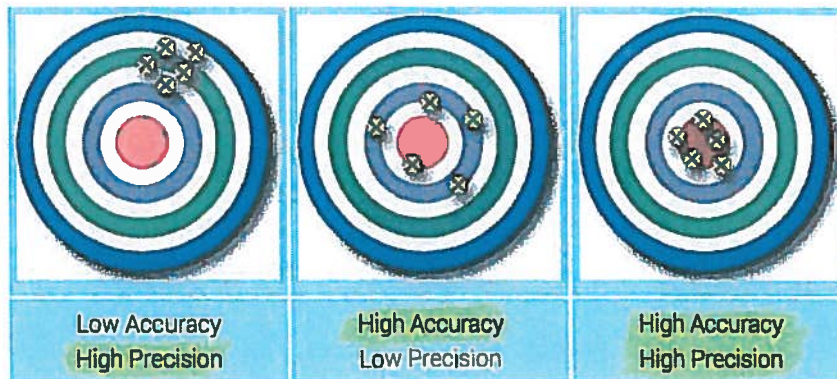
Accuracy

Accuracy is how close a measured value is to the **actual (true) value**

Precision

Precision is how close the measured values are to **each other**

Examples of Precision and Accuracy:



So, if you are playing soccer and you always hit the left goal post instead of scoring, then you are **not accurate**, but you **are precise**!

Bias (don't let precision fool you!)

When we measure something several times and all values are close, they **may** all be wrong if there is a **"Bias"**

Bias is a systematic (built-in) error which makes all measurements wrong by a certain amount.

Examples of Bias

- The scales read "1 kg" when there is nothing on them
- You always measure your height wearing shoes with thick soles.
- A stopwatch that takes half a second to stop when clicked

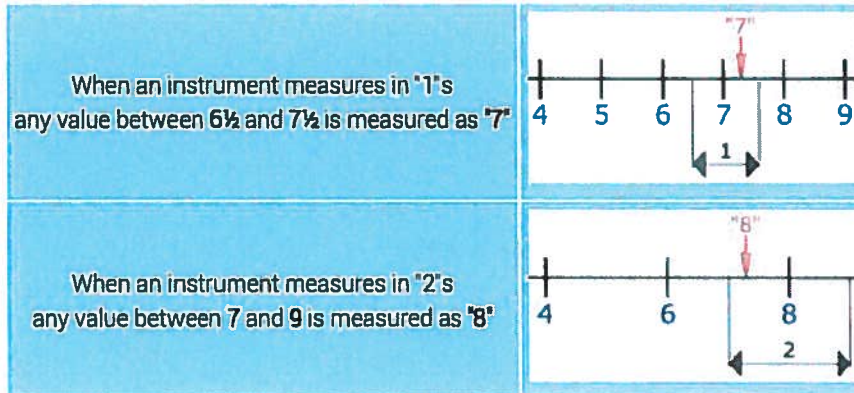
In each case **all** measurements are wrong by the same amount. That is bias.

Degree of Accuracy

Accuracy depends on the instrument we are measuring with. But as a general rule:

The degree of accuracy is **half a unit** each side of the unit of measure

Examples:



(Notice that the arrow points to the same spot, but the measured values are different!
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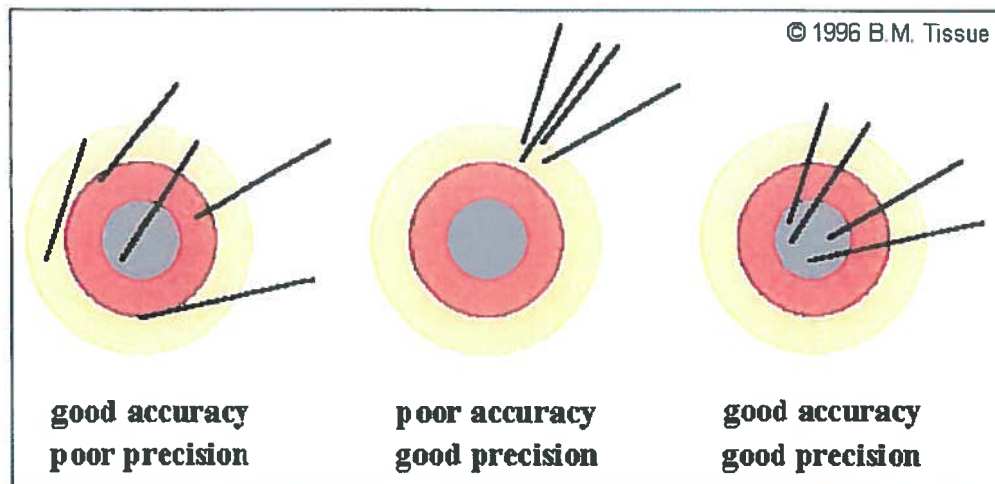
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The accuracy of a measurement is how close a result comes to the true value. Determining the accuracy of a measurement usually requires [calibration](#) of the analytical method with a known [standard](#).

