

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

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

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



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

