

Need another word that means the same as “hopeful”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “hopeful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Hopeful” are: bright, promising, optimistic, full of hope, confident, positive, buoyant, sanguine, bullish, cheerful, assured, expectant, anticipative, disposed to look on the bright side, encouraging, heartening, reassuring, auspicious, favourable, propitious, cheering, rosy, full of promise, aspirant, aspirer, wannabe, wannabee

Hopeful as a Noun

Definitions of "Hopeful" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “hopeful” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A person likely or hoping to succeed.*
- *An ambitious and aspiring young person.*



Synonyms of "Hopeful" as a noun (4 Words)

aspirant An ambitious and aspiring young person.
*A lofty **aspirant**.*

aspirer An ambitious and aspiring young person.

wannabe A person who tries to be like someone else or to fit in with a particular group of people.
*The audience was full of Madonna **wannabes**.*

wannabee An ambitious and aspiring young person.



Usage Examples of "Hopeful" as a noun

- *Promotion hopefuls Huddersfield.*
- *Two executive hopefuls joined the firm.*



Hopeful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Hopeful" as an adjective

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

- *Feeling or inspiring optimism about a future event.*
- *Having or manifesting hope.*
- *Likely to turn out well in the future.*
- *Full or promise.*



Synonyms of "Hopeful" as an adjective (23 Words)

anticipative	Marked by eager anticipation.
assured	Characterized by certainty or security. <i>She paints with an assured hand.</i>
auspicious	Auguring favorable circumstances and good luck. <i>He was respectful to his auspicious customers.</i>
<u>bright</u>	Made smooth and bright by or as if by rubbing reflecting a sheen or glow. <i>A bright young journalist.</i>
bullish	Aggressively confident and self-assertive. <i>He has campaigned courageously despite difficulties that would have stopped many more bullish men.</i>
buoyant	Tending to float on a liquid or rise in air or gas. <i>Car sales were buoyant.</i>
<u>cheerful</u>	Pleasantly (even unrealistically) optimistic. <i>A cheerful voice.</i>
cheering	Providing freedom from worry. <i>A cheering crowd.</i>

confident	Not liable to error in judgment or action. <i>Was confident he would win.</i>
disposed to look on the bright side	Having made preparations.
encouraging	Giving someone support or confidence; supportive. <i>She gave me an encouraging smile.</i>
expectant	Used to describe a pregnant woman or a man who is about to become a father. <i>Expectant crowds arrived early.</i>
favourable	Giving an advantage. <i>A favourable prognosis.</i>
full of hope	Having the normally expected amount.
full of promise	Containing as much or as many as is possible or normal.
heartening	Cheerfully encouraging. <i>This is the most heartening news of all.</i>
<u>optimistic</u>	Expecting the best in this best of all possible worlds. <i>The optimistic mood of the Sixties.</i>
positive	Having a positive charge. <i>Protons are positive.</i>
promising	Full of promise. <i>A promising start to the season.</i>
<u>propitious</u>	Giving or indicating a good chance of success; favourable. <i>Propitious omens.</i>
<u>reassuring</u>	Restoring confidence and relieving anxiety. <i>Gina gave her a reassuring smile.</i>
rosy	Of blush color. <i>Life could never be rosy for them.</i>
sanguine	(in medieval science and medicine) of or having the constitution associated with the predominance of blood among the bodily humours, supposedly marked by a ruddy complexion and an optimistic disposition. <i>The committee takes a more sanguine view.</i>



Usage Examples of "Hopeful" as an adjective

- *A hopeful new singer on Broadway.*
- *A hopeful sign.*
- *Found a hopeful way of attacking the problem.*
- *He remained hopeful that something could be worked out.*
- *A line of people hopeful of obtaining tickets.*



Associations of "Hopeful" (30 Words)

anticipate	Act as a forerunner or precursor of. <i>She anticipated scorn on her return to the theatre.</i>
anticipation	An expectation. <i>Each of them had their own anticipations.</i>
anticipatory	In anticipation. <i>An anticipatory flash of excitement.</i>
aspirant	Desiring or striving for recognition or advancement. <i>A lofty aspirant.</i>
aspiring	Desiring or striving for recognition or advancement. <i>An aspiring artist.</i>
astrologer	Someone who predicts the future by the positions of the planets and sun and Moon. <i>He was advised by astrologers to delay his departure.</i>

<u>auspice</u>	A divine or prophetic token. (of a dealer) inclined to buy because of an anticipated rise in prices.
bullish	<i>High points in the stock market cycle when investors are at their most bullish.</i>
cheerfully	In a way that inspires feelings of happiness. <i>He was whistling cheerfully.</i>
<u>expect</u>	Consider obligatory request and expect. <i>We expect employers to pay a reasonable salary.</i>
expectancy	The state of thinking or hoping that something, especially something good, will happen. <i>They waited with an air of expectancy.</i>
expectant	Having or showing an excited feeling that something is about to happen, especially something good. <i>An expectant hush.</i>
expectation	Anticipating with confidence of fulfillment. <i>Reality had not lived up to expectations.</i>
forebode	Have a presentiment of (something bad). <i>This lull foreboded some new assault upon him.</i>
forecast	Indicate, as with a sign or an omen. <i>Coal consumption in Europe is forecast to increase.</i>
forecasting	A statement made about the future.
<u>foresee</u>	Be aware of beforehand; predict. <i>We did not foresee any difficulties.</i>
foreshadow	Indicate by signs. <i>Other new measures are foreshadowed in the White Paper.</i>
foretell	Predict (the future or a future event). <i>A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.</i>
gravid	Carrying eggs or young; pregnant. <i>The scene is gravid with unease.</i>
<u>lighthearted</u>	Carefree and happy and lighthearted. <i>Her lighthearted nature.</i>
<u>optimistic</u>	Hopeful and confident about the future. <i>Previous estimates of whale numbers may be wildly optimistic.</i>
predict	Make a prediction about tell in advance. <i>It is too early to predict a result.</i>
prediction	A thing predicted; a forecast. <i>A prediction that economic growth would resume.</i>

pregnant	Full of meaning; significant or suggestive. <i>A silence pregnant with suspense.</i>
prognosticate	Foretell or prophesy (a future event). <i>The economists were prognosticating financial Armageddon.</i>
promising	Likely to turn out well in the future. <i>A promising film actor.</i>
prophesy	Deliver a sermon. <i>Jacques was prophesying a bumper harvest.</i>
sanguine	Confidently optimistic and cheerful. <i>A fresh and sanguine complexion.</i>
supposition	The cognitive process of supposing. <i>They were working on the supposition that his death was murder.</i>

