

Need another word that means the same as “lenient”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “lenient” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Lenient” are: indulgent, soft, merciful, clement, sparing, forgiving, forbearing, tolerant, moderate, charitable, humane, magnanimous, sympathetic, compassionate, pitying, kind, kindly, kind-hearted, benevolent, gentle

## Lenient as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Lenient" as an adjective

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

- *Characterized by tolerance and mercy.*
- *Not strict.*
- *Tolerant or lenient.*
- *Mild or soothing; emollient.*
- *(of a punishment or person in authority) more merciful or tolerant than expected.*

### Synonyms of "Lenient" as an adjective (20 Words)

<b>benevolent</b>	Generous in providing aid to others. A <b>benevolent</b> fund.
<b>charitable</b>	(of an organization or activity) officially recognized as devoted to the assistance of those in need. Those who were less <b>charitable</b> called for his resignation.
<b>clement</b>	(of weather or climate) physically mild. A more <b>clement</b> judge reduced the sentence.

<b>compassionate</b>	Showing or having compassion. <i>I allowed him to go home on <b>compassionate</b> grounds.</i>
<b>forbearing</b>	Patient and restrained. <i>Seemly and <b>forbearing</b> yet strong enough to resist aggression.</i>
<b>forgiving</b>	(of a thing) easy or safe to deal with. <i>Perry is surprisingly <b>forgiving</b> of his stepfather.</i>
<b>gentle</b>	(of a person) noble or having the qualities attributed to noble birth; courteous and chivalrous. <i>A <b>gentle</b> voice.</i>
<b>humane</b>	(of a branch of learning) intended to have a civilizing effect on people. <i><b>Humane</b> methods of killing.</i>
<b>indulgent</b>	Self indulgent. <i>Sheer <b>indulgent</b> nostalgia.</i>
<b>kind</b>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>A dry climate <b>kind</b> to asthmatics.</i>
<b>kind-hearted</b>	Having or proceeding from an innately kind disposition.
<b>kindly</b>	Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity. <i><b>Kindly</b> criticism.</i>
<b>magnanimous</b>	Noble and generous in spirit. <i><b>Magnanimous</b> toward his enemies.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	(used conventionally of royalty and high nobility) gracious. <i>Her death was a <b>merciful</b> release.</i>
<b>moderate</b>	(of a person, party, or policy) not radical or excessively right- or left-wing. <i>A <b>moderate</b> estimate.</i>
<b>pitying</b>	Feeling or showing sorrow for someone's misfortunes, often with an implication of disdain or mild contempt. <i>He gave her a <b>pitying</b> look.</i>
<b>soft</b>	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music soft in a quiet subdued tone. <i>A <b>soft</b> breeze rustled the trees.</i>
<b>sparing</b>	Moderate; economical. <i>Physicians advised <b>sparing</b> use of the ointment.</i>
<b>sympathetic</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>

tolerant

Tolerant and forgiving under provocation.  
*Injustice can make us **tolerant** and forgiving.*

## Usage Examples of "Lenient" as an adjective

- *Lenient magistrates.*
- *In the view of the Court the sentence was too lenient.*
- *Lenient rules.*

## Associations of "Lenient" (30 Words)

amiable

Diffusing warmth and friendliness.  
*The **amiable** young man greeted me enthusiastically.*

**benevolent**

Generous in providing aid to others.  
*He was something of a **benevolent** despot.*

boot

Kick give a boot to.  
*When I **booted** the computer I heard a extremely loud rattle.*

**charitable**

Relating to the assistance of those in need.  
***Charitable** to the poor.*

**compassionate**

Share the suffering of.  
*She tried to sound **compassionate**.*

**floppy**

A small plastic magnetic disk enclosed in a stiff envelope with a radial slit; used to store data or programs for a microcomputer.  
***Floppy** disks are noted for their relatively slow speed and small capacity and low price.*

**forbearing**

Patient and restrained.  
*He proved to be remarkably **forbearing** whenever I was impatient or angry.*

forgiving

Inclined or able to forgive and show mercy.  
*A **forgiving** embrace to the naughty child.*

**generous**

Willing to give and share unstintingly.  
*A **generous** donation.*

gentle

Make or become gentle.  
*A **gentle** nocturne.*

gracious

Characterized by charm, good taste, and generosity of spirit.  
*He bears insult with **gracious** good humor.*

hat

Put on or wear a hat.  
*He took off his politician s **hat** and talked frankly.*

<u>humane</u>	(of a branch of learning) intended to have a civilizing effect on people. <b>Humane</b> methods of killing.
<u>indulgent</u>	Self indulgent. <b>Indulgent</b> parents risk spoiling their children.
<u>lax</u>	Of the limbs or muscles relaxed. <b>Lax</b> in attending classes.
<u>limp</u>	A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. He <b>limped</b> heavily as he moved.
<u>loose</u>	Make something loose untie or undo. The ropes were <b>loosed</b> .
<u>meek</u>	Quiet, gentle, and easily imposed on; submissive. She brought her <b>meek</b> little husband along.
merciful	Showing or giving mercy. Her death was a <b>merciful</b> release.
<u>mild</u>	Mild and pleasant. <b>Mild</b> winters.
permissive	Allowed but not obligatory; optional. Direct primary legislation is largely <b>permissive</b> rather than prescriptive.
permissiveness	Great or excessive freedom of behaviour. A new age of sexual <b>permissiveness</b> .
redundance	The attribute of being superfluous and unneeded.
redundancy	Repetition of messages to reduce the probability of errors in transmission. A high degree of <b>redundancy</b> is built into the machinery installation.
<u>remiss</u>	Failing in what duty requires. <b>Remiss</b> of you not to pay your bills.
soft	Soft and mild not harsh or stern or severe. He must be going <b>soft</b> in the head.
superfluity	The state of being superfluous. A <b>superfluity</b> of unoccupied time.
temperate	Showing moderation or self-restraint. Sage can be grown outdoors in cool <b>temperate</b> climates.
<u>tolerant</u>	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. Rye is reasonably <b>tolerant</b> of drought.
<u>unselfish</u>	Disregarding your own advantages and welfare over those of others. <b>Unselfish</b> devotion.