

Need another word that means the same as “honestly”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “honestly” in this overview.

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## Honestly as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Honestly" as an adverb

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

- *Used to emphasize the sincerity of an opinion or feeling.*
- *Used to emphasize the truthfulness of a statement.*
- *It is sincerely the case that (used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude) honestly (adv) in an honest manner.*
- *In an honest manner.*
- *(used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude) it is sincerely the case that.*
- *In a truthful, fair, or honourable way.*
- *Used to indicate the speaker's annoyance or impatience.*



## Synonyms of "Honestly" as an adverb (32 Words)

<b>aboveboard</b>	In an honest manner. <i>Was known for dealing <b>aboveboard</b> in everything.</i>
<b>actually</b>	As a sentence modifier to add slight emphasis. <i>To be nominally but not <b>actually</b> independent.</i>
<b>by fair means</b>	In reserve; not for immediate use.
<b>by just means</b>	So as to pass a given point.
<b>by the book</b>	So as to pass a given point.
<b>candidly</b>	In an honest and straightforward way; frankly. <i>He <b>candidly</b> discussed his efforts to find employment.</i>
<b>decently</b>	In the right manner. <i>They would like to be <b>decently</b> paid for the work they do.</i>
<b>ethically</b>	In a way that avoids activities or organizations that do harm to people or the environment. <i>She was keen to see her money invested <b>ethically</b>.</i>
<b><u>fairly</u></b>	To a moderately high degree. <i>He could not <b>fairly</b> be accused of wasting police time.</i>

<b>frankly</b>	(used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude) it is sincerely the case that. <i>Frankly my dear I don't give a damn.</i>
<b>freely</b>	In a free manner. <i>I roamed <b>freely</b>.</i>
<b>genuinely</b>	Genuinely with authority. <i>People don't <b>genuinely</b> understand what they're dealing with.</i>
<b>honourably</b>	With honor.
<b>in accordance with the rules</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in all honesty</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in all sincerity</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in good faith</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in plain english</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in plain language</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>lawfully</b>	In a way that conforms to or is permitted or recognized by the law. <i>We are <b>lawfully</b> wedded now.</i>
<b>legally</b>	In a way that conforms to or is permitted or required by the law. <i>The weapons were purchased <b>legally</b>.</i>
<b>legitimately</b>	In a way that can be defended with logic or justification; fairly. <i>Consumers could <b>legitimately</b> claim to have been misled.</i>
<b>morally</b>	With reference to the principles of right and wrong behaviour. <i>He believed the war was <b>morally</b> justified.</i>
<b>openly</b>	In an open way. <i>A lecturer who had <b>openly</b> criticized the government.</i>
<b>plainly</b>	Unmistakably plain is often used informally for plainly. <i>She is <b>plainly</b> dressed in a T shirt and trousers.</i>
<b>really</b>	Used as intensifiers real is sometimes used informally for really rattling is informal. <i>They don't <b>really</b> listen to us.</i>
<b>sincerely</b>	In a sincere or genuine way. <i>I <b>sincerely</b> hope that we shall have a change of government.</i>

**straight from the shoulder**

**straight out**

truly

truthfully

wholeheartedly

Without deviation.

In a forthright manner; candidly or frankly.

To the fullest degree; genuinely or properly.

*Management does not **truly** understand about the residents.*

Used to emphasize the truthfulness or honesty of a statement.

*It is a hard question for me to answer **truthfully**.*

With complete sincerity and commitment.

