

Need another word that means the same as “distinction”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “distinction” in this overview.

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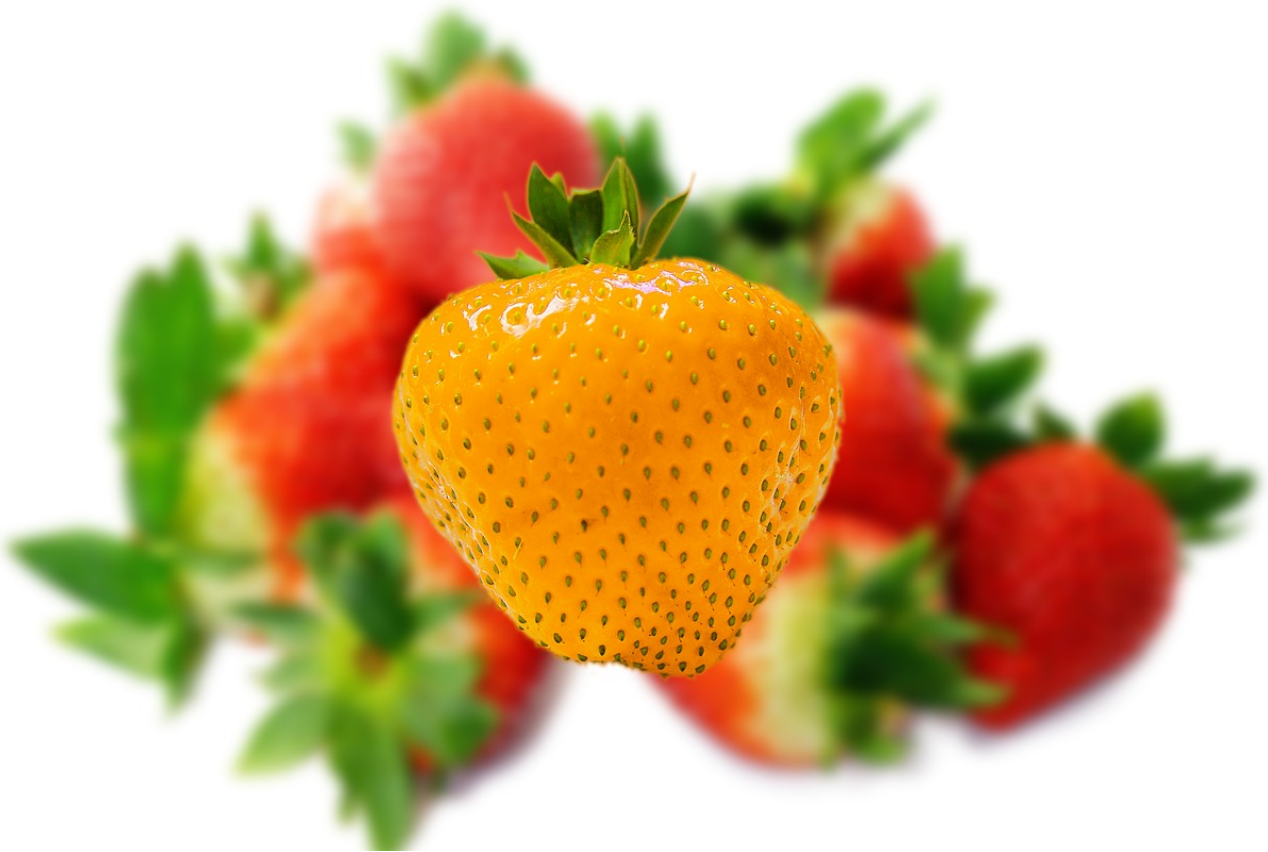
**The synonyms of “Distinction” are: differentiation, eminence, note, preeminence, difference, contrast, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, divergence, variance, variation, importance, significance, consequence, account, honour, credit, excellence, merit**

## Distinction as a Noun

### Definitions of "Distinction" as a noun

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

- *A discrimination between things as different and distinct on the basis of their characteristics or attributes.*
- *The separation of people or things into different groups according to their characteristics.*
- *A grade in an examination denoting excellence.*
- *An honor awarded to someone in recognition of achievement or superiority.*
- *A distinguishing difference.*
- *Excellence that sets someone or something apart from others.*
- *A distinguishing difference between similar things or people.*
- *A difference or contrast between similar things or people.*
- *High status importance owing to marked superiority.*
- *A discrimination between things as different and distinct.*
- *A decoration or honour awarded to someone.*
- *A distinguishing quality.*



## Synonyms of "Distinction" as a noun (19 Words)

<b>account</b>	The department of a company that deals with financial accounts. <i>There s no money to pay the tradesmen s <b>accounts</b> this month.</i>
<b>consequence</b>	The outcome of an event especially as relative to an individual. <i>A woman of <b>consequence</b>.</i>
<b>contrast</b>	Differences in colour, tone, or shape that contribute to the visual effect of a design or image. <i>By <b>contrast</b>.</i>
<b>credit</b>	The quality of being believed or credited. <i>A student can earn one unit of academic <b>credit</b>.</i>
<b>difference</b>	The quality of being unlike or dissimilar. <i>His support made a real <b>difference</b>.</i>
<b><u>differentiation</u></b>	The structural adaptation of some body part for a particular function. <i>Cell <b>differentiation</b> in the developing embryo.</i>

