

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

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**The synonyms of “Modest” are: small, minor, pocket-size, pocket-sized, small-scale, humble, low, lowly, meek, mild, self-effacing, self-deprecating, unpretentious, unassuming, unpresuming, unostentatious, low-key, free from vanity, moderate, fair, tolerable, passable, adequate, satisfactory, acceptable, unexceptional, ordinary, simple, plain, homely, decorous, decent, seemly, demure, sober, severe**

## Modest as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Modest" as an adjective

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

- *Not large, elaborate, or expensive.*
- *(of an amount, rate, or level) relatively moderate, limited, or small.*
- *Relatively moderate, limited, or small.*
- *Humble in spirit or manner; suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness.*
- *Not offensive to sexual mores in conduct or appearance.*
- *Limited in size or scope.*
- *Not large but sufficient in size or amount.*
- *Free from pomp or affectation.*
- *(of clothing) not revealing or emphasizing a person's body.*
- *Dressing or behaving so as to avoid impropriety or indecency, especially to avoid attracting sexual attention (typically used of a woman).*
- *Marked by simplicity; having a humble opinion of yourself.*

- *Low or inferior in station or quality.*
- *Unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements.*



## Synonyms of "Modest" as an adjective (36 Words)

<b>acceptable</b>	Pleasing; welcome. <i>The water was <b>acceptable</b> for drinking.</i>
<b>adequate</b>	Having the requisite qualities or resources to meet a task. <i>Her training was <b>adequate</b>.</i>
<b><u>decent</u></b>	Decently clothed. <i>A <b>decent</b> burial.</i>
<b>decorous</b>	In keeping with good taste and propriety; polite and restrained. <i>Charlotte gave David a <b>decorous</b> kiss.</i>
<b>demure</b>	Reserved, modest, and shy (typically used of a woman). <i>A <b>demure</b> knee length skirt.</i>

<b>fair</b>	(of words) specious despite being initially attractive. <i>By <b>fair</b> means or foul.</i>
<b>free from vanity</b>	Not fixed in position.
<b>homely</b>	Having a feeling of home; cozy and comfortable. <i>Plain <b>homely</b> furniture.</i>
<b>humble</b>	Marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful- B.K.Malinowski. <i>A <b>humble</b> cottage.</i>
<b>low</b>	Of a vowel pronounced with the tongue held low in the mouth open. <i>The river was <b>low</b>.</i>
<b>low-key</b>	Restrained in style or quality.
<b>lowly</b>	(of an organism) primitive or simple. <i>She <b>d</b> been too good for her <b>lowly</b> position.</i>
<b>meek</b>	Very docile- Langston Hughes. <i>She brought her <b>meek</b> little husband along.</i>
<b>mild</b>	Mild and pleasant. <i>A <b>mild</b> winter storm.</i>
<b>minor</b>	Of a key or mode based on a minor scale and tending to produce a sad or pensive effect. <i>The <b>minor</b> keys.</i>
<b>moderate</b>	Average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree. <i>The X ray showed <b>moderate</b> enlargement of the heart.</i>
<b>ordinary</b>	Lacking special distinction, rank, or status; commonly encountered. <i>She seemed very <b>ordinary</b>.</i>
<b>passable</b>	Able to be passed or traversed or crossed. <i>The road was <b>passable</b> with care.</i>
<b>plain</b>	Not using concealment or deception; frank. <i><b>Plain</b> food.</i>
<b>pocket-size</b>	Small enough to be carried in a garment pocket.
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<b>satisfactory</b>	(of evidence or a verdict) sufficient for the needs of the case. <i>Mrs Reeves was <b>satisfactory</b> and improving slightly in Middlesbrough General Hospital last night.</i>
<b>seemly</b>	Conforming to accepted notions of propriety or good taste; decorous. <i><b>Seemly</b> behavior.</i>
<b>self-deprecating</b>	Conscious of your own shortcomings.
<b>self-effacing</b>	Reluctant to draw attention to yourself.

<b><u>severe</u></b>	Severely simple. <b>Severe</b> pain.
<b>simple</b>	Used to emphasize the fundamental and straightforward nature of something. <b>Simple</b> mechanisms.
<b>small</b>	Have fine or very small constituent particles. <b>Small</b> children.
<b>small-scale</b>	Created or drawn on a small scale.
<b><u>sober</u></b>	Dignified and somber in manner or character and committed to keeping promises. <i>His expression became <b>sober</b>.</i>
<b><u>tolerable</u></b>	Fairly good; mediocre. <i>The climate is at least <b>tolerable</b>.</i>
<b><u>unassuming</u></b>	Not arrogant or presuming. <b>Unassuming</b> to a fault skeptical about the value of his work.
<b>unexceptional</b>	Not special in any way. <i>An <b>unexceptional</b> movie.</i>
<b>unostentatious</b>	Not ostentatious. <i>He was generous in a quiet <b>unostentatious</b> way.</i>
<b>unpresuming</b>	Modest; unassuming. <i>A quiet <b>unpresuming</b> man.</i>
<b>unpretentious</b>	Exhibiting restrained good taste. <i>Her quiet <b>unpretentious</b> demeanor.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Modest" as an adjective

