

Need another word that means the same as “dear”? Find 57 synonyms and 30 related words for “dear” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Dear” are: good, near, costly, high-priced, pricey, pricy, beloved, darling, devout, earnest, heartfelt, loved, much loved, adored, cherished, precious, treasured, valued, prized, special, favourite, favoured, endearing, adorable, lovable, appealing, engaging, charming, enchanting, captivating, winsome, winning, attractive, lovely, nice, pleasant, delightful, angelic, sweet, expensive, overpriced, exorbitant, extortionate, lamb, dearest, honey, love, loved one, sweetheart, treasure, endearing person, affectionately, dearly**

## Dear as a Noun

### Definitions of "Dear" as a noun

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

- *A beloved person; used as terms of endearment.*
- *A sweet or endearing person.*
- *A sweet innocent mild-mannered person (especially a child).*

- *Used as an affectionate or friendly form of address.*



## Synonyms of "Dear" as a noun (12 Words)

### **beloved**

A beloved person used as terms of endearment.  
*He watched his **beloved** from afar.*

### **darling**

A special loved one.  
*He is the **darling** of Labour's left wing.*

### **dearest**

A beloved person; used as terms of endearment.  
*You make me so happy **dearest**.*

### **endearing person**

A grammatical category used in the classification of pronouns, possessive determiners, and verb forms according to whether they indicate the speaker, the addressee, or a third party.

### **honey**

Any sweet substance similar to bees honey.  
*It's one **honey** of an adaptation.*

### **lamb**

The flesh of a lamb as food.  
***Lamb** chops.*

### **love**

A beloved person used as terms of endearment.  
*Don't fret there's a **love**.*

<b>loved one</b>	Sexual activities (often including sexual intercourse) between two people.
<b>precious</b>	Used as a term of address for a beloved person. <i>Don't be frightened my <b>precious</b>.</i>
<b>sweet</b>	The sweet part or element of something. <i>The <b>sweets</b> of office.</i>
<b>sweetheart</b>	Any well-liked individual. <i>He's a <b>sweetheart</b>.</i>
<b>treasure</b>	A much loved or highly valued person. <i>The children returned from the seashore with their shells and other <b>treasures</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Dear" as a noun

- *Don't you worry, dear.*
- *Harry's a dear.*



## Dear as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Dear" as an adjective

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

- *Having a high price.*
- *Regarded with deep affection.*
- *Earnest.*
- *With or in a close or intimate relationship.*
- *Sincerely earnest.*
- *Used in speech as a polite or affectionate form of address.*
- *Endearing; sweet.*
- *Used in the polite form of address at the start of a letter.*
- *Expensive.*
- *Dearly loved.*





## Synonyms of "Dear" as an adjective (43 Words)

- adorable** Inspiring great affection or delight.  
*I have four **adorable** Siamese cats.*
- adored** Regarded with deep or rapturous love (especially as if for a god).  
***Adored** grandchildren.*
- angelic** Having a sweet nature befitting an angel or cherub.  
*An **angelic** smile.*
- appealing** Attractive or interesting.  
*He added an **appealing** and memorable figure to popular American mythology.*
- attractive** Pleasing to the eye or mind especially through beauty or charm.  
*An **attractive** force.*
- beloved** Very popular with (a specified set of people).  
*His **beloved** son.*

