

Need another word that means the same as “complementary”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “complementary” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Complementary” are: complementary, completing, harmonious, supportive, supporting, reciprocal, interdependent, interrelated, compatible, corresponding, matching, twin, complementary color

Complementary as a Noun

Definitions of "Complementary" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “complementary” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Either one of two chromatic colors that when mixed together give white (in the case of lights) or grey (in the case of pigments).*



Synonyms of "Complementary" as a noun (1 Word)

complementary color Either one of two chromatic colors that when mixed together give white (in the case of lights) or grey (in the case of pigments).



Complementary as an Adjective

Definitions of "Complementary" as an adjective

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

- *Acting as or providing a complement (something that completes the whole.*
- *Relating to complementary medicine.*
- *Of words or propositions so related that each is the negation of the other.*
- *(of gene sequences, nucleotides, etc.) related by the rules of base pairing.*
- *Combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other or another.*



Synonyms of "Complementary" as an adjective (12 Words)

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| compatible | (of a computer, piece of software, etc.) able to be used with a specified piece of equipment or software without special adaptation or modification. <i>The careers structure here is not compatible with having a family.</i> |
| complemental | Acting as or providing a complement (something that completes the whole). |
| completing | Having every necessary or normal part or component or step. |
| corresponding | Accompanying. <i>A number of corresponding diagonal points.</i> |
| harmonious | Musically pleasing. <i>The decor is a harmonious blend of traditional and modern.</i> |
| <u>interdependent</u> | Mutually dependent. <i>We in Europe are all increasingly interdependent.</i> |
| <u>interrelated</u> | Reciprocally connected. |

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| matching | Being two identical. <i>The college will provide matching funds to complete the project.</i> |
| <u>reciprocal</u> | (of a pronoun or verb) expressing mutual action or relationship. <i>The treaty is a bilateral commitment with reciprocal rights and duties.</i> |
| supporting | Bearing all or part of the weight of something. <i>Supporting structures for the elevated roads will be brought to site by huge trailers.</i> |
| supportive | Furnishing support or assistance. <i>The staff are extremely supportive of each other.</i> |
| <u>twin</u> | Of a crystal twinned. <i>She gave birth to twin boys.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Complementary" as an adjective

- *The second TV network was complementary to the BBC.*
- *A pair of complementary oligonucleotides were synthesized.*
- *'male' and 'female' are complementary terms.*
- *Complementary therapies such as aromatherapy.*
- *They had different but complementary skills.*



Associations of "Complementary" (30 Words)

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| additive | Relating to the reproduction of colours by the superimposition of primary colours. <i>The video monitor uses the additive colours red green and blue.</i> |
| adjunct | A construction that can be used to extend the meaning of a word or phrase but is not one of the main constituents of a sentence. <i>A talented adjunct desperately grabbing at officer status.</i> |
| adjutant | Large Indian stork with a military gait. <i>He eventually became adjutant to the commander of the tactical air force.</i> |
| <u>agree</u> | Consent or assent to a condition or agree to do something. <i>I can t agree with you.</i> |
| <u>agreeable</u> | Quite enjoyable and pleasurable; pleasant. <i>They were agreeable to its publication.</i> |

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| <u>agreed</u> | (of two or more parties) holding the same view or opinion on something. <i>Agreed in their distrust of authority.</i> |
| aide | An officer who acts as military assistant to a more senior officer. <i>A presidential aide.</i> |
| <u>ancillary</u> | Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, system, etc. <i>Ancillary staff.</i> |
| assist | Act as an assistant in a subordinate or supportive function. <i>A senior academic would assist him in his work.</i> |
| assistant | A person who ranks below a senior person. <i>A care assistant.</i> |
| auxiliary | An auxiliary verb. <i>An auxiliary schooner.</i> |
| bilateral | Having identical parts on each side of an axis. <i>A bilateral agreement between the United States and Japan.</i> |
| common | Common to or shared by two or more parties. <i>Produced the common cloths used by the poorer population.</i> |
| constitutive | Constitutional in the structure of something (especially your physical makeup). <i>Language is constitutive of thought.</i> |
| counseling | Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. |
| counselor | Someone who has supervisory duties at a summer camp. |
| <u>diagnose</u> | Determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a diagnostic analysis. <i>Two doctors failed to diagnose a punctured lung.</i> |
| endorsement | A clause in an insurance policy detailing an exemption from or change in cover. <i>The cashier would not cash the check without an endorsement.</i> |
| help | The action of helping someone to do something. <i>Offered his help in unloading.</i> |
| <u>interdependent</u> | (of two or more people or things) dependent on each other. <i>We in Europe are all increasingly interdependent.</i> |
| <u>interplay</u> | The way in which two or more things have an effect on each other. <i>The interplay between inheritance and learning.</i> |
| <u>mutual</u> | A mutual building society or insurance company. <i>A partnership based on mutual respect and understanding.</i> |

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| mutually | With mutual action; in a mutual relationship. <i>Adoption and fostering are not necessarily mutually exclusive alternatives.</i> |
| patient | Able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious. <i>A patient and painstaking approach.</i> |
| psychotherapy | The treatment of mental or emotional problems by psychological means. |
| relieve | Relieve oneself of troubling information. <i>He was relieved by her change of tone.</i> |
| supportive | Furnishing support or assistance. <i>The staff are extremely supportive of each other.</i> |
| <u>therapist</u> | A person who treats psychological problems a psychotherapist. <i>A certified massage therapist.</i> |
| <u>therapy</u> | (medicine) the act of caring for someone (as by medication or remedial training etc). <i>The therapy helps the patient to deal with difficult relationships.</i> |
| together | Assembled in one place. <i>The experience has brought us together.</i> |

