

a·chieve·ment

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noun

- 1 [countable] DO something important that you succeed in doing by your own efforts:

achievement of

We try to celebrate the achievements of our students.

His great achievement is to make all the players into a united team.

somebody's achievement in (doing) something

The test measures children's achievements in reading, spelling, and maths.

- 2 [uncountable] PROUD when you achieve something or when people achieve something:

Roberts is researching the effect of social class on educational achievement.

*As we climbed the final few metres, we felt a **sense of achievement**.*

COLLOCATIONSense 1 adjectives

a great/fine/impressive achievement (= one that deserves to be admired) *Winning the award was a great achievement.*

a remarkable/extraordinary achievement (= one that is unusual or surprising and deserves praise) *In recognition of this remarkable achievement he was awarded the OBE.*

a major/important achievement *Writing the book was a major achievement.*

an outstanding achievement (= an extremely impressive achievement) *Eisenhower's outstanding achievement was to*

avoid war.

a considerable achievement (= one that has a large effect) *These studies represent a considerable achievement.*

somebody's crowning/ supreme achievement (= the best of several impressive achievements) *Her appointment to the Paris post was the crowning achievement of her life.*

verbs

something represents an achievement (= something is an achievement) *Few people realised what an enormous achievement Concorde represented.*

phrases

be no mean achievement (= be difficult to achieve and therefore worth admiring) *He got the top mark in the country which is no mean achievement.*

be quite an achievement (= be an impressive achievement) *Working and bringing up kids on your own is quite an achievement.*