

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**.*

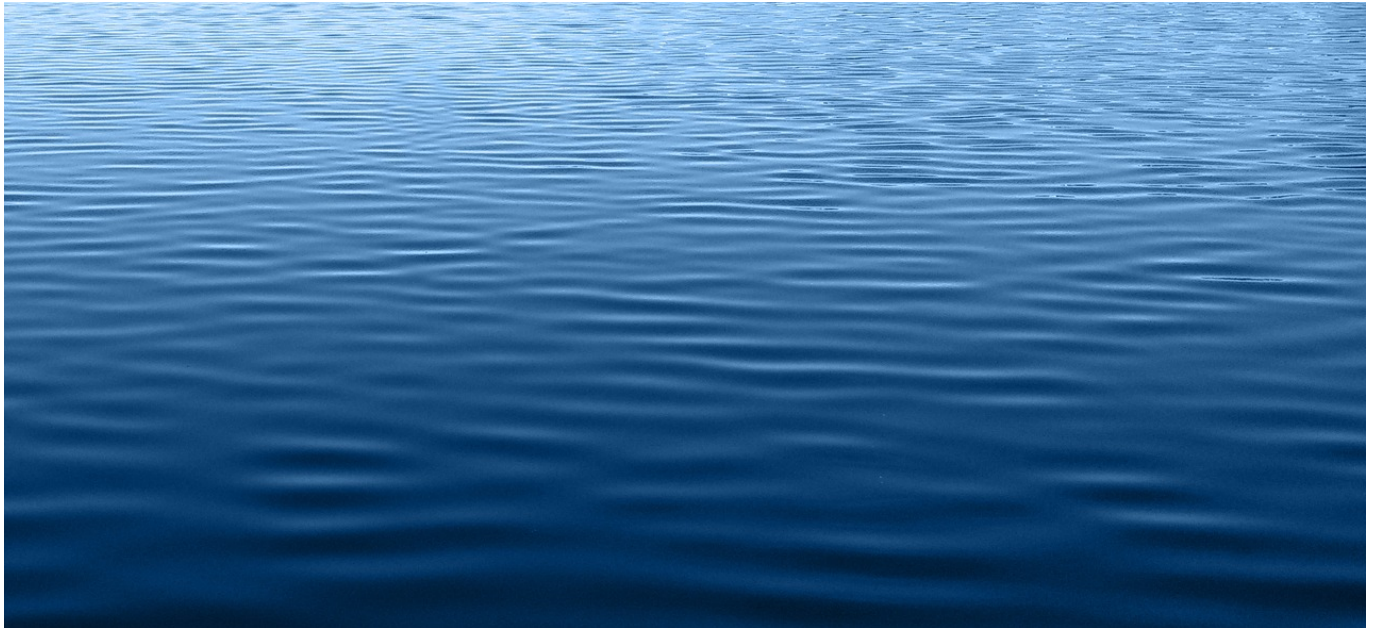
<u>considerate</u>	Careful not to inconvenience or harm others. <i>Be considerate over your handwriting.</i>
<u>docile</u>	Ready to accept control or instruction; submissive. <i>A cheap and docile workforce.</i>
easy	Readily exploited or tricked. <i>An easy pat on the shoulder.</i>
elite	Selected as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

