

Need another word that means the same as “just”? Find 70 synonyms and 30 related words for “just” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Just” are: fair, good, upright, equitable, fair-minded, impartial, unbiased, objective, neutral, disinterested, unprejudiced, open-minded, deserved, well deserved, well earned, merited, earned, valid, sound, well founded, well grounded, justified, justifiable, warrantable, defensible, defendable, legitimate, reasonable, logical, simply, exactly, precisely, properly, barely, but, merely, only, just now, hardly, scarce, scarcely, absolutely, completely, totally, entirely, perfectly, utterly, wholly, thoroughly, altogether, in every way, in every respect, in all respects, quite, a second ago, a short time ago, very recently, not long ago, lately, only now, by a narrow margin, narrowly, only just, by inches, by a hair's breadth, by the narrowest of margins, nothing but, no more than, really, positively**

## Just as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Just" as an adjective

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

- *Used especially of what is legally or ethically right or proper or fitting- A.Lincoln.*
- *(of an opinion or appraisal) well founded; justifiable.*
- *(of treatment) deserved or appropriate in the circumstances.*
- *Based on or behaving according to what is morally right and fair.*

- *Of moral excellence.*
- *Used especially of what is legally or ethically right or proper or fitting.*
- *Fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience.*
- *Free from favoritism or self-interest or bias or deception; conforming with established standards or rules.*



## Synonyms of "Just" as an adjective (29 Words)

- defendable** Capable of being defended.
- defensible** Justifiable by argument.  
*A morally **defensible** penal system.*
- deserved** Properly deserved.  
*A **deserved** victory.*
- disinterested** Having or feeling no interest in something; uninterested.  
*Her father was so **disinterested** in her progress that he only visited the school once.*

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| <b><u>earned</u></b>  | Gained or acquired; especially through merit or as a result of effort or action.<br><i>A well <b>earned</b> reputation for honesty.</i>                              |
| <b>equitable</b>      | Fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience.<br><i>The difference between legal and <b>equitable</b> rights.</i>  |
| <b>fair</b>           | Moderately good.<br><i>Today will be <b>fair</b> and warm.</i>   |
| <b>fair-minded</b>    | Of a person; just and impartial; not prejudiced.   |
| <b>good</b>           | Used to emphasize a following adjective or adverb.<br><i>It s <b>good</b> that he s back to his old self.</i>  |
| <b>impartial</b>      | Showing lack of favoritism.<br><i>The <b>impartial</b> eye of a scientist.</i>   |
| <b>justifiable</b>    | Capable of being justified.<br><i>Their <b>justifiable</b> fears.</i>  |
| <b>justified</b>      | Declared or made righteous in the sight of God.<br><i>A neatly <b>justified</b> list of names.</i>   |
| <b>legitimate</b>     | Authorized, sanctioned by, or in accordance with law.<br><i>A <b>legitimate</b> government.</i>  |
| <b><u>logical</u></b> | Marked by an orderly logical and aesthetically consistent relation of parts.<br><i>A <b>logical</b> impossibility.</i>   |
| <b>merited</b>        | Properly deserved.<br><i>A <b>merited</b> success.</i>   |
| <b><u>neutral</u></b> | Having no personal preference.<br><i>Walls are painted in <b>neutral</b> tones.</i>  |
| <b>objective</b>      | (of a person or their judgement) not influenced by personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing facts.<br><i>A matter of <b>objective</b> fact.</i> |
| <b>open-minded</b>    | Ready to entertain new ideas.  |
| <b>reasonable</b>     | Fairly good; average.<br><i><b>Reasonable</b> prices.</i>  |
| <b>sound</b>          | (of sleep) deep and complete.<br><i>A <b>sound</b> title to the property.</i>  |
| <b>unbiased</b>       | Characterized by a lack of partiality.<br><i>His assessment of the benefits and drawbacks was <b>unbiased</b>.</i>   |
| <b>unprejudiced</b>   | Free from undue bias or preconceived opinions.<br><i>An <b>unprejudiced</b> appraisal of the pros and cons.</i>  |

- upright** Upright in position or posture.  
An **upright** vacuum cleaner.
- valid** Well grounded in logic or truth or having legal force.  
A **valid** inference.
- warrantable** (of an action or statement) able to be authorized or sanctioned; justifiable.  
A **warrantable** assertion.
- well deserved** In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury.
- well earned** Resulting favorably.
- well founded** Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
- well grounded** Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.



