

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

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The synonyms of “Condescending” are: arch, patronising, patronizing, supercilious, superior, snobbish, snobby, scornful, disdainful, lofty, lordly, haughty, imperious

Condescending as an Adjective

Definitions of "Condescending" as an adjective

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

- *Characteristic of those who treat others with condescension.*
- *(used of behavior or attitude) characteristic of those who treat others with condescension.*
- *Having or showing an attitude of patronizing superiority.*



Synonyms of "Condescending" as an adjective (13 Words)

arch	Expert in skulduggery.
disdainful	Showing contempt or lack of respect. <i>Some economists are disdainful of their colleagues in other social disciplines.</i>
haughty	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>Haughty aristocrats.</i>
imperious	Arrogant and domineering. <i>His imperious demands.</i>
lofty	Of a noble or elevated nature. <i>Lofty ships.</i>
lordly	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>Lordly titles.</i>
patronising	(used of behavior or attitude) characteristic of those who treat others with condescension.
patronizing	(used of behavior or attitude) characteristic of those who treat others with condescension. <i>We both occasionally experienced patronizing attitudes from staff.</i>
scornful	Feeling or expressing contempt or derision. <i>Scornful laughter.</i>
snobbish	Relating to, characteristic of, or like a snob. <i>The writer takes a rather snobbish tone.</i>
snobby	Befitting or characteristic of those who incline to social exclusiveness and who rebuff the advances of people considered inferior. <i>She is ostracized by the snobby rich kids at school.</i>
supercilious	Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others. <i>A supercilious lady's maid.</i>
superior	Of high or superior quality or performance. <i>Superior malt whiskies.</i>



Usage Examples of "Condescending" as an adjective

- *She thought the teachers were arrogant and condescending.*
- *A condescending smile.*



Associations of "Condescending" (30 Words)

aristocracy	A form of government in which power is held by the nobility. <i>Members of the aristocracy.</i>
aristocratic	Belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy. <i>A stately aristocratic manner.</i>
arrogance	The quality of being arrogant. <i>The arrogance of this man is astounding.</i>
arrogant	Having or showing feelings of unwarranted importance out of overbearing pride. <i>A typically arrogant assumption.</i>
blowhard	A boastful or pompous person. <i>The segregationist blowhards who would dominate the politics of my state for a generation.</i>
bluster	A violent gusty wind. <i>A southeaster blustered onshore.</i>
boast	(of a person, place, or thing) possess (a feature that is a source of pride). <i>I said I would win and it wasn't an idle boast.</i>
boastful	Showing excessive pride and self-satisfaction in one's achievements, possessions, or abilities. <i>He always seemed to be rather boastful and above himself.</i>
bombast	High-sounding language with little meaning, used to impress people. <i>The bombast of gung ho militarism.</i>
brag	A gambling card game which is a simplified form of poker. <i>They were bragging about how easy it had been.</i>
braggadocio	Vain and empty boasting.
braggart	A person who boasts about their achievements or possessions. <i>Braggart men.</i>
bragging	Exhibiting self-importance. <i>A little honest bragging doesn't hurt anyone.</i>
bravado	A swaggering show of courage. <i>He possesses none of the classic wheeler dealer's casual bravado.</i>
cocksure	Confident in an excessive or arrogant way. <i>An arrogant and cocksure materialist.</i>
conceit	The trait of being unduly vain and conceited false pride. <i>He was puffed up with conceit.</i>

elitist	A person who believes that a society or system should be led by an elite. <i>The image of polo as an elitist sport.</i>
gasconade	Show off. <i>Whenever he won we were exposed to his gasconade.</i>
haughty	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>A haughty British aristocrat.</i>
intellectual	Possessing a highly developed intellect. <i>Children need intellectual stimulation.</i>
patronize	Be a regular customer or client of. <i>She was determined not to be put down or patronized.</i>
pontificate	(in the Roman Catholic Church) the office or period of office of a pope or bishop. <i>The new professor always pontificates.</i>
pride	Confidence and self-respect as expressed by members of a group, typically one that has been socially marginalized, on the basis of their shared identity, culture, and experience. <i>He swallowed his pride and asked for help.</i>
proud	Of an event achievement etc causing someone to feel proud. <i>We have a proud history of innovation.</i>
proudly	In an imposing manner; splendidly. <i>Pristine new office buildings stood proudly beside a large car park.</i>
snob	A person with an exaggerated respect for high social position or wealth who seeks to associate with social superiors and looks down on those regarded as socially inferior. <i>A musical snob.</i>
strut	Brace something with a strut or struts. <i>He struts around like a rooster in a hen house.</i>
superciliousness	The trait of displaying arrogance by patronizing those considered inferior.
swagger	Discourage or frighten with threats or a domineering manner; intimidate. <i>I'll take you somewhere swagger.</i>
vaunt	Boast about or praise (something), especially excessively. <i>He was initially vaunted by the West for his leadership of the country.</i>