

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)

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

<u>indulgent</u>	Self indulgent. <i>An indulgent attitude.</i>
<u>lenient</u>	Tolerant or lenient. <i>Lenient rules.</i>
magnanimous	Generous and understanding and tolerant. <i>She should be magnanimous in victory.</i>
merciful	Showing or exercising mercy. <i>Sought merciful treatment for the captives.</i>
<u>mild</u>	Mild and pleasant. <i>The climate was mild and conducive to life or growth.</i>
pitying	Feeling or showing sorrow for someone's misfortunes, often with an implication of disdain or mild contempt. <i>He gave her a pitying look.</i>
placable	Easily calmed or pacified. <i>He was placable in his animosities and affectionate in his family.</i>
<u>tolerant</u>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>The plant is tolerant of saltwater.</i>
understanding	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>People expect their doctor to be understanding.</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. <i>It was an entirely altruistic act.</i>
benefic	Exerting a favorable or beneficent influence. <i>A benefic star.</i>
beneficent	Resulting in good. <i>A beneficent landowner.</i>
benevolent	Generous in providing aid to others. <i>He was something of a benevolent despot.</i>
charitable	Relating to the assistance of those in need. <i>He has spent 50 000 on charitable causes.</i>
compassionate	Showing or having compassion. <i>She tried to sound compassionate.</i>
eleemosynary	Relating to or dependent on charity; charitable. <i>Eleemosynary relief.</i>
forbearing	Patient and restrained. <i>Seemly and forbearing yet strong enough to resist aggression.</i>
generous	(of a thing) larger or more plentiful than is usual or necessary. <i>A generous benefactor to the University.</i>

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

