

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**.*

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

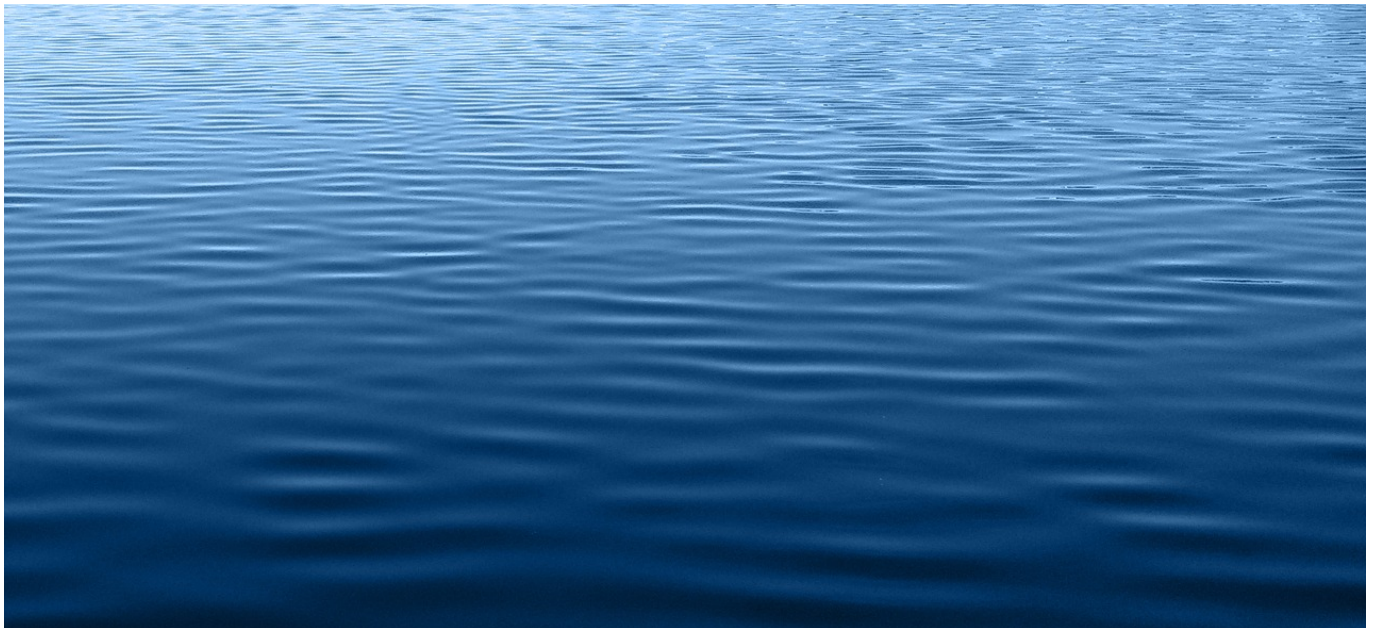
<b>noble</b>	Of excellent or superior quality. <i><b>Noble</b> metals include gold and silver and platinum.</i>
<b>patrician</b>	Belonging to or characteristic of the aristocracy. <i>A proud <b>patrician</b> face.</i>
<b>pleasant</b>	(of a person or their manner) friendly and considerate; likeable. 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

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

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