## Usage Examples of "Just" as an adjective

- *A just and democratic society.*
- *His just inheritance.*
- *A kind and just man.*
- *We all get our just deserts.*
- *Fighting for a just cause.*
- *A just and lasting peace.*
- *A just reward.*
- *A just cause.*
- *These simplistic approaches have been the subject of just criticism.*



## Just as an Adverb

## Definitions of "Just" as an adverb

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

- *Exactly.*
- *Exactly or almost exactly at this or that moment.*
- *Used as a polite formula for giving permission or making a request.*
- *Only a very short time before.*
- *Possibly (used to indicate a slight chance of something happening or being true).*
- *Simply; only; no more than.*
- *Absolutely.*
- *(used for emphasis) absolutely.*
- *Barely; by a little.*
- *Indicating exactness or preciseness.*
- *Very recently; in the immediate past.*
- *Expressing agreement.*
- *Really; absolutely (used for emphasis).*
- *And nothing more.*
- *Only a moment ago.*
- *Exactly at this moment or the moment described.*
- *By a little.*



## Synonyms of "Just" as an adverb (41 Words)

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| <b>a second ago</b>        | In the second place.   |
| <b>a short time ago</b>    | In a curt, abrupt and discourteous manner.   |
| <b>absolutely</b>          | Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers.<br><i>You re <b>absolutely</b> right.</i> |
| <b><u>altogether</u></b>   | Including everything or everyone; in total.<br><i>An <b>altogether</b> new approach.</i>                         |
| <b><u>barely</u></b>       | Openly; explicitly.<br><i>A <b>barely</b> perceptible pause.</i>   |
| <b>but</b>                 | (used at the end of a sentence) though; however.<br><i>Hopes that last <b>but</b> a moment.</i>                  |
| <b>by a hair's breadth</b> | In reserve; not for immediate use.   |
| <b>by a narrow margin</b>  | So as to pass a given point.   |



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| <b>by inches</b>                   | In reserve; not for immediate use.  |
| <b>by the narrowest of margins</b> | In reserve; not for immediate use.  |
| <b>completely</b>                  | To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly').<br><i>Was <b>completely</b> at fault.</i> |
| <b>entirely</b>                    | Completely (often used for emphasis).<br><i>The traffic seemed to consist <b>entirely</b> of black cabs.</i>                                    |
| <b><u>exactly</u></b>              | Just as it should be.<br><i>They met in 1989 and got married <b>exactly</b> two years later.</i>  |
| <b><u>hardly</u></b>               | No or not (suggesting surprise at or disagreement with a statement).<br><i>He <b>hardly</b> ever goes fishing.</i>                              |
| <b>in all respects</b>             | To or toward the inside of.   |
| <b>in every respect</b>            | To or toward the inside of.   |
| <b>in every way</b>                | To or toward the inside of.   |
| <b>just now</b>                    | Only a moment ago.  |
| <b>lately</b>                      | In the recent past.<br><i><b>Lately</b> the rules have been enforced.</i>   |
| <b><u>merely</u></b>               | And nothing more.<br><i>Gary a silent boy <b>merely</b> nodded.</i>   |
| <b>narrowly</b>                    | In a limited or restricted way.<br><i><b>Narrowly</b> defined tasks.</i>  |
| <b>no more than</b>                | Used to express refusal or denial or disagreement etc or especially to emphasize a negative statement.  |
| <b>not long ago</b>                | For an extended time or at a distant time.  |
| <b>nothing but</b>                 | In no respect; to no degree.  |
| <b><u>only</u></b>                 | Not until.<br><i>She was still <b>only</b> in her mid thirties.</i>   |
| <b>only just</b>                   | With nevertheless the final result.   |
| <b>only now</b>                    | In the final outcome.   |
| <b>perfectly</b>                   | Used for emphasis, especially in order to assert something that has been challenged or doubted.<br><i>The ring fitted <b>perfectly</b>.</i>     |

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| <b>positively</b>    | In a way that indicates the presence of a certain substance or condition.<br><i>It s time I got down to thinking <b>positively</b> about this show.</i> |
| <b>precisely</b>     | Used as a reply to confirm or agree with a previous statement.<br><i>He was doing <b>precisely</b> or exactly what she had told him to do.</i>          |
| <b>properly</b>      | With reason or justice.<br><i>I m trying to get my mother to behave <b>properly</b>.</i>  |
| <b>quite</b>         | Actually or truly or to an extreme.<br><i>It s <b>quite</b> out of the question.</i>  |
| <b>really</b>        | Used as intensifiers real is sometimes used informally for really rattling is informal.<br><i>Do you <b>really</b> expect me to believe that.</i>       |
| <b>scarce</b>        | Scarcely.<br><i>Would have <b>scarce</b> arrived before she would have found some excuse to leave.</i>  |
| <b>scarcely</b>      | Only a very short time before.<br><i>Had <b>scarcely</b> rung the bell when the door flew open.</i>   |
| <b>simply</b>        | Merely; just.<br><i>It is <b>simply</b> a matter of time.</i>   |
| <b>thoroughly</b>    | Completely and absolutely good is sometimes used informally for thoroughly.<br><i>We searched the files <b>thoroughly</b>.</i>                          |
| <b>totally</b>       | Used to express agreement.<br><i>Some of the lyrics are <b>totally</b> brilliant.</i>   |
| <b>utterly</b>       | Completely and without qualification; absolutely.<br><i><b>Utterly</b> miserable.</i>   |
| <b>very recently</b> | Precisely so.   |
| <b>wholly</b>        | To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent whole is often used informally for wholly.<br><i>The distinction is not <b>wholly</b> clear.</i>   |



