

Need another word that means the same as “honest”? Find 55 synonyms and 30 related words for “honest” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Honest” are: honorable, good, fair, dependable, reliable, true, truthful, sincere, candid, frank, direct, open, forthright, straight, straightforward, genuine, blunt, outspoken, straight from the shoulder, objective, impartial, unbiased, balanced, unprejudiced, disinterested, just, equitable, upright, honourable, moral, ethical, principled, righteous, right-minded, respectable, real, authentic, actual, plain, unadorned, undecorated, unembellished, unornamented, unelaborate, unpretentious, unostentatious, unfussy, no-nonsense, basic, modest, unsophisticated, homely, homespun, everyday, workaday**

## Honest as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Honest" as an adjective

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

- *(of an action) done with good intentions even if unsuccessful or misguided.*
- *Marked by truth.*
- *Without pretensions.*
- *Not disposed to cheat or defraud; not deceptive or fraudulent.*
- *Gained or earned without cheating or stealing.*
- *Without dissimulation; frank.*
- *Fairly earned, especially through hard work.*
- *Simple, unpretentious, and unsophisticated.*
- *Free of deceit; truthful and sincere.*
- *Morally correct or virtuous.*

- *Not forged.*
- *Worthy of being depended on.*



## Synonyms of "Honest" as an adjective (55 Words)

### actual

Being or existing at the present moment.  
*Actual and imagined conditions.*

### authentic

Conforming to fact and therefore worthy of belief.  
*An authentic signature.*

### **balanced**

(of a person or state of mind) having no emotion too strong or too weak; stable.  
*A balanced blend of whiskeys.*

### basic

Reduced to the simplest and most significant form possible without loss of generality.  
*Basic human rights.*

<b>blunt</b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i>The <b>blunt</b> tip of the leaf.</i>
<b><u>candid</u></b>	Truthful and straightforward; frank. <i>It is better to let the photographer mingle among the guests and take <b>candid</b> shots.</i>
<b>dependable</b>	Financially sound. <i>The most valuable and <b>dependable</b> of America's allies.</i>
<b>direct</b>	Of a current flowing in one direction only. <i>A <b>direct</b> route.</i>
<b>disinterested</b>	Unaffected by self-interest. <i>A banker is under an obligation to give <b>disinterested</b> advice.</i>
<b>equitable</b>	Fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience. <i>An <b>equitable</b> distribution of gifts among the children.</i>
<b><u>ethical</u></b>	Adhering to ethical and moral principles. <i><b>Ethical</b> issues in nursing.</i>
<b><u>everyday</u></b>	Found in the ordinary course of events. <i>A placid <b>everyday</b> scene.</i>
<b>fair</b>	(of a means or procedure) not violent. <i>They set sail with a <b>fair</b> wind.</i>
<b>forthright</b>	(of a person or their manner or speech) direct and outspoken. <i>His most <b>forthright</b> attack yet on the reforms.</i>
<b>frank</b>	Open, sincere, or undisguised. <i>Kate looked at Sam with <b>frank</b> admiration.</i>
<b><u>genuine</u></b>	Being or reflecting the essential or genuine character of something G K Chesterton. <i>A <b>genuine</b> dilemma.</i>
<b>good</b>	Possessing or displaying moral virtue. <i>She is not feeling too <b>good</b>.</i>
<b>homely</b>	Simple and unpretentious. <i><b>Homely</b> fare.</i>
<b>homespun</b>	Simple and unsophisticated. <i>A sweater knitted of nubbly <b>homespun</b> yarns.</i>
<b><u>honorable</u></b>	Deserving of esteem and respect. <i>An <b>honorable</b> man.</i>

