

Need another word that means the same as “distinctive”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “distinctive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Distinctive” are: classifiable, typical, distinguishing, characteristic, individual, particular, peculiar, idiosyncratic, unique, exclusive, special, especial

Distinctive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Distinctive" as an adjective

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

- *Characteristic of one person or thing, and so serving to distinguish it from others.*
- *Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing- Curtis Wilkie.*
- *Capable of being classified.*
- *Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing.*



Synonyms of "Distinctive" as an adjective (12 Words)

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| characteristic | Typical of a particular person, place, or thing. <i>Red and gold are the characteristic colors of autumn.</i> |
| classifiable | Capable of being classified. |
| distinguishing | Characteristic of one thing or person, so serving to identify it; distinctive. <i>A house with no distinguishing features.</i> |
| especial | Surpassing what is common or usual or expected. <i>These traditions are of especial interest to feminists.</i> |
| <u>exclusive</u> | (of a commodity) not obtainable elsewhere. <i>The problem isn't exclusive to Dublin.</i> |
| <u>idiosyncratic</u> | Relating to idiosyncrasy; peculiar or individual. <i>Michelangelo's highly idiosyncratic style of painting.</i> |
| individual | Having a striking or unusual character; original. <i>We all have individual cars.</i> |
| particular | Separate and distinct from others of the same group or category. <i>A particular description of the room.</i> |
| peculiar | Particular; special. <i>An expression peculiar to Canadians.</i> |
| special | Used to denote education for children with particular needs especially those with learning difficulties. <i>A special kind of paint.</i> |
| <u>typical</u> | Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing- Curtis Wilkie. <i>How typical of Iris to think of such a detail.</i> |
| unique | Belonging or connected to (one particular person, place, or thing). <i>Spoke with a unique accent.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Distinctive" as an adjective

- *Jerusalem has a distinctive Middle East flavor.*
- *Juniper berries give gin its distinctive flavour.*



Associations of "Distinctive" (30 Words)

- appropriateness** The quality of being specially suitable.
*Activities are selected for their **appropriateness** to the day's weather.*
- characteristic** The integer part positive or negative of the representation of a logarithm in the expression $\log_{643} 2808$ the characteristic is 2.
*Red and gold are the **characteristic** colors of autumn.*
- characteristically** In characteristic manner.
*His response was **characteristically** blunt.*
- characterize** Describe or portray the character or the qualities or peculiarities of.
*The disease is **characterized** by weakening of the immune system.*

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| classifiable | Capable of being classified. |
| dispensation | An exemption from some rule or obligation. <i>Regulations controlling dispensation of medications.</i> |
| distinct | Readily distinguishable by the senses. <i>At a distinct or decided disadvantage.</i> |
| <u>distinguish</u> | Recognize or treat (someone or something) as different. <i>Many distinguished themselves in the fight against Hitler.</i> |
| especial | For or belonging chiefly to one person or thing. <i>He paid especial attention to her.</i> |
| feature | Have as a feature. <i>One salient feature of the case has been overlooked.</i> |
| featured | Made a feature or highlight; given prominence. <i>A featured actor.</i> |
| <u>hallmark</u> | Stamp with a hallmark. <i>He was reprimanded for not hallmarking his work.</i> |
| idiosyncrasy | An abnormal physical reaction by an individual to a food or drug. <i>The idiosyncrasies of the prison system.</i> |
| <u>idiosyncratic</u> | Relating to idiosyncrasy; peculiar or individual. <i>She emerged as one of the great idiosyncratic talents of the nineties.</i> |
| incongruity | The state of being incongruous; incompatibility. <i>The incongruity of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i> |
| individualism | The quality of being individual. <i>Encouragement has been given to individualism free enterprise and the pursuit of profit.</i> |
| <u>individuality</u> | Individual characteristics. <i>Anything but individuality anything but aloneness.</i> |
| individuate | Give individual character to. <i>Language that individuates his memories.</i> |
| <u>intrinsic</u> | Situated within or belonging solely to the organ or body part on which it acts. <i>Intrinsic muscles.</i> |
| oddity | Eccentricity that is not easily explained. <i>Realizing the oddity of the remark he retracted it.</i> |
| particular | First and most important. <i>A man who wishes to make a particular woman fall in love with him.</i> |
| peculiarity | A distinguishing trait. <i>The peculiarity of their upbringing.</i> |

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| salience | The quality of being particularly noticeable or important; prominence. <i>The political salience of religion has a considerable impact.</i> |
| singular | A singular word or form. <i>No explanation accompanied this rather singular statement.</i> |
| singularly | In a strange or eccentric way. <i>Charlotte thought her very singularly dressed.</i> |
| special | A special offering usually temporary and at a reduced price that is featured in advertising. <i>A special reason to confide in her.</i> |
| specialization | The adaptation of an organ or part to serve a special function or to suit a particular way of life. <i>The division and specialization of labour.</i> |
| specially | In a special manner. <i>A specially arranged dinner.</i> |
| uncommon | Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind J R Lowell. <i>An uncommon amount of noise.</i> |
| unique | A unique person or thing. <i>Had unique ability in raising funds.</i> |

