

Need another word that means the same as “intellectual”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “intellectual” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Intellectual” are: noetic, rational, cerebral, mental, cognitive, intelligent, clever, academic, well educated, well read, erudite, learned, knowledgeable, literary, bookish, donnish, highbrow, scholarly, studious, cultured, cultivated, civilized, enlightened, sophisticated, intellect, bookworm, bookish person, man of letters, woman of letters, bluestocking, thinker, brain, scholar, sage**

## Intellectual as a Noun

### Definitions of "Intellectual" as a noun

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

- *A person who uses the mind creatively.*
- *A person possessing a highly developed intellect.*



## Synonyms of "Intellectual" as a noun (12 Words)

- academic** An educator who works at a college or university.  
*The EU offers grants to **academics** for research on approved projects.*
- bluestocking** An intellectual or literary woman.  
*A Victorian **bluestocking**.*
- bookish person** A grammatical category used in the classification of pronouns, possessive determiners, and verb forms according to whether they indicate the speaker, the addressee, or a third party.
- bookworm** A person who pays more attention to formal rules and book learning than they merit.
- brain** An electronic device with functions comparable to those of the human brain.  
*He s got plenty of **brains** but no common sense.*

- highbrow** A highbrow person.  
*She considered all those without television as **highbrows** intellectual snobs or paupers.*
- intellect** Knowledge and intellectual ability.  
*He has a keen **intellect**.*
- man of letters** One of the British Isles in the Irish Sea.
- sage** Used in names of aromatic plants of the mint family that resemble sage  
e.g. wood sage.
- scholar** A student who holds a scholarship.  
*A Hebrew **scholar**.*
- thinker** An important intellectual.  
*She was not a **thinker** but she had common sense.*
- woman of letters** Women as a class.





## Usage Examples of "Intellectual" as a noun

- *A prominent political thinker and intellectual.*



## Intellectual as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Intellectual" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to the intellect.*
- *Involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct.*
- *Possessing a highly developed intellect.*
- *Appealing to or using the intellect.*
- *Of or associated with or requiring the use of the mind.*

- *Appealing to or requiring use of the intellect.*



## Synonyms of "Intellectual" as an adjective (24 Words)

- academic** Marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects.  
*Academic achievement.*
- bookish** (of a person or way of life) devoted to reading and studying.  
*The war proved the deepest trauma of a largely **bookish** life.*
- cerebral** Intellectual rather than emotional or physical.  
*A **cerebral** haemorrhage.*
- civilized** Having a high state of culture and development both social and technological.  
*Terrorist acts that shocked the **civilized** world.*
- clever** Mentally quick and resourceful.  
*He taught the dog to perform some very **clever** tricks.*

<b>cognitive</b>	Relating to cognition. <i>The <b>cognitive</b> processes involved in reading.</i>
<b>cultivated</b>	Marked by refinement in taste and manners. <i><b>Cultivated</b> speech.</i>
<b>cultured</b>	Marked by refinement in taste and manners. <i><b>Cultured</b> tastes.</i>
<b>donnish</b>	Resembling a college don, particularly because of having a pedantic, scholarly manner.
<b>enlightened</b>	Having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook. <i>An <b>enlightened</b> electorate.</i>
<u><b>erudite</b></u>	Having or showing great knowledge or learning. <i>She was very <b>erudite</b>.</i>
<b>highbrow</b>	Intellectual or rarefied in taste. <i>A <b>highbrowed</b> literary critic.</i>
<b>intelligent</b>	Possessing sound knowledge. <i>An <b>intelligent</b> solution.</i>
<b>knowledgeable</b>	Alert and fully informed. <i>She is very <b>knowledgeable</b> about livestock and pedigrees.</i>
<b>learned</b>	Highly educated; having extensive information or understanding. <i>An article in a <b>learned</b> journal.</i>
<b>literary</b>	Of language associated with literary works or other formal writing having a marked style intended to create a particular emotional effect. <i>The great <b>literary</b> works of the nineteenth century.</i>
<u><b>mental</b></u>	Of or relating to the mind. <i>In a terrible <b>mental</b> state.</i>
<b>noetic</b>	Relating to mental activity or the intellect. <i>The <b>noetic</b> quality of a mystical experience refers to the sense of revelation.</i>
<b>rational</b>	Of or associated with or requiring the use of the mind. <i>The triumph of the <b>rational</b> over the animal side of man.</i>
<u><b>scholarly</b></u>	Involving or relating to serious academic study. <i>A <b>scholarly</b> treatise.</i>
<u><b>sophisticated</b></u>	Appealing to or frequented by people who are sophisticated. <i>A <b>sophisticated</b> drama.</i>
<u><b>studious</b></u>	Showing great care or attention. <i>His <b>studious</b> absence from public view.</i>
<b>well educated</b>	Resulting favorably.