<b>honourable</b>	Used as a title for certain high officials, the children of certain ranks of the nobility, and MPs. <i>This is the only <b>honourable</b> course.</i>
<b>impartial</b>	Treating all rivals or disputants equally. <i>The <b>impartial</b> eye of a scientist.</i>
<u><b>just</b></u>	Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable. <i>These simplistic approaches have been the subject of <b>just</b> criticism.</i>
<u><b>modest</b></u>	Not offensive to sexual mores in conduct or appearance. <i>A <b>modest</b> man of the people.</i>
<b>moral</b>	Psychological rather than physical or tangible in effect. <i><b>Moral</b> philosophers.</i>
<b>no-nonsense</b>	Not tolerating irrelevancies.
<b>objective</b>	Not dependent on the mind for existence; actual. <i>Historians try to be <b>objective</b> and impartial.</i>
<b>open</b>	Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and the tongue kept low. <i>Students choice of degree can be kept <b>open</b> until the second year.</i>
<u><b>outspoken</b></u>	Given to expressing yourself freely or insistently. <i><b>Outspoken</b> in their opposition to segregation.</i>
<b>plain</b>	(of written or spoken usage) clearly expressed, without the use of technical or abstruse terms. <i>Made his meaning <b>plain</b>.</i>
<b>principled</b>	(of a person or their behaviour) acting in accordance with morality and showing recognition of right and wrong. <i>A coherent and <b>principled</b> approach.</i>
<b>real</b>	Coinciding with reality F A Olafson. <i><b>Real</b> property consists of land and buildings.</i>
<b>reliable</b>	Consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted. <i>A <b>reliable</b> source of information.</i>
<u><b>respectable</b></u>	Adequate or acceptable in number, size, or amount. <i>A perfectly <b>respectable</b> pair of pyjamas.</i>
<b>right-minded</b>	Disposed toward or having views based on what is right-Bertrand Russell.
<u><b>righteous</b></u>	Morally right or justifiable. <i>The prayer of a <b>righteous</b> man availeth much.</i>

<u>sincere</u>	Free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings. <i>A painfully <b>sincere</b> young actor.</i>
<u>straight</u>	Simple straightforward. <b>Straight</b> dealing.
<b>straight from the shoulder</b>	Accurately fitted; level.
<u>straightforward</u>	Uncomplicated and easy to do or understand. <i>In a <b>straightforward</b> case no fees will be charged.</i>
<b>true</b>	Of a compass bearing measured relative to true north. <i>I would be <b>true</b> for there are those who trust me.</i>
<b>truthful</b>	Conforming to truth. <i>Gave <b>truthful</b> testimony.</i>
<b>unadorned</b>	Not decorated with something to increase its beauty or distinction. <i>It was very simple its walls <b>unadorned</b>.</i>
<b>unbiased</b>	Without bias. <i>An <b>unbiased</b> account of her family problems.</i>
<b>undecorated</b>	Not adorned or decorated. <i>The walls were completely <b>undecorated</b>.</i>
<b>unelaborate</b>	Not elaborate; lacking rich or complex detail.
<b>unembellished</b>	Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <i>The <b>unembellished</b> truth.</i>
<b>unfussy</b>	Not fussy. <i>A simple <b>unfussy</b> design.</i>
<b>unornamented</b>	Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <i>An <b>unornamented</b> two storey building.</i>
<b>unostentatious</b>	Exhibiting restrained good taste. <i>His <b>unostentatious</b> office.</i>
<b>unprejudiced</b>	Free from undue bias or preconceived opinions. <i>An <b>unprejudiced</b> reading of the New Testament.</i>
<b>unpretentious</b>	(of a place) pleasantly simple and functional; modest. <i>An <b>unpretentious</b> country church.</i>
<u>unsophisticated</u>	Not complicated or highly developed; basic. <i>An <b>unsophisticated</b> young man.</i>
<b>upright</b>	Upright in position or posture. <i>An <b>upright</b> post.</i>