<b>captivating</b>	Capable of attracting and holding interest; charming. <i>Roosevelt was a <b>captivating</b> speaker.</i>
<b>charming</b>	(of a person or their manner) very polite, friendly, and likeable. <i><b>Charming</b> incantations.</i>
<b>cherished</b>	Characterized by feeling or showing fond affection for. <i>A <b>cherished</b> friend.</i>
<b>costly</b>	Costing a lot; expensive. <i><b>Costly</b> jewelry.</i>
<b>darling</b>	(in affected use) pretty; charming. <i>A <b>darling</b> little pillbox hat.</i>
<b>delightful</b>	Causing delight; charming. <i>A <b>delightful</b> secluded garden.</i>
<b>devout</b>	Deeply religious. <i>She was a <b>devout</b> Catholic.</i>
<b>earnest</b>	Sincerely earnest. <i>Both sides were deeply in <b>earnest</b> even passionate.</i>
<b>enchanting</b>	Delightfully charming or attractive. <i>Dinah looked <b>enchanting</b>.</i>
<b>endearing</b>	Lovable especially in a childlike or naive way. <i>An <b>endearing</b> little grin.</i>
<b>engaging</b>	Charming and attractive. <i>An <b>engaging</b> smile.</i>
<b>exorbitant</b>	Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation. <i><b>Exorbitant</b> rent.</i>
<b>expensive</b>	High in price or charging high prices. <i>Keeping a horse is <b>expensive</b>.</i>
<b>extortionate</b>	Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation. <i><b>Extortionate</b> prices.</i>
<b>favoured</b>	Preferred or recommended. <i>The most <b>favoured</b> destination of visitors to Canada.</i>
<b>favourite</b>	Appealing to the general public. <i>Their <b>favourite</b> Italian restaurant.</i>
<b>good</b>	Having the normally expected amount. <i>A <b>good</b> mechanic.</i>
<b>heartfelt</b>	(of a feeling or its expression) deeply and strongly felt; sincere. <i><b>Heartfelt</b> condolences.</i>
<b>high-priced</b>	Having a high price.

<b>lovable</b>	Inspiring or deserving love or affection. <i>He has a <b>lovable</b> sweet personality.</i>
<b>loved</b>	Held dear. <i>His <b>loved</b> companion of many years.</i>
<b>lovely</b>	Appealing to the emotions as well as the eye. <i><b>Lovely</b> views.</i>
<b>much loved</b>	Great in quantity or degree or extent.
<b>near</b>	Located on the nearside of a vehicle. <i>They are <b>near</b> equals.</i>
<b>nice</b>	Socially or conventionally correct; refined or virtuous. <i>A <b>nice</b> shot.</i>
<b>overpriced</b>	Too costly for the value. <i><b>Overpriced</b> hotels.</i>
<b><u>pleasant</u></b>	Having pleasing manners or behavior. <i>They found him <b>pleasant</b> and cooperative.</i>
<b>precious</b>	Held in great esteem for admirable qualities especially of an intrinsic nature. <i><b>Precious</b> works of art.</i>
<b>pricey</b>	Having a high price. <i>Boutiques selling <b>pricey</b> clothes.</i>
<b>pricy</b>	Having a high price.
<b><u>prized</u></b>	Of superior grade. <i>The bicycle was her most <b>prized</b> possession.</i>
<b>special</b>	Used to denote education for children with particular needs especially those with learning difficulties. <i>A <b>special</b> adviser to the committee.</i>
<b><u>sweet</u></b>	With sweetening added. <i>A <b>sweet</b> little cat.</i>
<b><u>treasured</u></b>	Characterized by feeling or showing fond affection for. <i>A <b>treasured</b> heirloom.</i>
<b>valued</b>	Considered to be important or beneficial; cherished. <i>Triple <b>valued</b>.</i>
<b>winning</b>	Attractive; endearing. <i>A <b>winning</b> personality.</i>
<b>winsome</b>	Attractive or appealing in a fresh, innocent way. <i>A <b>winsome</b> smile.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Dear" as an adjective

- *Martin, my dear fellow.*
- *A dear friend.*
- *Five pounds—that's a bit dear!*
- *Much too dear for my pocketbook.*
- *My sisters and brothers are near and dear.*
- *He is very dear to me.*
- *One's dearest wish.*
- *A dear little puppy.*





## Dear as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Dear" as an adverb

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

- *With affection.*
- *At a high cost.*
- *At a great cost.*



## Synonyms of "Dear" as an adverb (2 Words)

**affectionately** In a way that displays fondness or tenderness.  
*Tammy embraced the girl and kissed the top of her head **affectionately**.*

