

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.*

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

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

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

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



