

Need another word that means the same as “ethical”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “ethical” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ethical” are: honorable, honourable, moral, right-minded, principled, irreproachable, unimpeachable, blameless, guiltless**

## Ethical as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Ethical" as an adjective

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

- *Conforming to accepted standards of social or professional behavior.*
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- *Avoiding activities or organizations that do harm to people or the environment.*
- *Morally good or correct.*
- *Of or relating to the philosophical study of ethics.*
- *Adhering to ethical and moral principles.*
- *Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these.*
- *(of a medicine) legally available only on a doctor's prescription and usually not advertised to the general public.*



## Synonyms of "Ethical" as an adjective (9 Words)

<b>blameless</b>	Innocent of wrongdoing. <i>He led a <b>blameless</b> life.</i>
<b>guiltless</b>	Free from evil or guilt. <i>People are forever criticizing the service and I am not myself <b>guiltless</b> in this.</i>
<b><u>honorable</u></b>	Not disposed to cheat or defraud; not deceptive or fraudulent. <i><b>Honorable</b> service to his country.</i>
<b>honourable</b>	Bringing or deserving honour. <i>A long and <b>honourable</b> career.</i>
<b><u>irreproachable</u></b>	Free of guilt; not subject to blame. <i>His private life was <b>irreproachable</b>.</i>
<b>moral</b>	Examining the nature of ethics and the foundations of good and bad character and conduct. <i>A <b>moral</b> quandary.</i>
<b>principled</b>	Based on or manifesting objectively defined standards of rightness or morality. <i>A <b>principled</b> politician.</i>

**right-minded** Disposed toward or having views based on what is right- Bertrand Russell.

**unimpeachable** Beyond doubt or reproach.  
An **unimpeachable** witness.



## Usage Examples of "Ethical" as an adjective

- All types of drugs, including *ethical drugs* and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals.
- *Ethical medical practice.*
- *It seems ethical and right.*
- *An ethical problem.*
- *Adopt ethical shopping habits.*
- *An ethical lawyer.*
- *Can a profitable business ever be ethical?*
- *An expert on ethical investment.*
- *Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.*
- *Ethical issues in nursing.*

- *Had no ethical objection to drinking.*
- *Switching to more ethical products.*
- *Ethical standards.*
- *Ethical holidays.*



## Associations of "Ethical" (30 Words)

**altruist**

Someone who makes charitable donations intended to increase human well-being.

**bioethics**

The ethics of medical and biological research.

**casuistry**

Moral philosophy based on the application of general ethical principles to resolve moral dilemmas.

*The minister is engaging in nothing more or less than **casuistry**.*

**chaste**

Abstaining from extramarital, or from all, sexual intercourse.

*A holy woman innocent and **chaste**.*



<b>chivalry</b>	The medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct. <i>He still retained a sense of <b>chivalry</b> towards women.</i>
<b>cloning</b>	A general term for the research activity that creates a copy of some biological entity (a gene or organism or cell).
<b>conscience</b>	A feeling of shame when you do something immoral. <i>A person of unflagging <b>conscience</b>.</i>
<b>equitable</b>	Fair and impartial. <i>The difference between legal and <b>equitable</b> rights.</i>
<b>ethic</b>	A system of principles governing morality and acceptable conduct. <i>The puritan <b>ethic</b> was being replaced by the hedonist <b>ethic</b>.</i>
<b>ethics</b>	The philosophical study of moral values and rules. <i>Neither metaphysics nor <b>ethics</b> is the home of religion.</i>
<b>exemplar</b>	Something to be imitated. <i>The place is an <b>exemplar</b> of multicultural Britain.</i>
<b>goodness</b>	The quality of being morally good or virtuous. <i>A belief in the basic <b>goodness</b> of mankind.</i>
<b>justification</b>	The act of defending or explaining or making excuses for by reasoning- H.J.Muller. <i>All these incidents were used again as a <b>justification</b> for my sacking.</i>
<b>justness</b>	Conformity with some esthetic standard of correctness or propriety. <i>It was performed with <b>justness</b> and beauty.</i>
<b>legality</b>	Obligations imposed by law. <i>Documentation testifying to the <b>legality</b> of the arms sale.</i>
<b>martinet</b>	Someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms. <i>The woman in charge was a <b>martinet</b> who treated all those beneath her like children.</i>
<b>meekness</b>	The feeling of patient, submissive humbleness. <i>All his best friends make fun of him for his <b>meekness</b>.</i>
<b>moral</b>	A lesson that can be derived from a story or experience. <i>The <b>moral</b> of the story is to love thy neighbor.</i>
<b>moralist</b>	A person who teaches or promotes morality.
<b>morality</b>	Motivation based on ideas of right and wrong. <i>A bourgeois <b>morality</b>.</i>
<b>principle</b>	A rule or standard especially of good behavior. <i>The combination of male and female <b>principles</b>.</i>
<b>rectitude</b>	Righteousness as a consequence of being honorable and honest. <i>Mattie is a model of <b>rectitude</b>.</i>

<b>right</b>	In football or a similar sport the right hand half of the field when facing the opponent's goal. <i>Things are <b>right</b> again now.</i>
<b><u>righteous</u></b>	Characterized by or proceeding from accepted standards of morality or justice- James 5:16. <i>He is <b>righteous</b> trash.</i>
<b>rigor</b>	The quality of being valid and rigorous. <i>The <b>rigors</b> of boot camp.</i>
<b><u>seriousness</u></b>	The quality or state of being serious. <i>We are aware of the <b>seriousness</b> of the situation.</i>
<b>turpitude</b>	Depraved or wicked behaviour or character. <i>Acts of moral <b>turpitude</b>.</i>
<b>uprightness</b>	The state of being in a vertical position. <i>Steadying himself he slowly managed to achieve a state of relative <b>uprightness</b>.</i>
<b>virtue</b>	Any admirable quality or attribute. <i>Patience is a <b>virtue</b>.</i>
<b><u>virtuous</u></b>	Chaste (typically used of a woman). <i>She considered herself very <b>virtuous</b> because she neither drank nor smoked.</i>