**workaday**

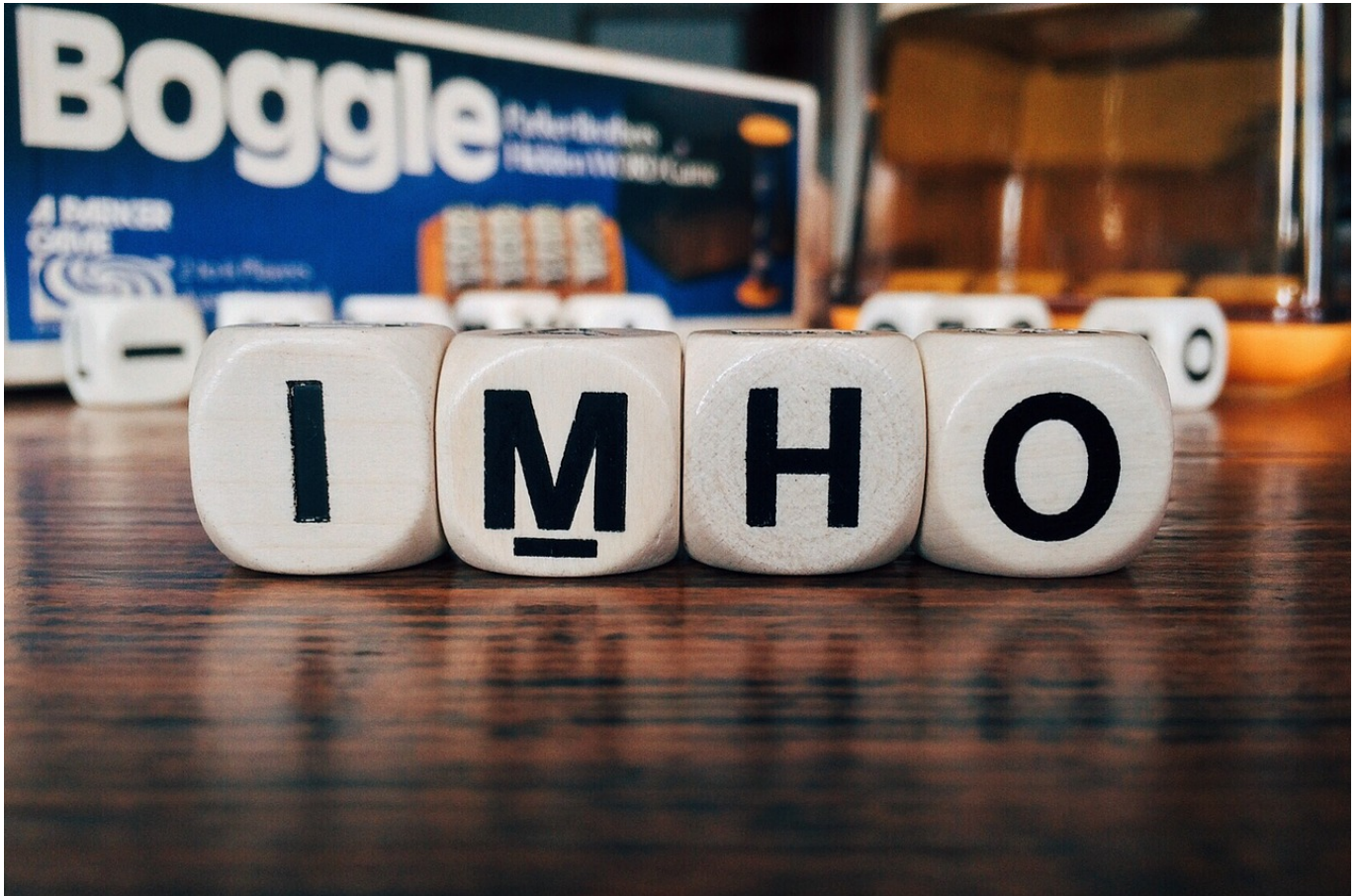
Not special, unusual, or interesting; ordinary.  
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### **Usage Examples of "Honest" as an adjective**

