

ac·cu·rate

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adjective

1 **information** CORRECT TRUE correct and true in every detail

OPP

The brochure tries to give a fair and accurate description of each hotel.

fairly/reasonably accurate

Police believe Derek gave a reasonably accurate account of what happened.

not strictly/entirely/completely accurate

The evidence she gave to the court was not strictly accurate (= not exactly accurate).

2 **measurement** EXACT measured or calculated correctly

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It is difficult to get accurate figures on population numbers.

3 **machine** EXACT a machine that is accurate is able to do something in an exact way without making a mistake:

The cutter is accurate to within 1/2 a millimetre.

4 **well-aimed** EXACT an accurate shot, throw etc succeeds in hitting or reaching the thing that it is intended to hit:

an accurate shot

accurate bowling

— **accurately** adv:

It's impossible to predict the weather accurately.

Word origin

Date: 1500–1600

Language: Latin

Origin: past participle of *accurare* 'to take care of', from *ad-* 'to' + *cura* 'care'

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