

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

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The synonyms of “Descriptive” are: illustrative, expressive, pictorial, depictive, graphic, picturesque, vivid, striking, elucidative, evaluative, interpretive, expository, revelatory

Descriptive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Descriptive" as an adjective

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

- *Serving or seeking to describe.*
- *Serving to describe or inform or characterized by description.*
- *Of or relating to an approach to linguistic analysis that aims at the description of a language's forms, structures and usage.*
- *(of an adjective) assigning a quality rather than restricting the application of the expression modified, e.g. blue as distinct from few.*
- *Describing or classifying in an objective and non-judgemental way.*
- *Describing accents, forms, structures, and usage without making value judgements.*
- *Describing the structure of a language.*



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

- depictive** Depicted in a recognizable manner.
- elucidative** That makes clear.
- evaluative** Based on or relating to an assessment to form an idea of the value of something.
*You will need to demonstrate analytical and **evaluative** skills.*
- expository** Serving to expound or set forth.
*Clean **expository** writing.*
- expressive** Conveying (a specified quality or idea).
*The spires are **expressive** of religious aspiration.*
- graphic** Of or relating to the graphic arts British Book News.
***Graphic** accounts of battle.*
- illustrative** Relating to pictorial illustration.
*This timetable is provided for **illustrative** purposes only.*
- interpretive** That provides interpretation.

- pictorial** Of or expressed in pictures; illustrated.
*Feelings presented in a **pictorial** form.*
- picturesque** (of a place or building) visually attractive, especially in a quaint or charming way.
*A **picturesque** village.*
- revelatory** Prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom.
*A **revelatory** experience.*
- striking** (of an employee) on strike.
*It is **striking** that no research into the problem is being carried out.*
- vivid** Having striking color.
*Memories of that evening were still **vivid**.*



Usage Examples of "Descriptive" as an adjective

- *Descriptive grammar.*
- *The text contains some good descriptive passages.*



Associations of "Descriptive" (30 Words)

annotation	A comment or instruction (usually added). <i>Annotation of prescribed texts.</i>
<u>article</u>	The definite or indefinite article. <i>An article of clothing.</i>
caret	A mark used by an author or editor to indicate where something is to be inserted into a text.
<u>clarify</u>	Melt (butter) in order to separate out the water and milk solids. <i>Clarify beer.</i>
comment	Turn part of a program into a comment so that the computer ignores it when running the program. <i>She denies that the film is a comment on the perils of celebrity.</i>
define	Make up or establish the character or essence of. <i>She defined her eyes by applying eyeshadow to her eyelids.</i>
definition	The action or process of defining something. <i>Our definition of what constitutes poetry.</i>
<u>depict</u>	Represent by a drawing, painting, or other art form. <i>Youth is depicted as a time of vitality and good health.</i>
<u>depiction</u>	A graphic or vivid verbal description. <i>The painting s horrific depiction of war.</i>

<u>directory</u>	A file which consists solely of a set of other files (which may themselves be directories).
<u>elucidate</u>	Make (something) clear; explain. <i>Work such as theirs will help to elucidate this matter.</i>
expatiate	Speak or write in detail about. <i>She expatiated on working class novelists.</i>
explain	Make (an idea or situation) clear to someone by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts. <i>They know stories about me that I can't explain away.</i>
explicate	Analyse (a literary work) in order to reveal its meaning. <i>An attempt to explicate the relationship between crime and economic forces.</i>
expository	Intended to explain or describe something. <i>An expository prologue.</i>
expound	Add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing. <i>The abbess expounded the scriptures to her nuns.</i>
fact	A concept whose truth can be proved. <i>The most commonly known fact about hedgehogs is that they have fleas.</i>
instruction	A code in a program which defines and carries out an operation. <i>Always study the instructions supplied.</i>
instructions	A manual usually accompanying a technical device and explaining how to install or operate it.
<u>interpret</u>	Give an interpretation or rendition of. <i>He would no longer interpret her silence as indifference.</i>
<u>interpretation</u>	An explanation or way of explaining. <i>His unique interpretation of the Liszt tunes.</i>
<u>linguistic</u>	Relating to language or linguistics. <i>A linguistic atlas.</i>
<u>narrative</u>	Consisting of or characterized by the telling of a story. <i>A narrative poem.</i>
notation	A note or annotation. <i>He added a short notation to the address on the envelope.</i>
<u>quote</u>	Put quote marks around. <i>A quote from Wordsworth.</i>

rationale	(law) an explanation of the fundamental reasons (especially an explanation of the working of some device in terms of laws of nature. <i>The rationale for capital punishment.</i>
signification	The message that is intended or expressed or signified. <i>Film comes closer than other forms of signification to resemblance of reality.</i>
statement	A definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing. <i>She made a statement to the police.</i>
text	A text message. <i>Stylistic features of journalistic text.</i>
writing	The activity or skill of writing. <i>She made a decent living from writing.</i>