*I **wholeheartedly** support your campaign.*



## Usage Examples of "Honestly" as an adverb

- *In he can't get it honestly, he is willing to steal it.*
- *Honestly, I don't believe it.*
- *Honestly, that man is the absolute limit!*
- *She honestly believed that she was making life easier for Jack.*



- *He'd come by the money honestly.*
- *Honestly, darling, I'm not upset.*

## Associations of "Honestly" (30 Words)

<b><u>actuality</u></b>	The state of existing in reality. <i>The building looked as impressive in <b>actuality</b> as it did in magazines.</i>
<b>actually</b>	Used to introduce a new topic or to add information to a previous statement. <i>No one <b>actually</b> saw the shark.</i>
<b><u>almost</u></b>	Not quite; very nearly. <i>The baby was <b>almost</b> asleep when the alarm sounded.</i>
<b><u>anymore</u></b>	At the present or from now on; usually used with a negative. <i>Alice doesn't live here <b>anymore</b>.</i>
<b><u>candid</u></b>	Informal or natural; especially caught off guard or unprepared. <i>A <b>candid</b> photograph.</i>
<b>candidly</b>	In an honest and straightforward way; frankly. <i><b>Candidly</b> I think she doesn't have a conscience.</i>
<b><u>certainty</u></b>	A fact that is definitely true or an event that is definitely going to take place. <i>His victory is a <b>certainty</b>.</i>
<b>confirm</b>	Administer the religious rite of confirmation to. <i>The children were <b>confirmed</b> in their mother's faith.</i>
<b>cordially</b>	With intense feeling. <i>He was <b>cordially</b> detested for his brutality and injustice.</i>
<b><u>correctly</u></b>	In an accurate manner. <i>The flower had been <b>correctly</b> depicted by his son.</i>
<b>esquire</b>	A title of respect for a member of the English gentry ranking just below a knight; placed after the name. <i>J. C. Pearson <b>Esquire</b>.</i>
<b>fact</b>	A concept whose truth can be proved. <i>A body of <b>fact</b>.</i>
<b>faithfully</b>	In a manner that is true to the facts or the original. <i>It always came on <b>faithfully</b> like the radio.</i>
<b><u>frankly</u></b>	Used to emphasize the truth of a statement, however unpalatable this may be. <i><b>Frankly</b> I was pleased to leave.</i>

<b>genuinely</b>	Genuinely with authority. <i>It is <b>genuinely</b> an honour to be on the campaign.</i>
<b>heartily</b>	In a hearty manner. <i>Yes the children chorused <b>heartily</b>.</i>
<b><u>inconceivable</u></b>	Not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally; unbelievable. <i>They behaved with <b>inconceivable</b> cruelty.</i>
<b><u>indeed</u></b>	An expression of surprise or skepticism or irony etc. (used as an interjection). <i>The idea is attractive to many men and <b>indeed</b> to many women.</i>
<b>justly</b>	In a way that is well founded; justifiably. <i>We deal <b>justly</b> with complaints.</i>
<b>literally</b>	Used for emphasis while not being literally true. <i>The driver took it <b>literally</b> when asked to go straight over the roundabout.</i>
<b><u>nearly</u></b>	Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but. <i>In the absence of anyone more <b>nearly</b> related I was designated next of kin.</i>
<b>openly</b>	In an open way. <i>A lecturer who had <b>openly</b> criticized the government.</i>
<b>passionately</b>	With passion. <i>He fell <b>passionately</b> in love with her.</i>
<b><u>practically</u></b>	Virtually; almost. <i>The strike lasted <b>practically</b> a fortnight.</i>
<b>real</b>	Really very. <i>A <b>really</b> enjoyable evening.</i>
<b>really</b>	Used as intensifiers real is sometimes used informally for really rattling is informal. <i>Do you <b>really</b> expect me to believe that.</i>
<b>sincerely</b>	Written formula for ending a letter. <i>I <b>sincerely</b> hope that we shall have a change of government.</i>
<b><u>truly</u></b>	With sincerity; without pretense. <i>This is <b>truly</b> a miracle.</i>
<b>verily</b>	In truth; certainly- Ps 37:3. <i><b>Verily</b> these men are mad.</i>
<b><u>virtually</u></b>	By means of a computer; computationally. <i>The college became <b>virtually</b> bankrupt.</i>