- *He was a very modest man, refusing to take any credit for the enterprise.*
- *Modest inflation.*
- *A modest salary.*
- *A newspaper with a modest circulation.*
- *The modest women wear long-sleeved dresses and all but cover their faces.*
- *Modest dress means that hemlines must be below the knee.*
- *Too modest to wear his medals.*
- *A modest apartment.*
- *Drink modest amounts of alcohol.*
- *Comfortable but modest cottages.*
- *A modest neckline in her dress covered her up to her collarbone.*
- *Employment growth was relatively modest.*
- *A modest man of the people.*
- *A modest flat in Fulham.*

- *It was a nice wedding, necessarily modest.*



## Associations of "Modest" (30 Words)

<a href="#"><u>chivalrous</u></a>	Being attentive to women like an ideal knight. <i>The concept of <b>chivalrous</b> combat.</i>
<a href="#"><u>chivalry</u></a>	Courtesy towards women. <i>I fought against the cream of French <b>chivalry</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>civility</u></a>	Polite remarks used in formal conversation. <i>I hope we can treat each other with <b>civility</b> and respect.</i>
<b>comity</b>	The mutual recognition by nations of the laws and customs of others. <i>A show of public <b>comity</b> in the White House.</i>
<b>condescendingly</b>	With condescension; in a patronizing manner. <i>He treats his secretary <b>condescendingly</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>courteous</u></a>	Characterized by courtesy and gracious good manners. <i>A <b>courteous</b> young man.</i>

<b><u>courtesy</u></b>	The showing of politeness in one's attitude and behaviour towards others. A <b>courtesy</b> car.
<b>couth</b>	Refined. <i>It is more <b>couth</b> to hold your shrimp genteelly by the tail when eating.</i>
<b>curtsy</b>	Make a curtsy usually done only by girls and women as a sign of respect. <i>She bobbed a <b>curtsy</b> to him.</i>
<b><u>decent</u></b>	Decently clothed. A <b>decent</b> high necked dress.
<b>humble</b>	Used of unskilled work (especially domestic work). <i>She came from a <b>humble</b> unprivileged background.</i>
<b>humbleness</b>	A humble feeling.
<b>humility</b>	A disposition to be humble; a lack of false pride. <i>He needs the <b>humility</b> to accept that their way may be better.</i>
<b>improbably</b>	Not easy to believe. <i>Everyone in the film is <b>improbably</b> gorgeous.</i>
<b>interim</b>	An interim dividend profit etc. <i>An <b>interim</b> agreement.</i>
<b>intermediate</b>	A person at an intermediate level of knowledge or skill. <i>Groups which <b>intermediated</b> between the individual and the state.</i>
<b>lowliness</b>	A position of inferior status; low in station or rank or fortune or estimation.
<b><u>lowly</u></b>	Of low birth or station ('base' is archaic in this sense). A <b>lowly</b> corporal.
<b>meekness</b>	The feeling of patient, submissive humbleness. <i>All his best friends make fun of him for his <b>meekness</b>.</i>
<b><u>menial</u></b>	A person with a menial job. <b>Menial</b> factory jobs.
<b><u>mild</u></b>	Mild and pleasant. A <b>mild</b> fever.
<b>moderate</b>	A person who holds moderate views especially in politics. <i>We walked at a <b>moderate</b> pace.</i>
<b><u>polite</u></b>	Showing regard for others in manners, speech, behavior, etc. <i>The picture outraged <b>polite</b> society.</i>
<b>respectful</b>	Full of or exhibiting respect. <i>They sit in <b>respectful</b> silence.</i>

<b>respectfully</b>	In a respectful manner. <i>The butler bowed <b>respectfully</b> to them both.</i>
<b><u>unassuming</u></b>	Not pretentious or arrogant; modest. <i><b>Unassuming</b> to a fault skeptical about the value of his work.</i>
<b>unbelievably</b>	To a great degree; extremely. <i><b>Unbelievably</b> all this is yours for 50p.</i>
<b><u>unimpressive</u></b>	Not capable of impressing. <i>He was a man of <b>unimpressive</b> appearance.</i>
<b>unpretentious</b>	Not attempting to impress others with an appearance of greater importance, talent, or culture than is actually possessed. <i>An <b>unpretentious</b> country church.</i>
<b>virtue</b>	(in traditional Christian angelology) the seventh-highest order of the ninefold celestial hierarchy. <i>Paragons of <b>virtue</b>.</i>

