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overwhelmingly palpably
painfully painstakingly partially
particularly...

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amethyst antracite apple green aqua aquamarine aubergine...
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The lexical entry

benchmark [business administration] a standard or point of reference against which something can be measured or assessed
These Performance Indicators provide benchmarks against which a school can judge and provide benchmarks against which others are measured.

MIT set a benchmark
MIT has shown a standard of excellence that sets a benchmark for universities everywhere.

COLOCATES quality, performance
structure pp_x for
COLOCATES excellence, quality
I do see this as a benchmark of excellence.
We look forward to making treatment in England a benchmark for computer standards now working.

structure np_x of
COLOCATES quality, performance
Meanwhile, he explains why American TV is a benchmark for quality.
Those standards have to be the benchmark for

structure np
In principle, almost any activity can be benchmarked.
All public sector prisons will be benchmarked over a seven year period.

structure np_pp_x against
Additionally the service is benchmarked against similar schemes elsewhere in the UK.
When benchmarked against the top US universities, it ranked fourth overall.
This annual survey enables you to benchmark your turnover rates against similar NHS organisations.

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