

Need another word that means the same as “gentle”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “gentle” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Gentle” are: easy, soft, aristocratic, aristocratical, blue, blue-blooded, patrician, docile, kind, kindly, tender, benign, humane, lenient, merciful, forgiving, forbearing, sympathetic, considerate, understanding, clement, compassionate, benevolent, kind-hearted, good-natured, loving, light, moderate, pleasant, gradual, slight, imperceptible, noble, titled, upper-class, well born, elite, ennobled, entitle, appease, assuage, conciliate, grumble, lenify, mollify, pacify, placate

Gentle as a Verb

Definitions of "Gentle" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “gentle” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of.*
- *Give a title to someone; make someone a member of the nobility.*
- *Stroke soothingly.*
- *Make or become gentle.*
- *Touch (a person or animal) gently, typically in order to make them calmer or more docile.*



Synonyms of "Gentle" as a verb (10 Words)

- appease** Pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands.
*We give to charity because it **appeases** our guilt.*
- assuage** Provide physical relief, as from pain.
*The letter **assuaged** the fears of most members.*
- conciliate** Reconcile; make compatible.
*All complaints about charges will be **conciliated** if possible.*
- ennoble** Lend greater dignity or nobility of character to.
*They receive life baronies on appointment unless they are already **ennobled**.*
- entitle** Give a title to.
*Employees are normally **entitled** to redundancy pay.*
- gruntle** Cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of.
- lenify** Cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of.
- mollify** Reduce the severity of (something).
*The women hoped to **mollify** the harsh wilderness environment.*
- pacify** Fight violence and try to establish peace in (a location).
*He had to **pacify** angry spectators.*
- placate** Make (someone) less angry or hostile.
*They attempted to **placate** the students with promises.*



Usage Examples of "Gentle" as a verb

- *Cobb's tone gentled a little.*



Gentle as an Adjective

Definitions of "Gentle" as an adjective

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

- *Belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy.*
- *Easily handled or managed.*
- *(of a slope) gradual.*
- *Having or showing a mild, kind, or tender temperament or character.*
- *Marked by moderate steepness.*
- *Having or showing a kindly or tender nature.*
- *(of a person) noble or having the qualities attributed to noble birth; courteous and chivalrous.*
- *Having little impact.*
- *Quiet and soothing.*
- *Moderate in action, effect, or degree; not strong or violent.*
- *Soft and mild; not harsh or stern or severe.*



Synonyms of "Gentle" as an adjective (37 Words)

- aristocratic** Belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy.
Aristocratic features.
- aristocratical** Belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy.
(of an organization) serving a charitable rather than a profit-making purpose.
- benevolent** A *benevolent fund*.
- benign** Kindness of disposition or manner.
*The climate becomes more **benign** as we move nearer to the Black Sea.*
- blue** Of a person's skin having turned blue as a result of cold or breathing difficulties.
Blue language.
- blue-blooded** Belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy.
- clement** (of weather) mild.
Clement weather.
- compassionate** Showing or having compassion.
*She tried to sound **compassionate**.*