**dearly** In a sincere and heartfelt manner.  
*He loved his parents **dearly**.*



## Usage Examples of "Dear" as an adverb

- *She loved him dearly.*
- *This cost him dear.*
- *They buy property cheaply and sell dear.*
- *He paid dearly for the food.*





## Associations of "Dear" (30 Words)

**adore**

Love intensely.  
*He just **adored** his wife.*

**beloved**

A beloved person used as terms of endearment.  
*The stark council estates **beloved** of town planners in the 1960s.*

**brethren**

People belonging to a particular group.  
*Our **brethren** in the popular press.*

<b>compatriot</b>	A person from your own country. <i>Stich defeated his <b>compatriot</b> Boris Becker in the quarter finals.</i>
<b>countryman</b>	A person from the same country as someone else. <i>They trust a fellow <b>countryman</b>.</i>
<b>dame</b>	An elderly or mature woman. <i>A rich <b>dame</b> who took her husband to the cleaners.</i>
<b>darling</b>	(in affected use) pretty; charming. <i>A <b>darling</b> little pillbox hat.</i>
<b>dote</b>	A sweet or adorable person. <i>The parson is now old and <b>dotes</b>.</i>
<b>eros</b>	(Greek mythology) god of love; son of Aphrodite; identified with Roman Cupid.
<b>esquire</b>	(Middle Ages) an attendant and shield bearer to a knight; a candidate for knighthood. <i>The lord of the manor, Richard Bethell <b>Esquire</b>.</i>
<b>fondly</b>	With affection or liking. <i>They <b>fondly</b> believed the cheers were for them.</i>
<b>friendship</b>	A relationship between friends. <i>This is an ideal group for finding support and <b>friendship</b>.</i>
<b>guy</b>	Steady or support with a guy wire or cable. <i>She never stopped <b>guying</b> him about his weight.</i>
<b>heterosexual</b>	A heterosexual person someone having a sexual orientation to persons of the opposite sex. <i><b>Heterosexual</b> relationships.</i>
<b>husband</b>	A married man considered in relation to his spouse. <i>She and her <b>husband</b> are both retired.</i>
<b>lady</b>	Used as a courteous designation for a female fellow member of the House of Commons. <i>A portrait of the <b>lady</b> of the house.</i>
<b>lovely</b>	Very pleasant or enjoyable; delightful. <i>Don t worry my <b>lovely</b>.</i>
<b>ma'am</b>	A woman of refinement.
<b>madam</b>	A conceited or bossy girl or young woman. <i>She s a proper little <b>madam</b>.</i>
<b>paramour</b>	A woman's lover.
<b>partner</b>	Associate or work together as partners. <i>She lived with her <b>partner</b>.</i>



<b>philander</b>	Have amorous affairs; of men. <i>Married men who <b>philander</b>.</i>
<b>platonic</b>	Free from physical desire. <i>Their relationship is purely <b>platonic</b>.</i>
<u>romantic</u>	A writer or artist of the romantic movement. <i>He s very handsome and so <b>romantic</b>.</i>
<u>sincere</u>	(of a person) saying what they genuinely feel or believe; not dishonest or hypocritical. <i>She d sounded <b>sincere</b> enough.</i>
<u>sir</u>	Used as a title before the forename of a knight or baronet. <i>Excuse me <b>sir</b>.</i>
<u>tempt</u>	Provoke someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion. <i>There ll always be someone <b>tempted</b> by the rich pickings of poaching.</i>
<b>valuable</b>	Something of value. <i>Put all your <b>valuables</b> in the hotel safe.</i>
<b>venerable</b>	(in the Roman Catholic Church) a title given to a deceased person who has attained a certain degree of sanctity but has not been fully beatified or canonized. <i>A <b>venerable</b> statesman.</i>

