

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.

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

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

sincere

Free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings.

*A painfully **sincere** young actor.*

straight

Simple straightforward.

Straight dealing.

straight from the shoulder

Accurately fitted; level.

straightforward

Uncomplicated and easy to do or understand.

*In a **straightforward** case no fees will be charged.*

true

Of a compass bearing measured relative to true north.

*I would be **true** for there are those who trust me.*

truthful

Conforming to truth.

*Gave **truthful** testimony.*

unadorned

Not decorated with something to increase its beauty or distinction.

*It was very simple its walls **unadorned**.*

unbiased

Without bias.

*An **unbiased** account of her family problems.*

undecorated

Not adorned or decorated.

*The walls were completely **undecorated**.*

unelaborate

Not elaborate; lacking rich or complex detail.

unembellished

Lacking embellishment or ornamentation.

*The **unembellished** truth.*

unfussy

Not fussy.

*A simple **unfussy** design.*

unornamented

Lacking embellishment or ornamentation.

*An **unornamented** two storey building.*

unostentatious

Exhibiting restrained good taste.

*His **unostentatious** office.*

unprejudiced

Free from undue bias or preconceived opinions.

*An **unprejudiced** reading of the New Testament.*

unpretentious

(of a place) pleasantly simple and functional; modest.

*An **unpretentious** country church.*

unsophisticated

Not complicated or highly developed; basic.

*An **unsophisticated** young man.*

upright

Upright in position or posture.

*An **upright** post.*

workaday

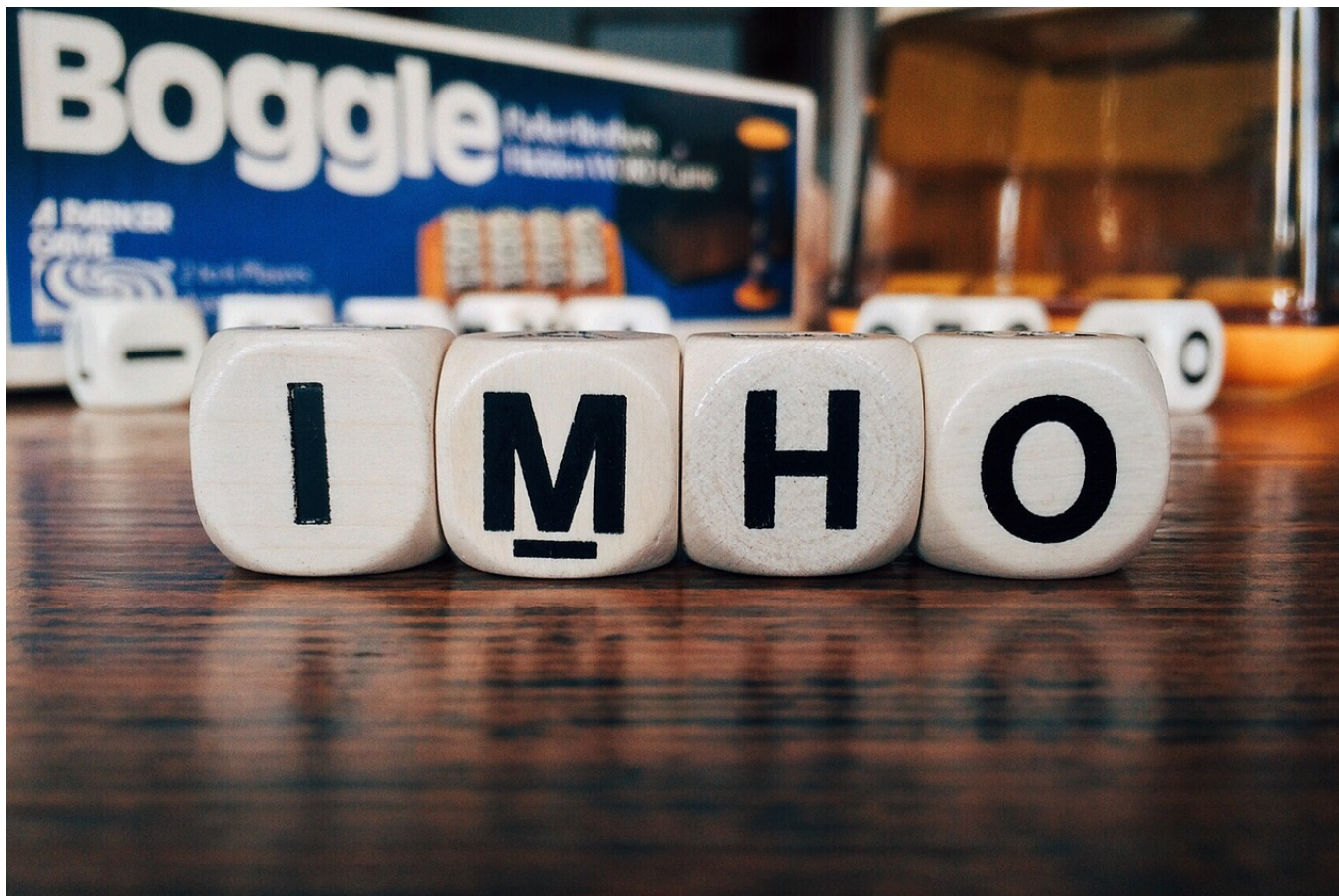
Not special, unusual, or interesting; ordinary.
Your humble **workaday** PC.



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)

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

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

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