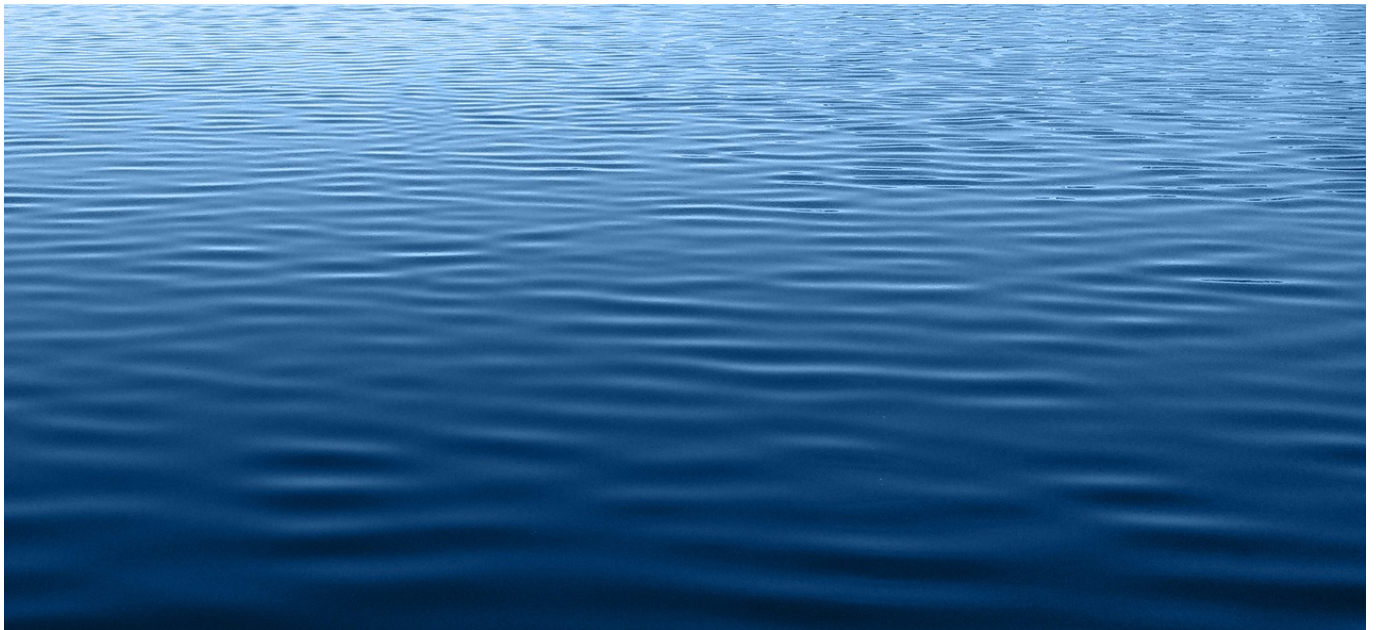
<u>considerate</u>	Careful not to inconvenience or harm others. <i>Be considerate over your handwriting.</i>
<u>docile</u>	Ready to accept control or instruction; submissive. <i>A cheap and docile workforce.</i>
easy	Readily exploited or tricked. <i>An easy pat on the shoulder.</i>
elite	Selected as the best. <i>Elite colleges.</i>
forbearing	Patient and restrained. <i>Seemly and forbearing yet strong enough to resist aggression.</i>
<u>forgiving</u>	Ready and willing to forgive. <i>A forgiving embrace to the naughty child.</i>
good-natured	Having an easygoing and cheerful disposition.
<u>gradual</u>	(of a topographical gradient) not steep or abrupt. <i>The gradual introduction of new methods.</i>
<u>humane</u>	Marked or motivated by concern with the alleviation of suffering. <i>The humane education of literary study.</i>
imperceptible	So slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived. <i>His head moved in an almost imperceptible nod.</i>
kind	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>Kind words showing understanding and sympathy.</i>
kind-hearted	Having or proceeding from an innately kind disposition.
<u>kindly</u>	Pleasant and agreeable. <i>He was a quiet kindly man.</i>
<u>lenient</u>	Tolerant or lenient. <i>Lenient rules.</i>
light	Of the military or industry using or being relatively small or light arms or equipment. <i>A light comedy.</i>
loving	Enjoying the specified activity or thing. <i>Her music loving son.</i>
merciful	Showing or exercising mercy. <i>William did not believe in being merciful to those who fought against him.</i>
moderate	(of a person, party, or policy) not radical or excessively right- or left-wing. <i>A kitchen of moderate size.</i>

noble	Of excellent or superior quality. <i>Noble metals include gold and silver and platinum.</i>
patrician	Belonging to or characteristic of the aristocracy. <i>A proud patrician face.</i>
pleasant	(of a person or their manner) friendly and considerate; likeable. <i>Pleasant sensations.</i>
slight	Small in quantity or degree; not much or almost none or (with `a') at least some. <i>Slight evidence.</i>
soft	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music soft in a quiet subdued tone. <i>The moon cast soft shadows.</i>
sympathetic	Of characters in literature or drama evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings. <i>He was sympathetic to evolutionary ideas.</i>
tender	Young and immature. <i>A tender mother.</i>
titled	Belonging to the peerage. <i>The titled classes.</i>
understanding	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>An understanding friend.</i>
upper-class	Occupying the highest socioeconomic position in a society.
well born	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.



