

beau·ty

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noun

(plural **beauties**)

1 | appearance [uncountable] BEAUTIFUL/GOOD-LOOKING a quality that people, places, or things have that makes them very attractive to look at:
her beauty and grace
*an area of outstanding **natural beauty***
*Millions of dollars are spent each year on **beauty products**.*

2 | woman BEAUTIFUL/GOOD-LOOKING [countable] a woman who is very beautiful:
She was considered a great beauty in her youth.

3 | poem/music/emotion etc [uncountable] GOOD/EXCELLENT a quality that something such as a poem, song, emotion etc has that gives you pleasure or joy:
beauty of
the beauty of Shakespeare's verse

4 | advantage the beauty of something GOOD POINT OR CHARACTERISTIC
a particularly good quality that makes something especially suitable or useful:
The beauty of e-mail is its speed and ease of use.

5 GOOD EXAMPLE [countable] (spoken) UNUSUAL a very good, large etc example of something:
You should have seen the boat – a real beauty.

6 beauty is in the eye of the beholder BEAUTIFUL/GOOD-LOOKING
used to say that different people have different opinions about what is beautiful

7 beauty is only skin-deep
used to say that how someone looks is not as important as a good character

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beauty the quality of being very attractive to look at - used about people, objects, and places: *She was greatly admired for her beauty and intelligence. | the natural beauty of the landscape. | The Ancient Greeks created statues of outstanding beauty and dignity.*

somebody's good looks someone's attractive appearance, especially their face and features: *With his dark good looks, Jason could have been a film star.*

glamour an exciting quality which makes someone or something seem attractive and connected with wealth and success: *Men loved her for her beauty and her glamour. | Add a black lace top for a touch of glamour.*

aesthetic adjective connected with beauty and the study of beauty: *The aesthetic value of their work is easy to appreciate. | the declining aesthetic standards of our civilization | The aesthetic qualities in a Buddhist sculpture are similar to those in any other work of art.*

Word origin

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