

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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The synonyms of “Honestly” are: aboveboard, candidly, frankly, fairly, lawfully, legally, legitimately, honourably, decently, ethically, morally, by fair means, by just means, in good faith, by the book, in accordance with the rules, sincerely, genuinely, truthfully, truly, wholeheartedly, freely, openly, plainly, straight out, straight from the shoulder, really, actually, in all honesty, in all sincerity, in plain language, in plain english

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)

aboveboard

In an honest manner.
*Was known for dealing **aboveboard** in everything.*

actually

As a sentence modifier to add slight emphasis.
*To be nominally but not **actually** independent.*

by fair means

In reserve; not for immediate use.

by just means

So as to pass a given point.

by the book

So as to pass a given point.

candidly

In an honest and straightforward way; frankly.
*He **candidly** discussed his efforts to find employment.*

decently

In the right manner.
*They would like to be **decently** paid for the work they do.*

ethically

In a way that avoids activities or organizations that do harm to people or the environment.
*She was keen to see her money invested **ethically**.*

fairly

To a moderately high degree.
*He could not **fairly** be accused of wasting police time.*

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

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

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