## ac-cept-a-ble sa wa

/ək<sup>l</sup>septəb |/ adjective

1 LET/ALLOW good enough to be used for a particular purpose or to be considered satisfactory:

## acceptable to

an agreement which is acceptable to all sides

Students who achieve an acceptable standard will progress to degree studies.

How do we reach an acceptable level of data security?

**2** ACCEPT acceptable behaviour is considered to be morally or socially good enough:

Alcohol is not an acceptable way out of your problems.

Here, the students set the standards for **acceptable behaviour**.

acceptable (for somebody) to do something

It is not **socially acceptable** for parents to leave children unattended at that age.

It is **perfectly acceptable** to sample the food before you buy.

- -acceptably adverb
- $-acceptability / \partial k_l sept \partial^l bil_{\partial}^l ti / noun [uncountable]$

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