- *Good honest food with no gimmicks.*
- *Good honest food.*
- *Honest reporting.*
- *Gave honest answers.*
- *My honest opinion.*
- *An honest wage.*
- *An honest working stiff.*
- *He's struggling to make an honest living.*
- *Worked at an honest trade.*
- *Honest lawyers.*
- *I did the only right and honest thing.*
- *He'd made an honest mistake.*

- *I haven't been totally honest with you.*



## Associations of "Honest" (30 Words)

<b>bluntly</b>	In a blunt direct manner. <i>He spoke <b>bluntly</b>.</i>
<b><u>candid</u></b>	Truthful and straightforward; frank. <i>It is better to let the photographer mingle among the guests and take <b>candid</b> shots.</i>
<b><u>candor</u></b>	The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.
<b>candour</b>	The quality of being open and honest; frankness. <i>A man of refreshing <b>candour</b>.</i>
<b>directness</b>	The quality of being plain and straightforward. <i>Rivaling a hawk in <b>directness</b> of aim.</i>

<b>downright</b>	Characterized by plain blunt honesty. <i>He was <b>downright</b> rude.</i>
<b>forthrightness</b>	The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.
<b>frank</b>	Clearly manifest; evident. <i><b>Frank</b> enjoyment.</i>
<b><u>friendliness</u></b>	A feeling of liking for another person; enjoyment in their company. <i>I was overwhelmed by the <b>friendliness</b> of the people here.</i>
<b><u>honesty</u></b>	The quality of being honest. <i>There s a well stocked <b>honesty</b> bar which includes local wine.</i>
<b>ingenuous</b>	Characterized by an inability to mask your feelings; not devious. <i>An <b>ingenuous</b> admission of responsibility.</i>
<b>innocence</b>	The quality of innocent naivete. <i>They must prove their <b>innocence</b>.</i>
<b>integrity</b>	Internal consistency or lack of corruption in electronic data. <i>They admired his scrupulous professional <b>integrity</b>.</i>
<b>naivete</b>	Lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement; naivety. <i>His greatest fault was his political naivet.</i>
<b><u>openness</u></b>	Lack of secrecy or concealment; frankness. <i>The <b>openness</b> of the prairies.</i>
<b><u>outspoken</u></b>	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i>It is possible to be <b>outspoken</b> without being rude.</i>
<b>probity</b>	The quality of having strong moral principles; honesty and decency. <i>In a world where financial <b>probity</b> may not be widespread.</i>
<b>rectitude</b>	Righteousness as a consequence of being honorable and honest. <i>Mattie is a model of <b>rectitude</b>.</i>
<b>righteousness</b>	Adhering to moral principles. <i>We had little doubt about the <b>righteousness</b> of our cause.</i>
<b><u>sheer</u></b>	Cause to sheer. <i>She giggled with <b>sheer</b> delight.</i>
<b><u>sincere</u></b>	Open and genuine; not deceitful. <i>An entirely <b>sincere</b> and cruel tyrant.</i>
<b><u>sincerity</u></b>	The quality of being open and truthful; not deceitful or hypocritical. <i>His <b>sincerity</b> inspired belief.</i>
<b>straightforwardness</b>	Without hypocrisy. <i>What some people take for rudeness is really <b>straightforwardness</b>.</i>



<b>straightness</b>	(of hair) lack of a tendency to curl.
<b>transparency</b>	The quality of being clear and transparent. <i>The <b>transparency</b> of ice.</i>
<b>truthful</b>	(of artistic or literary representation) characterized by accuracy or realism; true to life. <i>Gave <b>truthful</b> testimony.</i>
<b>truthfulness</b>	The fact of being realistic or true to life; realism. <i>The <b>truthfulness</b> of her playing of an ageing American spinster.</i>
<b>unbiased</b>	Without bias. <i>They give clear <b>unbiased</b> advice.</i>
<b>unpretentious</b>	Exhibiting restrained good taste. <i>Her quiet <b>unpretentious</b> demeanor.</i>
<b>veracious</b>	Precisely accurate. <i>A <b>veracious</b> witness.</i>