## Usage Examples of "Just" as an adverb

- *They were just interested in making money.*
- *It was just as he said-the jewel was gone.*
- *'Simon really messed things up.' 'Didn't he just.*
- *It might just help.*
- *I only just caught the train.*
- *It has just enough salt.*
- *She's just coming.*
- *Inflation fell to just over 4 per cent.*
- *He finished the marathon in just under 3 hours.*
- *The batter just missed being hit.*
- *I only just caught the bus.*
- *You're a human being, just like everyone else.*
- *I just can't take it anymore.*
- *He has just arrived.*
- *He was just grand as Romeo.*
- *The sun just now came out.*
- *We were just finishing breakfast.*

- *I've just seen the local paper.*
- *Just a scratch.*
- *Just a bad day in the office.*
- *Just help yourselves.*
- *They're just great.*
- *That's just what I need.*



## Associations of "Just" (30 Words)

- applicable** Capable of being applied; having relevance.  
*Gave **applicable** examples to support her argument.*
- apposite** Apt in the circumstances or in relation to something.  
*The observations are **apposite** to the discussion.*
- appropriate** Suitable or proper in the circumstances.  
*A funeral conducted the **appropriate** solemnity.*

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| <b><u>apropos</u></b>   | Very appropriate to a particular situation.<br><i>The song feels <b>apropos</b> to a midnight jaunt.</i>  |
| <b><u>apt</u></b>       | Having a tendency to do something.<br><i>He is <b>apt</b> to ignore matters he considers unimportant.</i>   |
| <b><u>barely</u></b>    | By a little.<br><i>A <b>barely</b> perceptible pause.</i>   |
| <b>coincidentally</b>   | In a way that results from chance despite being very unlikely.<br><i>The three are <b>coincidentally</b> reunited when captured by the enemy.</i> |
| <b>correct</b>          | Correct in opinion or judgment.<br><i>The steel industry's current overcapacity will be <b>corrected</b> this year.</i>                           |
| <b>felicitous</b>       | Well chosen or suited to the circumstances.<br><i>The view was the room's only <b>felicitous</b> feature.</i>                                     |
| <b>fitting</b>          | The action of fitting something.<br><i>Loose <b>fitting</b> trousers.</i>   |
| <b>germane</b>          | Relevant to a subject under consideration.<br><i>That is not <b>germane</b> to our theme.</i>   |
| <b>happenstance</b>     | Coincidence.<br><i>It was just <b>happenstance</b> that I happened to be there.</i>   |
| <b>incidentally</b>     | Of a minor or subordinate nature.<br><i><b>Incidentally</b> it was many months before the whole truth was discovered.</i>                         |
| <b>legitimate</b>       | Show or affirm to be just and legitimate.<br><i>The <b>legitimate</b> theatre.</i>  |
| <b>licit</b>            | Not forbidden; lawful.<br><i>Usage patterns differ between <b>licit</b> and <b>illicit</b> drugs.</i>   |
| <b><u>mere</u></b>      | Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications.<br><i>Questions that cannot be answered by <b>mere</b> mortals.</i>                 |
| <b><u>merely</u></b>    | Just; only.<br><i>I was <b>merely</b> asking.</i>   |
| <b><u>opportune</u></b> | Done or occurring at a favourable time; well timed.<br><i>An <b>opportune</b> time to receive guests.</i>   |
| <b>pertinence</b>       | Relevance by virtue of being applicable to the matter at hand.  |
| <b>pertinent</b>        | Being of striking appropriateness and pertinence.<br><i>Practitioners must consider all factors <b>pertinent</b> to a situation.</i>              |
| <b>proper</b>           | Used as an intensifier, especially in derogatory contexts.<br><i>An artist needs the <b>proper</b> tools.</i>                                     |

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| <b><u>relevant</u></b> | Closely connected or appropriate to what is being done or considered.<br><i>The scientist corresponds with colleagues in order to learn about matters <b>relevant</b> to her own research.</i> |
| <b>right</b>           | A road or entrance on the right.<br><i>Are you politically <b>right</b> left or centre.</i>  |
| <b>rightness</b>       | Conformity with some esthetic standard of correctness or propriety.<br><i>The <b>rightness</b> of that move for me.</i>  |
| <b>scarcely</b>        | Only a very short time before.<br><i>Had <b>scarcely</b> rung the bell when the door flew open.</i>  |
| <b>seemly</b>          | According with custom or propriety.<br><i><b>Seemly</b> behavior.</i>  |
| <b><u>seldom</u></b>   | Not common; infrequent.<br><i>He was <b>seldom</b> absent.</i>   |
| <b><u>simply</u></b>   | (used for emphasis) absolutely.<br><i><b>Simply</b> complete the application form.</i>   |
| <b><u>timely</u></b>   | Done or occurring sufficiently early; prompt.<br><i>With <b>timely</b> treatment the patient has a good chance of recovery.</i>  |
| <b>unconsciously</b>   | Without realizing or being aware of one's actions.<br><i>Ben smiled <b>unconsciously</b> when he heard her voice.</i>  |