Usage Examples of "Gentle" as an adjective

- *Her gentle manner was comforting.*
- *Gentle rain.*
- *Take some gentle exercise.*
- *A gentle slope.*
- *A gentle old horse, docile and obedient.*
- *A gentle voice.*
- *A vein of gentle irony.*
- *Poked gentle fun at him.*
- *Gentle blue eyes.*
- *A gentle nocturne.*
- *A gentle breeze.*
- *A gentle sensitive nature.*
- *A gentle embankment.*
- *A gentle, sensitive man.*
- *Of gentle blood.*
- *A gentle reprimand.*
- *Her gentle voice.*
- *The gentle touch of her hand.*



Associations of "Gentle" (30 Words)

altruistic	Showing a disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish. <i>It was an entirely altruistic act.</i>
amiable	Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner. <i>The amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically.</i>
amity	A state of friendship and cordiality. <i>The presence of French troops in Scotland had produced hostility rather than amity.</i>
balmy	Mild and pleasant. <i>It used to drive my husband balmy.</i>
careful	Prudent in the use of something, especially money. <i>Careful of the rights of others.</i>
clement	(used of persons or behavior) inclined to show mercy. <i>A more clement judge reduced the sentence.</i>
considerate	Showing concern for the rights and feelings of others. <i>She was unfailingly kind and considerate.</i>
docile	Easily handled or managed. <i>A gentle old horse docile and obedient.</i>
equable	Not easily irritated. <i>He could look sterner than his equable temperament would suggest.</i>
friendly	Not seriously or unpleasantly competitive or divisive. <i>We want friendly relations with all countries.</i>
genial	Agreeable, conducive to comfort. <i>The genial sunshine.</i>
gentility	Elegance by virtue of fineness of manner and expression. <i>Her grandmother's pretensions to gentility.</i>
gently	With a mild, kind, or tender manner. <i>She gently broke the news to her mum.</i>
gracious	Disposed to bestow favors. <i>He bears insult with gracious good humor.</i>
humane	(of a branch of learning) intended to have a civilizing effect on people. <i>Regulations ensuring the humane treatment of animals.</i>
humble	Decisively defeat (a sporting opponent previously thought to be superior). <i>He was humbled by his many ordeals.</i>

kind	Character or nature. <i>Kind words showing understanding and sympathy.</i>
<u>lenient</u>	Tolerant or lenient. <i>Lenient rules.</i>
<u>meek</u>	Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant- Orville Prescott. <i>Meek and self effacing.</i>
merciful	Gracious (used conventionally of royalty and high nobility). <i>Sought merciful treatment for the captives.</i>
<u>mild</u>	Humble in spirit or manner suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>A mild winter storm.</i>
mottle	A spot or patch forming part of a mottled arrangement. <i>It was not dull grey as distance had suggested but a mottle of khaki and black and olive green.</i>
<u>reflective</u>	Capable of physically reflecting light or sound. <i>A colourful reflective glow.</i>
restrained	Prudent. <i>Restrained in his response.</i>
soft	Soft and mild not harsh or stern or severe. <i>He was soft on his children.</i>
subtropical	Of or relating to or characteristic of conditions in the subtropics. <i>North Island enjoys a subtropical climate.</i>
tapping	The action of striking against something with a quick light blow or blows, or a sound made in this way. <i>He heard the tapping of the man s cane.</i>
temperate	Free from extremes; mild; or characteristic of such weather or climate. <i>Temperate in his eating and drinking.</i>
thoughtful	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>A deeply thoughtful essay.</i>
<u>unselfish</u>	Not greedy. <i>Unselfish devotion.</i>

