

Need another word that means the same as “naive”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “naive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Naive” are: naif, unenlightened, uninstructed, primitive, uninitiate, uninitiated, innocent, unsophisticated, artless, ingenuous, inexperienced, guileless, unworldly, childlike, trusting, trustful, dewy-eyed, starry-eyed, wide-eyed, fond, simple, natural, unaffected, unpretentious

Naive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Naive" as an adjective

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

- *Of or created by one without formal training; simple or naive in style.*
- *Of or denoting art produced in a style which deliberately rejects sophisticated artistic techniques and has a bold directness resembling a child's work, typically in bright colours with little or no perspective.*
- *Inexperienced.*
- *Not initiated; deficient in relevant experience.*
- *Marked by or showing unaffected simplicity and lack of guile or worldly experience.*
- *(of a person) natural and unaffected; innocent.*
- *Lacking information or instruction.*
- *(of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement.*



Synonyms of "Naive" as an adjective (24 Words)

artless	Without guile or deception. <i>Artless sincerity.</i>
<u>childlike</u>	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity. <i>Childlike trust.</i>
dewy-eyed	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity.
<u>fond</u>	(of a hope or belief) foolishly optimistic; naive. <i>Hopelessly spoiled by a fond mother.</i>
guileless	Devoid of guile; innocent and without deception. <i>His face once so open and guileless.</i>
inexperienced	Having little knowledge or experience of a particular thing. <i>He is still relatively young and inexperienced.</i>
ingenuous	Lacking in sophistication or worldliness. <i>His ingenuous explanation that he would not have burned the church if he had not thought the bishop was in it.</i>
innocent	(used of things) lacking sense or awareness. <i>Fine innocent weather.</i>
naif	Marked by or showing unaffected simplicity and lack of guile or worldly experience.
natural	Relating to earthly human or physical nature as distinct from the spiritual or supernatural realm. <i>B natural.</i>
<u>primitive</u>	Used of preliterate or tribal or nonindustrial societies. <i>Primitive societies.</i>
simple	Easy and not involved or complicated. <i>Simple mechanisms.</i>
starry-eyed	Unrealistically or naively optimistic.
trustful	Inclined to believe or confide readily; full of trust. <i>A trustful acceptance of authority.</i>
trusting	Inclined to believe or confide readily; full of trust. <i>It is foolish to be too trusting of other people.</i>
<u>unaffected</u>	Emotionally unmoved. <i>Fibers remained apparently unaffected by the treatment.</i>
unenlightened	Not having or showing an enlightened outlook. <i>Unenlightened thinking.</i>

uninitiate	Not initiated; deficient in relevant experience. <i>It seemed a bizarre ceremony to uninitiated western eyes.</i>
uninitiated	Not initiated; deficient in relevant experience. <i>The discussion wasn't easy to follow for the uninitiated.</i>
uninstructed	(of behaviour) not acquired by teaching; natural or spontaneous. <i>Students are uninstructed in the use of books.</i>
unpretentious	Exhibiting restrained good taste. <i>In spite of his fame he was thoroughly unpretentious.</i>
<u>unsophisticated</u>	Lacking complexity. <i>Either too unsophisticated or too honest to promise more than he could deliver.</i>
unworldly	Not wise in the ways of the world. <i>This helplessly unworldly woman.</i>
wide-eyed	Fully open or extended.



Usage Examples of "Naive" as an adjective

- *Andy had a sweet, naive look when he smiled.*
- *I was politically naive.*
- *This naive simple creature with wide friendly eyes so eager to believe appearances.*
- *A teenager's naive ignorance of life.*
- *He took part in the experiment as a naive subject.*
- *The naive assumption that things can only get better.*
- *The rather naive young man had been totally misled.*



Associations of "Naive" (30 Words)

artless	Showing lack of art. <i>An artless literary masterpiece.</i>
bumpkin	An unsophisticated or socially awkward person from the countryside. <i>She thought Tom a bit of a country bumpkin.</i>
<u>candid</u>	Openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness. <i>A candid interview.</i>
childish	Of, like, or appropriate to a child. <i>Childish tantrums.</i>
<u>childlike</u>	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity. <i>She speaks with a childlike directness.</i>
<u>clarity</u>	The quality of clear water. <i>The crystal clarity of water.</i>
credulous	Having or showing too great a readiness to believe things. <i>A ceremony staged for credulous tourists.</i>
downright	Thoroughgoing. <i>It s a downright disgrace.</i>
frank	A smooth-textured sausage of minced beef or pork usually smoked; often served on a bread roll. <i>Kate looked at Sam with frank admiration.</i>
<u>girl</u>	A person s girlfriend. <i>Mrs Smith was just one of the girls.</i>
guileless	Free of deceit. <i>His face once so open and guileless.</i>
<u>gullible</u>	Easily tricked because of being too trusting. <i>An attempt to persuade a gullible public to spend their money.</i>
<u>hoax</u>	Subject to a playful hoax or joke. <i>A hoax 999 call.</i>
<u>honest</u>	Worthy of being depended on. <i>An honest wage.</i>
<u>honesty</u>	Referring to or using a way of charging for goods or services that relies on the customers to leave money in an unattended receptacle even though there is no one to collect their payments. <i>There s a well stocked honesty bar which includes local wine.</i>
<u>immature</u>	Not yet having developed feathers. <i>Many of the fish caught are immature.</i>

<u>impressionable</u>	Easily influenced. <i>An impressionable age.</i>
inexperienced	Lacking practical experience or training. <i>An inexperienced driver.</i>
infantile	Of or occurring among babies or very young children. <i>Infantile behavior.</i>
ingenuie	An actress who specializes in playing the role of an artless innocent young girl.
ingenuous	(of a person or action) innocent and unsuspecting. <i>She s staggeringly ingenuous or possibly very cunning indeed.</i>
innocence	The state of being unsullied by sin or moral wrong; lacking a knowledge of evil. <i>The healthy bloom in her cheeks gave her an aura of innocence.</i>
naivete	Innocence or unsophistication. <i>His greatest fault was his political naïvet.</i>
out-and-out	Being out or having grown cold.
simple	Of very low intelligence. <i>A simple white blouse.</i>
<u>sincere</u>	Free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings. <i>An entirely sincere and cruel tyrant.</i>
suggestible	Susceptible or responsive to suggestion. <i>A suggestible client would comply.</i>
trusting	Showing or tending to have a belief in a person's honesty or sincerity; not suspicious. <i>A shy and trusting child.</i>
<u>unsophisticated</u>	Not wise in the ways of the world. <i>An unsophisticated machine.</i>
yokel	An uneducated and unsophisticated person from the countryside.

