

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.*

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

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

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| directness | The quality of proceeding in a straight line without deflection. <i>Despite the directness of the route the old road was terribly difficult.</i> |
| downright | (of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis). <i>Her common sense and downright attitude to life surprised him.</i> |
| forthright | Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i>A forthright approach to the problem.</i> |
| forthrightness | The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech. |
| frank | Stamp with a postmark to indicate date and time of mailing. <i>Frank enjoyment.</i> |
| frankly | Used to emphasize the truth of a statement, however unpalatable this may be. <i>Frankly I was pleased to leave.</i> |
| guileless | Devoid of guile; innocent and without deception. <i>His face once so open and guileless.</i> |
| honest | Used to persuade someone of the truth of something. <i>He d made an honest mistake.</i> |
| honesty | 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 honesty bar which includes local wine.</i> |
| ingenuous | Characterized by an inability to mask your feelings; not devious. <i>An ingenuous admission of responsibility.</i> |
| integrity | The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. <i>Upholding territorial integrity and national sovereignty.</i> |
| naive | Of or created by one without formal training simple or naive in style. <i>I was politically naive.</i> |
| naivete | Innocence or unsophistication. <i>Some of the material is laughable in its naïvet.</i> |
| openness | Willingness or readiness to receive (especially impressions or ideas). <i>The openness of the Western landscape.</i> |
| outspoken | Frank in stating one's opinions, especially if they are shocking or controversial. <i>Outspoken in their opposition to segregation.</i> |

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

