

ad·e·quate

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/ˈædɪkwəˌt/

adjective

1 ENOUGH enough in quantity or of a good enough quality for a particular purpose

SYN sufficient

OPP

*Farmers have been slow to make **adequate provision** for their retirement.*

Some creams we tested failed to give adequate protection against UV light.

*The standard of his work is **barely adequate**.*

The company has yet to provide an adequate explanation for its actions.

adequate for

Are the parking facilities adequate for 50 cars?

adequate to do something

*The lunchtime menu is **more than adequate** to satisfy the biggest appetite.*

2 GOOD ENOUGH fairly good but not excellent → **satisfactory:**

Her performance was adequate but lacked originality.

— **adequately** **adv:**

She wasn't adequately insured.

— **adequacy** **noun** [uncountable]

Word origin

Date: 1500–1600

Language: Latin

Origin: past participle of *adaequare* 'to make equal', from *ad-* 'to' + *aequare* 'to equal'

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