Precision

[Precision](#) is the reproducibility of multiple measurements. It is usually described by the [standard deviation](#), standard error, or confidence interval.

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ac·cu·ra·cy (ək'yŭ-rə-sē)

1. Conformity to fact.
2. Precision, exactness
3. The ability of a measurement to match the actual value of the quantity being measured

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accuracy (ək'yurəsɪ)

- n, pl -cies
1. faithful measurement or representation of the truth, correctness, precision
 2. (General Physics) *physics* *chem* the degree of agreement between a measured or computed value of a physical quantity and the standard or accepted value for that quantity

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ac·cu·ra·cy (ək'yŭ-rə-si)

- n, pl -cies
1. the condition or quality of being true, correct, or exact; precision, exactness
 2. the extent to which a given measurement agrees with the standard value for that measurement
 3. *Math*: the degree of correctness of a quantity, expression, etc. Compare *precision* (def. 4).

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- truth**
 - quality** - an essential and distinguishing attribute of something or someone; "the quality of mercy is not strained"—Shakespeare
 - exactitude, exactness** - the quality of being exact; "he demanded exactness in all details"; "a man of great exactitude"
 - fidelity** - accuracy with which an electronic system reproduces the sound or image of its input signal
 - inaccuracy** - the quality of being inaccurate and having errors
2. **accuracy** - (mathematics) the number of significant figures given in a number; "the atomic clock enabled scientists to measure time with much greater accuracy"
- quality** - an essential and distinguishing attribute of something or someone; "the quality of mercy is not strained"—Shakespeare
 - math, mathematics, maths** - a science (or group of related sciences) dealing with the logic of quantity and shape and arrangement



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- noun
1. **exactness, precision, fidelity, authenticity, correctness, closeness, truth, verity, nicety, veracity, faithfulness, truthfulness, niceness, exactitude, strictness, meticulousness, carefulness, scrupulousness, preciseness, faultlessness, accurateness** *The text cannot be guaranteed as to the accuracy of speakers' words*
exactness, inaccuracy, carelessness, laxity, imprecision, incorrectness, laxness, inexactitude, erroneousness
 2. **precision, correctness, exactitude, exactness, meticulousness, definiteness, preciseness**
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accuracy [ækjʊərəsi] *N* [of measurement, figures, clock] → **exactitud** *f.* [of instrument] → **precisión** *f.* [of translation, copy, words, description] → **fiabilidad** *f.*, **exactitud** *f.* [of forecast] → **acertado**: [of aim, shot] → **lo acertado**

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they were impressed by the typist's accuracy → estaban **impresionados** por la **falta de errores en el trabajo del mecanógrafo**

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ac·cu·ra·cy *noun* \ə kyə-rə-sē, ə-k(ə-)rə\

: freedom from mistake or error : the quality or state of being accurate

: the ability to work or perform without making mistakes

plural **ac·cu·ra·cies**

Full Definition of ACCURACY

1 : freedom from mistake or error : CORRECTNESS

2 a : conformity to truth or to a standard or model : EXACTNESS

b : degree of conformity of a measure to a standard or a true value — compare PRECISION 2a

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- Several managers have tried to increase the speed and *accuracy* of the workers.

First Known Use of ACCURACY

1662

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- n.*
1. The state or quality of being precise; exactness.
 2.
 - a. The ability of a measurement to be consistently reproduced.
 - b. The number of significant digits to which a value has been reliably measured.
- adj.*
1. Used or intended for accurate or exact measurement: *a precision tool*
 2. Made so as to vary minimally from a set standard: *precision components*
 3. Of or characterized by accurate action: *precision bombing*

[Latin *praecl̄s̄is̄*, *praecl̄s̄ign-*, a cutting off, from *praecl̄sus*, past participle of *praecl̄dere*, to cut off; see [precise](#)]

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precision (prĭ sĭzhən)

- n.*
1. the quality of being precise; accuracy
 2. (Mechanical Engineering) (*modifier*) characterized by or having a high degree of exactness: *precision grinding*; *a precision instrument*.

[C17: from Latin *praecl̄s̄iō* a cutting off; see [precise](#)]

pre·ci·sionism *n* **pre·ci·sionist** *n*

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pre·ci·sion (prĭ sĭzh ən)

- n.*
1. the state or quality of being precise
 2. mechanical or scientific exactness: *a lens ground with precision*
 3. strict observance; punctiliousness.
 4. *Math* the degree to which the correctness of a quantity is expressed. Compare [accuracy](#) (def. 3).
- adj.*
5. of, pertaining to, or characterized by precision: *precision instruments*

[1630–40, < Latin]

pre·ci·sion·al, *adj*

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Precision

(See also [CORRECTNESS](#).)

bang on Exactly on; directly on; precisely as planned; apt or appropriate. This British slang phrase often appears as *bang on target*, popularized by bomber lingo during World War I.

