

Need another word that means the same as “indulgent”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “indulgent” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Indulgent” are: lenient, soft, permissive, broad-minded, liberal, tolerant, forgiving, forbearing, merciful, clement, mild, humane, kind, kindly, caring, compassionate, understanding, sympathetic, hedonistic, sybaritic, luxurious, epicurean**

## Indulgent as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Indulgent" as an adjective

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

- *Being favorably inclined.*
- *Having or indicating a readiness or over-readiness to be generous to or lenient with someone.*
- *Characterized by or given to yielding to the wishes of someone.*
- *Tolerant or lenient.*
- *Self-indulgent.*



## Synonyms of "Indulgent" as an adjective (22 Words)

- broad-minded** Incapable of being shocked.
- caring** Displaying kindness and concern for others.  
*A **caring** and invaluable friend.*
- clement** Inclined to show mercy.  
*It is a very **clement** day.*
- compassionate** Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others.  
*She tried to sound **compassionate**.*
- epicurean** Of Epicurus or epicureanism.  
*An **epicurean** banquet.*
- forbearing** Patient and restrained.  
*He proved to be remarkably **forbearing** whenever I was impatient or angry.*
- forgiving** (of a thing) easy or safe to deal with.  
*Snow is a **forgiving** surface on which to fall.*

<b>hedonistic</b>	Devoted to pleasure. <i>Lives of unending <b>hedonistic</b> delight.</i>
<b><u>humane</u></b>	Inflicting the minimum of pain. <i>Regulations ensuring the <b>humane</b> treatment of animals.</i>
<b>kind</b>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>Thanked her for her <b>kind</b> letter.</i>
<b><u>kindly</u></b>	Pleasant and agreeable. <i><b>Kindly</b> criticism.</i>
<b><u>lenient</u></b>	Tolerant or lenient. <i><b>Lenient</b> rules.</i>
<b><u>liberal</u></b>	(in a political context) favouring policies that are socially progressive and promote social welfare. <i>They could have given the 1968 Act a more <b>liberal</b> interpretation.</i>
<b><u>luxurious</u></b>	Displaying luxury and furnishing gratification to the senses. <i>A <b>luxurious</b> wallow in a scented bath.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	(used conventionally of royalty and high nobility) gracious. <i>Her death was a <b>merciful</b> release.</i>
<b><u>mild</u></b>	Mild and pleasant. <i>A <b>mild</b> winter storm.</i>
<b>permissive</b>	Not preventive. <i>The Hague Convention was <b>permissive</b> not mandatory.</i>
<b>soft</b>	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music soft in a quiet subdued tone. <i>He was too <b>soft</b> for the army.</i>
<b>sybaritic</b>	Displaying luxury and furnishing gratification to the senses. <i>A chinchilla robe of <b>sybaritic</b> lavishness.</i>
<b><u>sympathetic</u></b>	Relating to or denoting the part of the autonomic nervous system consisting of nerves arising from ganglia near the middle part of the spinal cord supplying the internal organs blood vessels and glands and balancing the action of the parasympathetic nerves. <i><b>Sympathetic</b> to the students cause.</i>
<b><u>tolerant</u></b>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>The plant is <b>tolerant</b> of saltwater.</i>
<b>understanding</b>	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>People expect their doctor to be <b>understanding</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Indulgent" as an adjective

- *Indulgent parents risk spoiling their children.*
- *An indulgent attitude.*
- *Indulgent grandparents.*
- *Indulgent parents.*
- *Sheer indulgent nostalgia.*



## Associations of "Indulgent" (30 Words)

- decadent** A person who has fallen into a decadent state morally or artistically.  
*A **decadent** soak in a scented bath.*
- effete** Affected, overrefined, and effeminate.  
*Fundamentalism has flowered because it has concluded that liberalism is **effete** ineffectual and impoverished.*
- epicurean** Of Epicurus or epicureanism.  
*An **epicurean** banquet.*
- forbearing** Showing patient and unruffled self-control and restraint under adversity; slow to retaliate or express resentment.  
*Seemly and **forbearing** yet strong enough to resist aggression.*
- generous** More than adequate.  
*Unusually **generous** in his judgment of people.*

<b>gluttonous</b>	Given to excess in consumption of especially food or drink. <i>A <b>gluttonous</b> appetite for food and praise and pleasure.</i>
<b>hedonic</b>	Relating to, characterized by, or considered in terms of pleasant (or unpleasant) sensations. <i>A <b>hedonic</b> thrill.</i>
<b>hedonist</b>	A person who believes that the pursuit of pleasure is the most important thing in life; a pleasure-seeker. <i>She was living the life of a committed <b>hedonist</b>.</i>
<b>hedonistic</b>	Engaged in the pursuit of pleasure; sensually self-indulgent. <i>Lives of unending <b>hedonistic</b> delight.</i>
<b>immoral</b>	Not conforming to accepted standards of morality. <i>Unseemly and <b>immoral</b> behaviour.</i>
<b>indulge</b>	Treat with excessive indulgence. <i>She was able to <b>indulge</b> a growing passion for literature.</i>
<b>leniency</b>	Mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant. <i>The court could show <b>leniency</b>.</i>
<b>lenient</b>	Tolerant or lenient. <i><b>Lenient</b> rules.</i>
<b>let</b>	Used to express one's strong desire for something to happen or be the case. <i><b>Let</b> s have a drink.</i>
<b>loose</b>	Turn loose or free from restraint. <i>Pockets bulging with <b>loose</b> change.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	Gracious (used conventionally of royalty and high nobility). <i>Her death was a <b>merciful</b> release.</i>
<b>narcissism</b>	Selfishness, involving a sense of entitlement, a lack of empathy, and a need for admiration, as characterizing a personality type.
<b>permissive</b>	Allowing the infection and replication of viruses. <i>In vivo viral expression is restricted but in vitro cultured cells are <b>permissive</b>.</i>
<b>permissiveness</b>	Great or excessive freedom of behaviour. <i>A new age of sexual <b>permissiveness</b>.</i>
<b>pleasure</b>	Sexual gratification. <i>She smiled with <b>pleasure</b> at being praised.</i>
<b>promiscuity</b>	The fact or state of being promiscuous. <i>Some fear this will lead to greater sexual <b>promiscuity</b> amongst teens.</i>
<b>redundance</b>	The attribute of being superfluous and unneeded.

<b>redundancy</b>	The state of being not or no longer needed or useful. <i>The use of industrial robots created <b>redundancy</b> among workers.</i>
<b>remiss</b>	Failing in what duty requires. <i><b>Remiss</b> of you not to pay your bills.</i>
<b>superfluity</b>	Extreme excess. <i>Servants who had nothing to do but to display their own <b>superfluity</b>.</i>
<b>tolerant</b>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>Rye is reasonably <b>tolerant</b> of drought.</i>
<b>uncivil</b>	Lacking civility or good manners. <i>Want nothing from you but to get away from your <b>uncivil</b> tongue.</i>
<b>venereal</b>	Relating to venereal disease. <i><b>Venereal</b> disease.</i>
<b>voluptuary</b>	Displaying luxury and furnishing gratification to the senses. <i>A <b>voluptuary</b> decade when high living was in style.</i>
<b>voluptuous</b>	Curvaceous and sexually attractive (typically used of a woman). <i>Lucullus spent the remainder of his days in <b>voluptuous</b> magnificence.</i>