<b>dissimilarity</b>	The quality of being dissimilar. <i>The similarity or <b>dissimilarity</b> between humans and other animals.</i>
<b>dissimilitude</b>	Dissimilarity or diversity.
<b><u>divergence</u></b>	A variation that deviates from the standard or norm. <i>A growing <b>divergence</b> of opinion.</i>
<b>eminence</b>	Fame or acknowledged superiority within a particular sphere. <i>Her <b>eminence</b> in cinematography.</i>
<b>excellence</b>	An outstanding feature or quality. <i>Awards for <b>excellence</b>.</i>
<b>honour</b>	The quality of knowing and doing what is morally right. <i>An <b>honours</b> degree in mathematics.</i>
<b>importance</b>	The quality of being important and worthy of note. <i>A person of <b>importance</b>.</i>
<b>merit</b>	The intrinsic rights and wrongs of a case, outside of any other considerations. <i>Work of great <b>merit</b>.</i>
<b>note</b>	A banknote. <i>His <b>notes</b> were appended at the end of the article.</i>
<b>preeminence</b>	High status importance owing to marked superiority.
<b>significance</b>	The quality of being worthy of attention; importance. <i>The <b>significance</b> of what was happening was clearer to me than to her.</i>
<b><u>variance</u></b>	The fact or quality of being different, divergent, or inconsistent. <i>They were at <b>variance</b> with all their previous allies.</i>
<b>variation</b>	(ballet) a solo dance or dance figure. <i>He makes the preparation for his <b>variation</b> with utmost care and accuracy.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Distinction" as a noun

- *High interest rates strike down, without distinction, small businesses and the unemployed.*
- *A novelist of distinction.*
- *She graduated with the highest distinction.*
- *He gained the highest distinction awarded for excellence in photography.*
- *It is necessary to make a distinction between love and infatuation.*
- *She gained a distinction in her diploma.*
- *He learned the distinction between gold and lead.*
- *There is a sharp distinction between domestic politics and international politics.*
- *I was completely unaware of class distinctions.*



## Associations of "Distinction" (30 Words)

<b>another</b>	Any of various alternatives; some other. <i>Put it off to <b>another</b> or some other day.</i>
<b><u>cohere</u></b>	Come or be in close contact with; stick or hold together and resist separation. <i>He made the series of fictions <b>cohere</b> into a convincing sequence.</i>
<b>compare</b>	Estimate, measure, or note the similarity or dissimilarity between. <i>John <b>compared</b> his haircut to his friend s.</i>
<b>comparison</b>	A consideration or estimate of the similarities or dissimilarities between two things or people. <i>Perhaps the best <b>comparison</b> is that of seasickness.</i>
<b>contrarily</b>	Contrary to expectations.
<b>contrast</b>	The difference between tones in a television picture, photograph, etc. <i>In <b>contrast</b> to.</i>

<b>contrastingly</b>	In a contrasting manner.
<b>convert</b>	A person who has been converted to another religious or political belief. <i>Faulkner gave away a penalty corner which was <b>converted</b> by Saeed Anjum.</i>
<b>diametrical</b>	Of or along a diameter. <i><b>Diametrical</b> or opposite points of view.</i>
<b><u>differ</u></b>	Be of different opinions. <i>He <b>differed</b> from his contemporaries in ethical matters.</i>
<b>difference</b>	The quality of being unlike or dissimilar. <i>The <b>difference</b> in her is amazing.</i>
<b>different</b>	Unlike in nature or quality or form or degree. <i>Came to a <b>different</b> conclusion.</i>
<b><u>differential</u></b>	A set of gears allowing a motor vehicle's driven wheels to revolve at different speeds when going around corners. <i>The <b>differential</b> achievements of boys and girls.</i>
<b><u>differentiation</u></b>	The action or process of differentiating or distinguishing between two or more things or people. <i>Cell <b>differentiation</b> in the developing embryo.</i>
<b>differently</b>	In a novel and unusual way. <i>A large group of <b>differently</b> aged chicks.</i>
<b><u>disagree</u></b>	Disapprove of. <i>Historians often <b>disagree</b>.</i>
<b>discrepancy</b>	An illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts. <i>There s a <b>discrepancy</b> between your account and his.</i>
<b><u>discrete</u></b>	Individually separate and distinct. <i>A government with three <b>discrete</b> divisions.</i>
<b><u>dissimilar</u></b>	Marked by dissimilarity. <i>Their understanding of the world is not so <b>dissimilar</b> from our own.</i>
<b>dissimilarity</b>	The quality of being dissimilar. <i>The similarity or <b>dissimilarity</b> between humans and other animals.</i>
<b><u>distinguish</u></b>	Detect with the senses. <i>It was too dark to <b>distinguish</b> anything more than their vague shapes.</i>
<b><u>divergence</u></b>	A difference in opinions, interests, etc. <i>The <b>divergence</b> between primates and other groups.</i>
<b>gap</b>	Make an opening or gap in. <i>The explosion made a <b>gap</b> in the wall.</i>

- incompatible** (of one thing or person) not consistent or able to coexist with (another).  
*Long hours are simply **incompatible** with family life.*
- inconsistent** Not in agreement.  
***Inconsistent** statements cannot both be true at the same time.*
- individuation** The quality of being individual.
- otherwise** In circumstances different from those present or considered; or else.  
*I would that it were **otherwise**.*
- preeminence** High status importance owing to marked superiority.
- relatively** In a relative manner; by comparison to something else.  
*They were very poor but **relatively** speaking they had been lucky.*
- unlike** Not like; different from.  
*They distributed **unlike** or unequal sums to the various charities.*

