

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)

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

compassionate	Showing or having compassion. <i>I allowed him to go home on compassionate grounds.</i>
forbearing	Patient and restrained. <i>Seemly and forbearing yet strong enough to resist aggression.</i>
forgiving	(of a thing) easy or safe to deal with. <i>Perry is surprisingly forgiving of his stepfather.</i>
gentle	(of a person) noble or having the qualities attributed to noble birth; courteous and chivalrous. <i>A gentle voice.</i>
humane	(of a branch of learning) intended to have a civilizing effect on people. <i>Humane methods of killing.</i>
indulgent	Self indulgent. <i>Sheer indulgent nostalgia.</i>
kind	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>A dry climate kind to asthmatics.</i>
kind-hearted	Having or proceeding from an innately kind disposition.
kindly	Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity. <i>Kindly criticism.</i>
magnanimous	Noble and generous in spirit. <i>Magnanimous toward his enemies.</i>
merciful	(used conventionally of royalty and high nobility) gracious. <i>Her death was a merciful release.</i>
moderate	(of a person, party, or policy) not radical or excessively right- or left-wing. <i>A moderate estimate.</i>
pitying	Feeling or showing sorrow for someone's misfortunes, often with an implication of disdain or mild contempt. <i>He gave her a pitying look.</i>
soft	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music soft in a quiet subdued tone. <i>A soft breeze rustled the trees.</i>
sparing	Moderate; economical. <i>Physicians advised sparing use of the ointment.</i>
sympathetic	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>Sympathetic 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. <i>The amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically.</i>
benevolent	Generous in providing aid to others. <i>He was something of a benevolent despot.</i>
boot	Kick give a boot to. <i>When I booted the computer I heard a extremely loud rattle.</i>
charitable	Relating to the assistance of those in need. <i>Charitable to the poor.</i>
compassionate	Share the suffering of. <i>She tried to sound compassionate.</i>
floppy	A small plastic magnetic disk enclosed in a stiff envelope with a radial slit; used to store data or programs for a microcomputer. <i>Floppy disks are noted for their relatively slow speed and small capacity and low price.</i>
forbearing	Patient and restrained. <i>He proved to be remarkably forbearing whenever I was impatient or angry.</i>
forgiving	Inclined or able to forgive and show mercy. <i>A forgiving embrace to the naughty child.</i>
generous	Willing to give and share unstintingly. <i>A generous donation.</i>
gentle	Make or become gentle. <i>A gentle nocturne.</i>
gracious	Characterized by charm, good taste, and generosity of spirit. <i>He bears insult with gracious good humor.</i>
hat	Put on or wear a hat. <i>He took off his politician s hat and talked frankly.</i>

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