

Need another word that means the same as “childlike”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “childlike” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Childlike” are: dewy-eyed, round-eyed, simple, wide-eyed, childly, innocent, artless, guileless, unworldly, unsophisticated, green, inexperienced, naive, ingenuous, trusting, trustful, unsuspicious, unwary, unguarded, credulous, gullible**

## Childlike as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Childlike" as an adjective

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

- *Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity.*
- *(of an adult) having the good qualities, such as innocence, associated with a child.*
- *Befitting a young child.*



## Synonyms of "Childlike" as an adjective (21 Words)

<b>artless</b>	Showing lack of art. <i>Her awkward <b>artless</b> prose.</i>
<b>childly</b>	Befitting a young child.
<b>credulous</b>	Disposed to believe on little evidence. <i>A ceremony staged for <b>credulous</b> tourists.</i>
<b>dewy-eyed</b>	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity.
<b>green</b>	Denoting a green light or flag used as a signal to proceed. <i>Her flashing <b>green</b> eyes.</i>
<b>guileless</b>	Free of deceit. <i>His face once so open and <b>guileless</b>.</i>
<b><u>gullible</u></b>	Easily tricked because of being too trusting. <i>An attempt to persuade a <b>gullible</b> public to spend their money.</i>

<b>inexperienced</b>	Lacking practical experience or training. <i>An <b>inexperienced</b> driver.</i>
<b>ingenuous</b>	Lacking in sophistication or worldliness. <i>His <b>ingenuous</b> explanation that he would not have burned the church if he had not thought the bishop was in it.</i>
<b>innocent</b>	Not knowledgeable about something specified. <i>She is a poor <b>innocent</b> young creature.</i>
<u><b>naive</b></u>	Of or created by one without formal training simple or naive in style. <i>This <b>naive</b> simple creature with wide friendly eyes so eager to believe appearances.</i>
<b>round-eyed</b>	Having large round wide-open eyes.
<b>simple</b>	(of interest) payable on the sum loaned only. <i>A quiet unassuming man with <b>simple</b> tastes.</i>
<b>trustful</b>	Having or marked by a total belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone. <i>A <b>trustful</b> acceptance of authority.</i>
<b>trusting</b>	Inclined to believe or confide readily; full of trust. <i>A shy and <b>trusting</b> child.</i>
<b>unguarded</b>	Not well considered; careless. <i>An <b>unguarded</b> gate.</i>
<u><b>unsophisticated</b></u>	Not wise in the ways of the world. <i>The nightlife of Montmartre awed the <b>unsophisticated</b> tourists.</i>
<b>unsuspicious</b>	Not suspicious. <i>She has a caring <b>unsuspicious</b> nature.</i>
<b>unwary</b>	Not alert to danger or deception- O.J.Campbell. <i>Accidents can happen to the <b>unwary</b> traveller.</i>
<b>unworldly</b>	Not seeming to belong to this planet; strange. <i>Was <b>unworldly</b> and did not greatly miss worldly rewards.</i>
<b>wide-eyed</b>	Fully open or extended.





## Usage Examples of "Childlike" as an adjective

- *Childlike trust.*
- *She speaks with a childlike directness.*
- *Childlike charm.*



## Associations of "Childlike" (30 Words)

<b>artless</b>	(of persons) lacking art or knowledge. <i>An <b>artless</b> literary masterpiece.</i>
<b>bumpkin</b>	An unsophisticated or socially awkward person from the countryside. <i>She thought Tom a bit of a country <b>bumpkin</b>.</i>
<u><b>callow</b></u>	(of a young person) inexperienced and immature. <i>Earnest and <b>callow</b> undergraduates.</i>
<u><b>candid</b></u>	Openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness. <i>I gave them my <b>candid</b> opinion.</i>

<b>childish</b>	Indicating a lack of maturity. <i>It was <b>childish</b> of her to rip up the picture.</i>
<u><b>clarity</b></u>	The quality of being certain or definite. <i>It was <b>clarity</b> of purpose that he needed.</i>
<b>credulous</b>	Disposed to believe on little evidence. <i>A ceremony staged for <b>credulous</b> tourists.</i>
<b>downright</b>	To an extreme degree; thoroughly. <i>A <b>downright</b> lie.</i>
<b>easily</b>	With ease easy is sometimes used informally for easily. <i>The body could <b>easily</b> be that of an actress.</i>
<b>frank</b>	Clearly manifest; evident. <i><b>Frank</b> ulceration.</i>
<u><b>girl</b></u>	A person's girlfriend. <i>I had to look my best for my <b>girl</b>.</i>
<b>guileless</b>	Devoid of guile; innocent and without deception. <i>His face once so open and <b>guileless</b>.</i>
<u><b>honest</b></u>	Worthy of being depended on. <i>He'd made an <b>honest</b> mistake.</i>
<u><b>honesty</b></u>	The quality of being honest. <i>I bought potatoes and tomatoes from the roadside stall putting 3 in the <b>honesty</b> box.</i>
<u><b>immature</b></u>	Not fully developed. <i><b>Immature</b> behavior.</i>
<u><b>impressionable</b></u>	Easily influenced. <i>An <b>impressionable</b> age.</i>
<b>inexperienced</b>	Lacking practical experience or training. <i>An <b>inexperienced</b> driver.</i>
<b>infantile</b>	Of or relating to infants or infancy. <i><b>Infantile</b> colic.</i>
<b>ingenue</b>	An artless innocent young girl (especially as portrayed on the stage).
<b>ingenuous</b>	Characterized by an inability to mask your feelings; not devious. <i>She's staggeringly <b>ingenuous</b> or possibly very cunning indeed.</i>
<b>innocence</b>	The state, quality, or fact of being innocent of a crime or offence. <i>All the boys lost their <b>innocence</b> with her.</i>
<u><b>naive</b></u>	Of or created by one without formal training simple or naive in style. <i>This <b>naive</b> simple creature with wide friendly eyes so eager to believe appearances.</i>

<b>naivete</b>	Lack of sophistication or worldliness. <i>Some of the material is laughable in its naïvet.</i>
<b>out-and-out</b>	Moving or appearing to move away from a place, especially one that is enclosed or hidden.
<b>puerile</b>	Of or characteristic of a child. <b><i>Puerile</i></b> jokes.
<b><u>sincere</u></b>	Open and genuine; not deceitful. <i>He was a good man decent and <b>sincere</b>.</i>
<b>suggestible</b>	Open to suggestion; easily swayed. <b><i>Suggestible</i></b> young minds.
<b>trusting</b>	Inclined to believe or confide readily; full of trust. <i>It is foolish to be too <b>trusting</b> of other people.</i>
<b><u>unsophisticated</u></b>	Awkwardly simple and provincial. <i>Either too <b>unsophisticated</b> or too honest to promise more than he could deliver.</i>
<b>yokel</b>	An uneducated and unsophisticated person from the countryside.

