

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.*
- *Conforming to accepted standards of social or professional behavior.*
- *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)

blameless	Innocent of wrongdoing. <i>He led a blameless life.</i>
guiltless	Free from evil or guilt. <i>People are forever criticizing the service and I am not myself guiltless in this.</i>
<u>honorable</u>	Not disposed to cheat or defraud; not deceptive or fraudulent. <i>Honorable service to his country.</i>
honourable	Bringing or deserving honour. <i>A long and honourable career.</i>
<u>irreproachable</u>	Free of guilt; not subject to blame. <i>His private life was irreproachable.</i>
moral	Examining the nature of ethics and the foundations of good and bad character and conduct. <i>A moral quandary.</i>
principled	Based on or manifesting objectively defined standards of rightness or morality. <i>A principled 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. <i>The minister is engaging in nothing more or less than casuistry.</i>
<u>chaste</u>	Abstaining from extramarital, or from all, sexual intercourse. <i>A holy woman innocent and chaste.</i>

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

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

