

Need another word that means the same as “candid”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “candid” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Candid” are: open, blunt, forthright, frank, free-spoken, outspoken, plainspoken, point-blank, straight-from-the-shoulder, honest, truthful, sincere, direct, straightforward, bluff, unreserved, downright, not afraid to call a spade a spade, straight from the shoulder, unvarnished, bald, unposed, informal, uncontrived, unstudied, impromptu**

## Candid as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Candid" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “candid” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Truthful and straightforward; frank.*
- *Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion.*
- *Openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness.*
- *Informal or natural; especially caught off guard or unprepared.*
- *(of a photograph of a person) taken informally, especially without the subject's knowledge.*



## Synonyms of "Candid" as an adjective (26 Words)

**bald**

With no effort to conceal.  
*A **bald** spot on the lawn.*

**bluff**

Bluntly direct and outspoken but good-natured.  
*A **bluff** headland.*

**blunt**

Used of a knife or other blade; not sharp.  
*A **blunt** New England farmer.*

**direct**

Extending or moving from one place to another without changing direction or stopping.  
*The complications are a **direct** result of bacteria spreading.*

**downright**

Characterized by plain blunt honesty.  
*A **downright** lie.*

**forthright**

Proceeding directly forwards.  
***Forthright** criticism.*

<b>frank</b>	Clearly manifest; evident. <i><b>Frank</b> enjoyment.</i>
<b>free-spoken</b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion.
<b><u>honest</u></b>	Marked by truth. <i>Worked at an <b>honest</b> trade.</i>
<b><u>impromptu</u></b>	With little or no preparation or forethought. <i>An <b>impromptu</b> press conference.</i>
<b>informal</b>	Having or fostering a warm or friendly and informal atmosphere. <i>Peru s huge and dense <b>informal</b> sector of street vendors and cottage industries.</i>
<b>not afraid to call a spade a spade</b>	Filled with fear or apprehension.
<b>open</b>	Open and observable not secret or hidden. <i><b>Open</b> drains.</i>
<b><u>outspoken</u></b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i>He has been <b>outspoken</b> in his criticism.</i>
<b>plainspoken</b>	Using simple and direct language. <i><b>Plainspoken</b> and to the point.</i>
<b>point-blank</b>	Close enough to go straight to the target.
<b><u>sincere</u></b>	Characterized by a firm and humorless belief in the validity of your opinions. <i>Felt <b>sincere</b> regret that they were leaving.</i>
<b>straight from the shoulder</b>	Successive (without a break).
<b>straight-from-the-shoulder</b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion.
<b><u>straightforward</u></b>	Without evasion or compromise. <i>A <b>straightforward</b> young man.</i>
<b>truthful</b>	Conforming to truth. <i>Astonishingly <b>truthful</b> acting.</i>
<b>uncontrived</b>	Not by design or artifice; unforced and impromptu. <i>The whole effect was <b>uncontrived</b>.</i>
<b>unposed</b>	Not arranged for pictorial purposes. <i>She leaned against the wall puffing <b>unposed</b>.</i>
<b>unreserved</b>	Not reserved. <i><b>Unreserved</b> grandstand seats.</i>

**unstudied**

Not laboured or artificial; natural.  
*She had an **unstudied** grace in every step.*

**unvarnished**

Free from any effort to soften or disguise.  
*The **unvarnished** candor of old people and children.*



## Usage Examples of "Candid" as an adjective

- *A candid photograph.*
- *His candid eyes.*
- *It is better to let the photographer mingle among the guests and take candid shots.*
- *A candid discussion.*
- *His responses were remarkably candid.*
- *A candid interview.*
- *I gave them my candid opinion.*



## Associations of "Candid" (30 Words)

<b>artless</b>	Simple and natural; without cunning or deceit. <i>An <b>artless</b> naive girl.</i>
<b><u>candor</u></b>	The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.
<b>candour</b>	The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech. <i>A man of refreshing <b>candour</b>.</i>
<b><u>childlike</u></b>	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity. <i><b>Childlike</b> trust.</i>
<b><u>clarity</u></b>	Free from obscurity and easy to understand; the comprehensibility of clear expression. <i>When she awoke the <b>clarity</b> was back in her eyes.</i>

<b>directness</b>	The quality of proceeding in a straight line without deflection. <i>Despite the <b>directness</b> of the route the old road was terribly difficult.</i>
<b>downright</b>	(of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis). <i>Her common sense and <b>downright</b> attitude to life surprised him.</i>
<b>forthright</b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i>A <b>forthright</b> approach to the problem.</i>
<b>forthrightness</b>	The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.
<b>frank</b>	Stamp with a postmark to indicate date and time of mailing. <i><b>Frank</b> enjoyment.</i>
<b><u>frankly</u></b>	Used to emphasize the truth of a statement, however unpalatable this may be. <i><b>Frankly</b> I was pleased to leave.</i>
<b>guileless</b>	Devoid of guile; innocent and without deception. <i>His face once so open and <b>guileless</b>.</i>
<b><u>honest</u></b>	Used to persuade someone of the truth of something. <i>He d made an <b>honest</b> mistake.</i>
<b><u>honesty</u></b>	Referring to or using a way of charging for goods or services that relies on the customers to leave money in an unattended receptacle even though there is no one to collect their payments. <i>There s a well stocked <b>honesty</b> bar which includes local wine.</i>
<b>ingenuous</b>	Characterized by an inability to mask your feelings; not devious. <i>An <b>ingenuous</b> admission of responsibility.</i>
<b>integrity</b>	The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. <i>Upholding territorial <b>integrity</b> and national sovereignty.</i>
<b><u>naive</u></b>	Of or created by one without formal training simple or naive in style. <i>I was politically <b>naive</b>.</i>
<b>naivete</b>	Innocence or unsophistication. <i>Some of the material is laughable in its <b>naïvet</b>.</i>
<b><u>openness</u></b>	Willingness or readiness to receive (especially impressions or ideas). <i>The <b>openness</b> of the Western landscape.</i>
<b><u>outspoken</u></b>	Frank in stating one's opinions, especially if they are shocking or controversial. <i><b>Outspoken</b> in their opposition to segregation.</i>

<b>plainspoken</b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i><b>Plainspoken</b> and to the point.</i>
<b>rectitude</b>	Morally correct behaviour or thinking; righteousness. <i>Mattie is a model of <b>rectitude</b>.</i>
<u><b>sincere</b></u>	Characterized by a firm and humorless belief in the validity of your opinions. <i><b>Sincere</b> friendship.</i>
<u><b>sincerity</b></u>	The trait of being serious. <i>The <b>sincerity</b> of his beliefs is unquestionable.</i>
<b>straightforwardness</b>	Without hypocrisy. <i>What some people take for rudeness is really <b>straightforwardness</b>.</i>
<b>straightness</b>	Having honest intentions.
<b>transparency</b>	Picture consisting of a positive photograph or drawing on a transparent base; viewed with a projector. <i>The <b>transparency</b> of ice.</i>
<b>truthful</b>	(of artistic or literary representation) characterized by accuracy or realism; true to life. <i>Gave <b>truthful</b> testimony.</i>
<u><b>truthfulness</b></u>	The fact of being realistic or true to life; realism. <i>The <b>truthfulness</b> of her playing of an ageing American spinster.</i>
<u><b>veracity</b></u>	Unwillingness to tell lies. <i>Voters should be concerned about his <b>veracity</b> and character.</i>