**well read** In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury.



## Usage Examples of "Intellectual" as an adjective

- *You are an intellectual girl, like your mother.*
- *Children need intellectual stimulation.*
- *Intellectual problems.*
- *Intellectual literature.*
- *Coldly intellectual.*
- *Intellectual workers engaged in creative literary or artistic or scientific labor.*
- *Has tremendous intellectual sympathy for oppressed people.*
- *The film wasn't very intellectual, but it caught the mood of the times.*
- *Satire is an intellectual weapon.*
- *Sort of the intellectual type.*



## Associations of "Intellectual" (30 Words)

<b>academic</b>	Marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects. <i>Ben is not an <b>academic</b> child but he tries hard.</i>
<a href="#"><u>aristocracy</u></a>	A state in which governing power is held by the nobility. <i>Britain's pop <b>aristocracy</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>aristocratic</u></a>	Of, belonging to, or typical of the aristocracy. <i>A stately <b>aristocratic</b> manner.</i>
<a href="#"><u>arrogant</u></a>	Having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities. <i>An <b>arrogant</b> official.</i>
<b>cadre</b>	A member of an activist group. <i>He was an activist in the <b>cadre</b>.</i>



<b>cerebral</b>	Involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct. <i>A <b>cerebral</b> approach to the problem.</i>
<b>condescending</b>	Having or showing an attitude of patronizing superiority. <i>She thought the teachers were arrogant and <b>condescending</b>.</i>
<b>cultivated</b>	No longer in the natural state; developed by human care and for human use. <i>He was a remarkably <b>cultivated</b> and educated man.</i>
<b>elite</b>	A size of letter in typewriting, with 12 characters to the inch (about 4.7 to the centimetre). <i><b>Elite</b> colleges.</i>
<b>elitism</b>	The belief that a society or system should be led by an elite. <i>I've been accused of <b>elitism</b> and snobbery because of my views on grammar and spelling.</i>
<b>elitist</b>	Demonstrating a superior attitude or behaviour associated with an elite. <i>Older men with an <b>elitist</b> attitude about music.</i>
<b>erudite</b>	Having or showing profound knowledge. <i>She was very <b>erudite</b>.</i>
<b>genteel</b>	Marked by refinement in taste and manners. <i>Her <b>genteel</b> upbringing.</i>
<b>gentry</b>	People of good social position, specifically the class of people next below the nobility in position and birth. <i>A member of the landed <b>gentry</b>.</i>
<b>highbrow</b>	A highbrow person. <i>She considered all those without television as <b>highbrows</b> intellectual snobs or paupers.</i>
<b>intelligentsia</b>	Intellectuals or highly educated people as a group, especially when regarded as possessing culture and political influence. <i>A distrust of the <b>intelligentsia</b> and of theoretical learning.</i>
<b>knowledge</b>	Awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation. <i>Her considerable <b>knowledge</b> of antiques.</i>
<b>learned</b>	(of a person) having acquired much knowledge through study. <i>A <b>learned</b> jurist.</i>
<b>literati</b>	Well-educated people who are interested in literature.
<b>noble</b>	Especially in former times a person of noble rank or birth. <i>The medieval palace was once owned by a <b>noble</b> Florentine family.</i>
<b>patrician</b>	A member of the aristocracy. <i><b>Patrician</b> landholders of the American South.</i>

<b>royal</b>	Established or chartered or authorized by royalty. <i>Of <b>royal</b> ancestry.</i>
<b>scholarly</b>	Characteristic of scholars or scholarship. <i><b>Scholarly</b> journals.</i>
<b>select</b>	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>Children must <b>select</b> their GCSE subjects.</i>
<b>selected</b>	Chosen in preference to another.
<b>smart</b>	(of a person) clean, tidy, and well dressed. <i>I gave him a <b>smart</b> salute.</i>
<b>snob</b>	A person with an exaggerated respect for high social position or wealth who seeks to associate with social superiors and looks down on those regarded as socially inferior. <i>A musical <b>snob</b>.</i>
<b>superiority</b>	The quality of being at a competitive advantage. <i>An attempt to establish <b>superiority</b> over others.</i>
<b>trained</b>	Shaped or conditioned or disciplined by training; often used as a combining form. <i>The riding school was founded in the 16th century to provide <b>trained</b> horses for the Imperial Army.</i>
<b>vacuity</b>	Lack of thought or intelligence; empty-headedness. <i>He denounced what he considered the frivolity or <b>vacuity</b> of much contemporary painting.</i>

