

Need another word that means the same as “deserving”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “deserving” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Deserving” are: worth, worthy, meritorious, commendable, praiseworthy, laudable, excellent, fine, admirable, estimable, exemplary, creditable, qualified for, suitable for

Deserving as an Adjective

Definitions of "Deserving" as an adjective

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

- *Worthy of being treated in a particular way (often used ironically).*
- *(often used ironically) worthy of being treated in a particular way.*
- *Worthy of being treated in a particular way, typically of being given assistance.*



Synonyms of "Deserving" as an adjective (14 Words)

- admirable** Inspiring admiration or approval.
*Trains ran with **admirable** precision.*
- commendable** Deserving praise.
*He showed **commendable** restraint.*
- creditable** (of a performance, effort, or action) deserving public acknowledgement and praise but not necessarily outstanding or successful.
*The student's effort on the essay though not outstanding was **creditable**.*
- estimable** Deserving of respect or high regard.
*She was shown into that **estimable** woman's presence.*
- excellent** Very good; of the highest quality.
*Made an **excellent** speech.*
- exemplary** Characteristic of its kind or illustrating a general rule.
*An **exemplary** jail sentence.*
- fine** Characterized by elegance or refinement or accomplishment.
*Donleavy was a **fine** figure of a man.*
- laudable** (of an action, idea, or aim) deserving praise and commendation.
***Laudable** efforts to save the environment.*
- meritorious** Deserving reward or praise.
*A medal for **meritorious** conduct.*
- praiseworthy** Deserving approval and admiration.
*A significant and **praiseworthy** increase in computer intelligence.*

qualified for	Meeting the proper standards and requirements and training for an office or position or task.
suitable for	Meant or adapted for an occasion or use.
worth	Worthy of being treated in a particular way often used ironically. Worth her weight in gold.
worthy	Worthy of being chosen especially as a spouse. A worthy fellow.

Usage Examples of "Deserving" as an adjective

- A *deserving* cause.
- The *deserving* poor.

Associations of "Deserving" (30 Words)

aptitude	Suitability or fitness. <i>Children with an aptitude for painting and drawing.</i>
aptness	The quality of being appropriate or suitable. <i>The aptness of the punishment.</i>
blame	Put or pin the blame on. <i>His players had to take the blame for the defeat.</i>
capability	The susceptibility of something to a particular treatment. <i>He worked to the limits of his capability.</i>
commendable	Worthy of high praise. <i>A commendable sense of purpose.</i>
contribution	A piece of writing submitted for publication in a journal, book, etc. <i>The agency is mainly financed from voluntary contributions.</i>
deserve	Be worthy or deserving. <i>We didn't deserve to win.</i>
deservedly	In the way that is deserved; rightfully. <i>They are top of the league and deservedly so.</i>
desirable	A desirable person or thing. <i>Computer with many desirable features.</i>
enough	An adequate quantity a quantity that is large enough to achieve a purpose. <i>He seems nice enough.</i>
exemplary	Being or serving as an illustration of a type. <i>Exemplary behaviour.</i>

flair	Distinctive and stylish elegance. <i>He has a flair for mathematics.</i>
invaluable	Having incalculable monetary, intellectual, or spiritual worth. <i>An invaluable source of information.</i>
laudable	Worthy of high praise. <i>Laudable though the aim might be the results have been criticized.</i>
merit	Good deeds entitling someone to a future reward from God. <i>Work of great merit.</i>
merited	Properly deserved. <i>A merited success.</i>
meritorious	(of an action or claim) likely to succeed on the merits of the case. <i>Meritorious conduct.</i>
praiseworthy	Worthy of high praise. <i>The government's praiseworthy efforts.</i>
precious	Obviously contrived to charm. <i>Children are precious.</i>
priceless	Having incalculable monetary, intellectual, or spiritual worth. <i>Darling you're priceless.</i>
respectable	Large in amount or extent or degree. <i>All respectable companies give guarantees.</i>
reward	Strengthen and support with rewards. <i>The holiday was a reward for 40 years service with the company.</i>
suitability	The quality of being right or appropriate for a particular person, purpose, or situation. <i>An important requirement is suitability for long trips.</i>
talent	A former weight and unit of currency, used especially by the ancient Romans and Greeks. <i>Simon is a talent to watch.</i>
valuable	Having great material or monetary value especially for use or exchange. <i>A valuable diamond.</i>
value	Estimate the value of. <i>The mean value of x.</i>
valued	Considered to be important or beneficial; cherished. <i>Triple valued.</i>
worthiness	The quality of being good enough; suitability. <i>Doubts about the worthiness of writing novels.</i>

worthwhile

Sufficiently valuable to justify the investment of time or interest.
*This attitude could doom a very **worthwhile** project to extinction.*

worthy

Worthy of being chosen especially as a spouse.
*A **worthy** fellow.*