

Need another word that means the same as “docile”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “docile” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Docile” are: teachable, gentle, compliant, obedient, pliant, dutiful, willing, passive, submissive, deferential, tame, meek, mild, lamblike, unassertive, unresisting, yielding, cooperative, amenable, accommodating, biddable, persuadable, ductile, manageable, controllable, tractable, malleable, manipulable, like putty in one’s hands

Docile as an Adjective

Definitions of "Docile" as an adjective

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

- *Easily handled or managed.*
- *Ready and willing to be taught.*
- *Ready to accept control or instruction; submissive.*
- *Willing to be taught or led or supervised or directed.*



Synonyms of "Docile" as an adjective (29 Words)

[accommodating](#)

Helpful in bringing about a harmonious adaptation.
*We always found the our local branch most **accommodating**.*

[amenable](#)

Capable of being acted upon in a particular way; susceptible.
*Someone **amenable** to the instruction of others.*

biddable

Meekly ready to accept and follow instructions.
*A gentle **biddable** soul.*

compliant

Meeting or in accordance with rules or standards.
*A **compliant** labour force.*

controllable

Capable of being directed or influenced.
*Discontent began to give way to barely **controllable** rage.*

[cooperative](#)

Willing to adjust to differences in order to obtain agreement.
*Every member has clearly defined tasks in a **cooperative** enterprise.*

deferential	Showing deference. <i>People were always deferential to him.</i>
ductile	Able to be deformed without losing toughness; pliable, not brittle. <i>Ductile copper.</i>
dutiful	Motivated by duty rather than desire or enthusiasm. <i>A dutiful visit.</i>
gentle	Having or showing a mild, kind, or tender temperament or character. <i>Gentle rain.</i>
lamblike	Like a lamb in meekness and gentleness.
like putty in one's hands	Conforming in every respect.
malleable	Capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out. <i>They are as malleable and easily led as sheep.</i>
manageable	Capable of existing or taking place or proving true; possible to do. <i>Her long hair was black wavy and manageable.</i>
manipulable	Easily managed (controlled or taught or molded)- Samuel Butler.
meek	Humble in spirit or manner; suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>Meek as a mouse.</i>
mild	Mild and pleasant. <i>A mild Italian cheese.</i>
obedient	Dutifully complying with the commands or instructions of those in authority. <i>Obedient children.</i>
passive	(of a heating system) making use of incident sunlight as an energy source. <i>A passive optical network is to be installed in 2000 homes.</i>
persuadable	Easily persuaded; amenable. <i>They need to identify the most persuadable voters.</i>
pliant	Capable of being influenced or formed. <i>Pliant willow stems.</i>
submissive	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant. <i>Replacing troublemakers with more submissive people.</i>

tame	Very docile- Langston Hughes. <i>She was one of the tamest and most abject creatures imaginable with no will or power to act but as directed.</i>
teachable	(of a subject) able to be taught. <i>When we think we have things already figured out we re not teachable.</i>
<u>tractable</u>	Easily managed (controlled or taught or molded). <i>The natives being of an intelligent tractable disposition.</i>
unassertive	(of a person) not having or showing a confident and forceful personality. <i>She was gentle and unassertive.</i>
unresisting	Offering no resistance- Theodore Roosevelt. <i>She took the box from his unresisting hand.</i>
<u>willing</u>	Ready, eager, or prepared to do something. <i>A willing participant.</i>
yielding	Tending to give in or surrender or agree- V.I.Parrington. <i>A gentle yielding person.</i>



Usage Examples of "Docile" as an adjective

- *Docile pupils eager for instruction.*
- *The docile masses of an enslaved nation.*
- *A cheap and docile workforce.*
- *She's a black Labrador, gentle and docile.*
- *A gentle old horse, docile and obedient.*



Associations of "Docile" (30 Words)

- acquiescent** Ready to accept something without protest, or to do what someone else wants.
*Too **acquiescent** to challenge authority.*
- amenable** Readily reacting to suggestions and influences.
*Cardiac failure not **amenable** to medical treatment.*
- bowed** Have legs that curve outward at the knees.

civilize	Raise from a barbaric to a civilized state. <i>Both countries feel they have a mission to civilize the world.</i>
compliant	Having the property of compliance. <i>A compliant labour force.</i>
doctrinaire	A doctrinaire person. <i>The administration s doctrinaire economic policy.</i>
<u>domestic</u>	Converted or adapted to domestic use. <i>They share the domestic chores.</i>
domesticated	Converted or adapted to domestic use. <i>Some men think it unmanly to be domesticated others find gratification in it.</i>
dominated	Controlled or ruled by superior authority or power.
dutiful	Willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect. <i>Dutiful applause.</i>
<u>gentle</u>	Make or become gentle. <i>The gentle touch of her hand.</i>
<u>humane</u>	Pertaining to or concerned with the humanities. <i>Regulations ensuring the humane treatment of animals.</i>
<u>malleable</u>	Easily influenced; pliable. <i>A malleable metal can be beaten into a sheet.</i>
<u>manageable</u>	Capable of existing or taking place or proving true; possible to do. <i>Her long hair was black wavy and manageable.</i>
<u>meek</u>	Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant- Orville Prescott. <i>Meek and self effacing.</i>
<u>mild</u>	Humble in spirit or manner suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>Mild winters.</i>
<u>obedient</u>	Dutifully complying with the commands or instructions of those in authority. <i>The obedient colonies are heavily taxed the refractory remain unburdened.</i>
<u>pure</u>	Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i>Men have decreed that their women must be pure and virginal.</i>
restrained	Prudent. <i>His restrained gentlemanly voice.</i>
slavish	Blindly imitative. <i>A slavish copy of the original.</i>

subdued	Quieted and brought under control. <i>Subdued lighting.</i>
submissive	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant S H Adams. <i>A submissive reply.</i>
subservience	In a subservient state. <i>Blind subservience to authority.</i>
<u>subservient</u>	Abjectly submissive; characteristic of a slave or servant. <i>She has become submissive and subservient.</i>
<u>susceptible</u>	Likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing. <i>Susceptible to colds.</i>
tame	(of an animal) not dangerous or frightened of people; domesticated. <i>Network TV on Saturday night is a pretty tame affair.</i>
tractability	The trait of being easily persuaded.
<u>tractable</u>	(of a person) easy to control or influence. <i>The natives being of an intelligent tractable disposition.</i>
<u>vulnerable</u>	(of a partnership) liable to higher penalties, either by convention or through having won one game towards a rubber. <i>A vulnerable bridge.</i>
<u>willing</u>	Given or done readily. <i>A willing participant.</i>

