

Need another word that means the same as “forgiving”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “forgiving” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Forgiving” are: absolvitory, exonerative, merciful, lenient, compassionate, pitying, magnanimous, humane, clement, mild, forbearing, tolerant, indulgent, accommodating, understanding, placable**

## **Forgiving as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Forgiving" as an adjective**

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

- *Providing absolution.*
- *(of a thing) easy or safe to deal with.*
- *Ready and willing to forgive.*
- *Inclined or able to forgive and show mercy.*



## Synonyms of "Forgiving" as an adjective (16 Words)

<b>absolviatory</b>	Providing absolution.
<b><u>accommodating</u></b>	Willing to fit in with someone's wishes or needs. <i>The warden was always <b>accommodating</b> in allowing visitors in.</i>
<b>clement</b>	Inclined to show mercy. <b>Clement</b> weather.
<b>compassionate</b>	Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others. <i>I allowed him to go home on <b>compassionate</b> grounds.</i>
<b>exonerative</b>	Providing absolution.
<b>forbearing</b>	Showing patient and unruffled self-control and restraint under adversity; slow to retaliate or express resentment. <i>He proved to be remarkably <b>forbearing</b> whenever I was impatient or angry.</i>
<b><u>humane</u></b>	Pertaining to or concerned with the humanities. <i>Regulations ensuring the <b>humane</b> treatment of animals.</i>

<b><u>indulgent</u></b>	Self indulgent. <i>An <b>indulgent</b> attitude.</i>
<b><u>lenient</u></b>	Tolerant or lenient. <i><b>Lenient</b> rules.</i>
<b>magnanimous</b>	Generous and understanding and tolerant. <i>She should be <b>magnanimous</b> in victory.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	Showing or exercising mercy. <i>Sought <b>merciful</b> treatment for the captives.</i>
<b><u>mild</u></b>	Mild and pleasant. <i>The climate was <b>mild</b> and conducive to life or growth.</i>
<b>pitying</b>	Feeling or showing sorrow for someone's misfortunes, often with an implication of disdain or mild contempt. <i>He gave her a <b>pitying</b> look.</i>
<b>placable</b>	Easily calmed or pacified. <i>He was <b>placable</b> in his animosities and affectionate in his family.</i>
<b><u>tolerant</u></b>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>The plant is <b>tolerant</b> of saltwater.</i>
<b>understanding</b>	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>People expect their doctor to be <b>understanding</b>.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Forgiving" as an adjective

- *Snow is a forgiving surface on which to fall.*
- *Perry is surprisingly forgiving of his stepfather.*
- *A kindly forgiving nature.*
- *Taylor was in a forgiving mood.*
- *A forgiving embrace to the naughty child.*



## Associations of "Forgiving" (30 Words)

- altruistic** Showing a disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish.  
*It was an entirely **altruistic** act.*
- benefic** Exerting a favorable or beneficent influence.  
*A **benefic** star.*
- beneficent** Resulting in good.  
*A **beneficent** landowner.*
- benevolent** Generous in providing aid to others.  
*He was something of a **benevolent** despot.*
- charitable** Relating to the assistance of those in need.  
*He has spent 50 000 on **charitable** causes.*
- compassionate** Showing or having compassion.  
*She tried to sound **compassionate**.*
- eleemosynary** Relating to or dependent on charity; charitable.  
***Eleemosynary** relief.*
- forbearing** Patient and restrained.  
*Seemly and **forbearing** yet strong enough to resist aggression.*
- generous** (of a thing) larger or more plentiful than is usual or necessary.  
*A **generous** benefactor to the University.*



<b>goodwill</b>	(accounting) an intangible asset valued according to the advantage or reputation a business has acquired (over and above its tangible assets). <i>The scheme is dependent on <b>goodwill</b> between the two sides.</i>
<b>gracious</b>	Showing the elegance and comfort brought by wealth or high social status. <i>Thanks to the <b>gracious</b> gods.</i>
<b>humane</b>	Showing evidence of moral and intellectual advancement. <i>Regulations ensuring the <b>humane</b> treatment of animals.</i>
<b>humanitarian</b>	Of or relating to or characteristic of humanitarianism. <i>Human rights groups have warned of a worsening <b>humanitarian</b> crisis.</i>
<b>indulgent</b>	Self indulgent. <i>Sheer <b>indulgent</b> nostalgia.</i>
<b>kindly</b>	Kind, warm-hearted, or gentle. <i><b>Kindly</b> breeze.</i>
<b>lenient</b>	Tolerant or lenient. <i>In the view of the Court the sentence was too <b>lenient</b>.</i>
<b>magnanimous</b>	Noble and generous in spirit. <i>A <b>magnanimous</b> conqueror.</i>
<b>meek</b>	Humble in spirit or manner; suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>She brought her <b>meek</b> little husband along.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	Gracious (used conventionally of royalty and high nobility). <i>Her death was a <b>merciful</b> release.</i>
<b>mercy</b>	(especially of a journey or mission) performed out of a desire to relieve suffering. <i>It was a <b>mercy</b> we got out alive.</i>
<b>mild</b>	Mild and pleasant. <i><b>Mild</b> criticism.</i>
<b>patient</b>	The semantic role of a noun phrase denoting something that is affected or acted upon by the action of a verb. <i>The number of emergency <b>patients</b> has grown rapidly.</i>
<b>permissive</b>	Allowing the infection and replication of viruses. <i>The Hague Convention was <b>permissive</b> not mandatory.</i>
<b>permissiveness</b>	A disposition to allow freedom of choice and behavior. <i>The <b>permissiveness</b> of the 1960s.</i>
<b>philanthropic</b>	(of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others; generous and benevolent. <i><b>Philanthropic</b> contributions.</i>

**pity**

A cause for regret or disappointment.  
*Her voice was full of **pity**.*

**resistant**

Incapable of absorbing or mixing with.  
*The new hybrid is more **resistant** to drought.*

**sympathetic**

Evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings.  
*A **sympathetic** observer.*

**tolerant**

Tolerant and forgiving under provocation.  
*Rye is reasonably **tolerant** of drought.*

**unselfish**

Not greedy.  
***Unselfish** devotion.*

