

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:

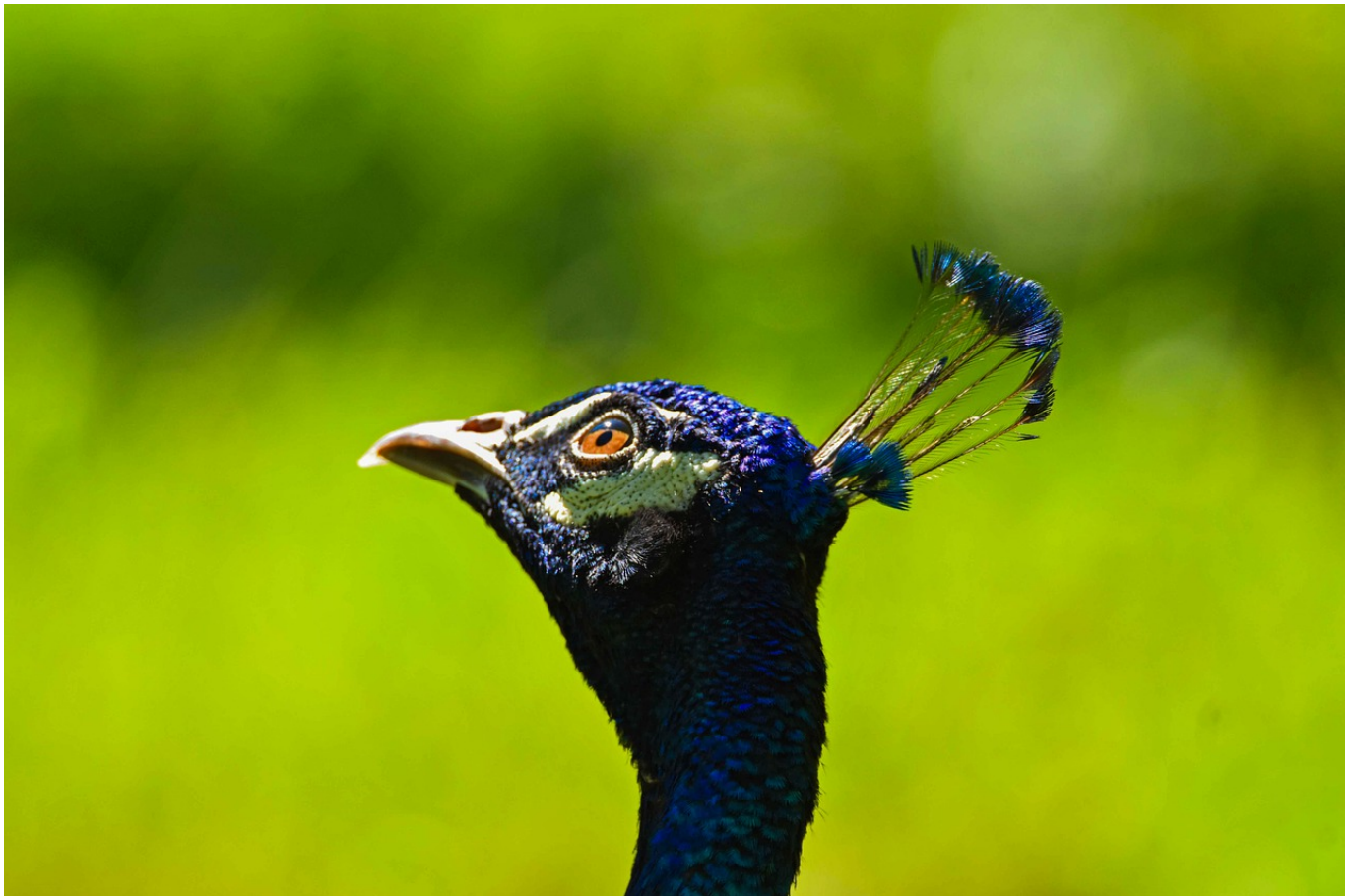
- *Serving or seeking to describe.*
- *Serving to describe or inform or characterized by description.*
- *Of or relating to an approach to linguistic analysis that aims at the description of a language's forms, structures and usage.*
- *(of an adjective) assigning a quality rather than restricting the 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)

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

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



<b><u>directory</u></b>	A file which consists solely of a set of other files (which may themselves be directories).
<b><u>elucidate</u></b>	Make (something) clear; explain. <i>Work such as theirs will help to <b>elucidate</b> this matter.</i>
<b>expatiate</b>	Speak or write in detail about. <i>She <b>expatiated</b> on working class novelists.</i>
<b>explain</b>	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 <b>explain</b> away.</i>
<b>explicate</b>	Analyse (a literary work) in order to reveal its meaning. <i>An attempt to <b>explicate</b> the relationship between crime and economic forces.</i>
<b>expository</b>	Intended to explain or describe something. <i>An <b>expository</b> prologue.</i>
<b>expound</b>	Add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing. <i>The abbess <b>expounded</b> the scriptures to her nuns.</i>
<b>fact</b>	A concept whose truth can be proved. <i>The most commonly known <b>fact</b> about hedgehogs is that they have fleas.</i>
<b>instruction</b>	A code in a program which defines and carries out an operation. <i>Always study the <b>instructions</b> supplied.</i>
<b>instructions</b>	A manual usually accompanying a technical device and explaining how to install or operate it.
<b><u>interpret</u></b>	Give an interpretation or rendition of. <i>He would no longer <b>interpret</b> her silence as indifference.</i>
<b><u>interpretation</u></b>	An explanation or way of explaining. <i>His unique <b>interpretation</b> of the Liszt tunes.</i>
<b><u>linguistic</u></b>	Relating to language or linguistics. <i>A <b>linguistic</b> atlas.</i>
<b><u>narrative</u></b>	Consisting of or characterized by the telling of a story. <i>A <b>narrative</b> poem.</i>
<b>notation</b>	A note or annotation. <i>He added a short <b>notation</b> to the address on the envelope.</i>
<b><u>quote</u></b>	Put quote marks around. <i>A <b>quote</b> from Wordsworth.</i>

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