It (a play) has enough quality and sense of the theatre to suggest that before long he will land one bang on the target. (*Oxford Magazine*, February 27, 1958)

By extension, the phrase also describes anything which is just right, apt, or appropriate.

As a real st c tale of low life in London, it is bang on. (*Spectator*, February 14, 1958)

Spot on is another British slang phrase which is used interchangeably with *bang on*.

dot one's i's and cross one's t's To be precise or meticulous down to the last or smallest detail; to particularize in detail so as to leave no room for doubt or uncertainty; to cite chapter and verse. This expression is said to have sprung from the possibility of confusing *i's* with *l's* if they are carelessly written without the respective dot and cross. The phrase has been in figurative use since the 1800s.

hit the nail on the head To do or say the most fitting thing; to cut through extraneous details and come right to the point; to make a clear, pithy statement. This expression has been in print since the 16th century. Hitting a nail properly—that is, squarely on the head—is likened to communicating effectively, or to the point. On the other hand, a bad hit which bends the nail is like rambling which fails to get to the crux of a matter.

At least they ignorantly hit the nail on the head, saying that the Devil was in him. (*Fryke's Voyage*, 1700)

Occam's razor The maxim that unnecessary facts or assumptions used to explain a subject must be eliminated. William of Occam, the 14th-century English scholastic philosopher known as "the Invincible Doctor," believed that general ideas have no objective reality outside the mind (nominalism). Razor in this expression is a metaphorical term for the precise, dissecting, incisive methods which characterize Occam's intellectual approach.

on the button Exactly, precisely, punctually, promptly; on the dot, often *right on the button*. This expression derives from the boxing slang use of *button* to mean the point of the chin. Literally then, *on the button* indicates a perfectly aimed punch to the chin or jaw area intended to knock a fighter out or at least seriously impair his ability to retaliate.

on the money At precisely the right time or place, right on target; often *right on the money*. This American slang expression appears to refer to money placed as a bet against a certain, previously stated outcome.

on the nose Precisely; right on target; on time. *On the nose* is old radio parlance describing the producer's gesture of putting his finger on his nose to signify that the program was running according to schedule. The phrase is now used especially in regard to time but can describe anything which is accurate, precise, or apt. *On the button* is akin to *on the nose* in meaning and usage, and both are American equivalents of the British phrases *bang on* and *spot on*.

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACCURACY AND PRECISION?

METEOROLOGIST JEFF HABY

Accuracy is defined as, "The ability of a measurement to match the actual value of the quantity being measured". If in reality it is 34.0 F outside and a temperature sensor reads 34.0 F, then the sensor is accurate.

Precision is defined as, "(1) The ability of a measurement to be consistently reproduced" and "(2) The number of significant digits to which a value has been reliably measured". If on several tests the temperature sensor matches the actual temperature while the actual temperature is held constant, then the temperature sensor is precise. By the second definition, the number 3.1415 is more precise than the number 3.14

An example of a sensor with BAD accuracy and BAD precision: Suppose a lab refrigerator holds a constant temperature of 38.0 F. A temperature sensor is tested 10 times in the refrigerator. The temperatures from the test yield the temperatures of: 39.4, 38.1, 39.3, 37.5, 38.3, 39.1, 37.1, 37.8, 38.8, 39.0. This distribution shows no tendency toward a particular value (lack of precision) and does not acceptably match the actual temperature (lack of accuracy).

An example of a sensor with GOOD accuracy and BAD precision: Suppose a lab refrigerator holds a constant temperature of 38.0 F. A temperature sensor is tested 10 times in the refrigerator. The temperatures from the test yield the temperatures of: 37.8, 38.3, 38.1, 38.0, 37.6, 38.2, 38.0, 38.0, 37.4, 38.3. This distribution shows no impressive tendency toward a particular value (lack of precision) but each value does come close to the actual temperature (high accuracy).

An example of a sensor with BAD accuracy and GOOD precision: Suppose a lab refrigerator holds a constant temperature of 38.0 F. A temperature sensor is tested 10 times in the refrigerator. The temperatures from the test yield the temperatures of: 39.2, 39.3, 39.1, 39.0, 39.1, 39.3, 39.2, 39.1, 39.2, 39.2. This distribution does show a tendency toward a particular value (high precision) but every measurement is well off from the actual temperature (low accuracy).

An example of a sensor with GOOD accuracy and GOOD precision: Suppose a lab refrigerator holds a constant temperature of 38.0 F. A temperature sensor is tested 10 times in the refrigerator. The temperatures from the test yield the temperatures of: 38.0, 38.0, 37.8, 38.1, 38.0, 37.9, 38.0, 38.2, 38.0, 37.9. This distribution does show a tendency toward a particular value (high precision) and is very near the actual temperature each time (high accuracy).

The goal of any meteorological instrument is to have high accuracy (sensor matching reality as close as possible) and to also have a high precision (being able to consistently replicate results and to measure with as many significant digits as appropriately possible). Meteorological instruments, including radar, need to be calibrated in order that they sustain high accuracy and high precision.

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