

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.

Artless sincerity.

**childlike** Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity.

**Childlike** trust.

**dewy-eyed** Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity.

fond (of a hope or belief) foolishly optimistic; naive.

Hopelessly spoiled by a **fond** mother.

**guileless** Devoid of guile; innocent and without deception.

His face once so open and quileless.

**inexperienced** Having little knowledge or experience of a particular thing.

He is still relatively young and **inexperienced**.

Lacking in sophistication or worldliness.

**ingenuous** His **ingenuous** explanation that he would not have burned the church if

he had not thought the bishop was in it.

innocent (used of things) lacking sense or awareness.

Fine **innocent** weather.

naif Marked by or showing unaffected simplicity and lack of guile or worldly

experience.

Relating to earthly human or physical nature as distinct from the

**natural** spiritual or supernatural realm.

B natural.

Used of preliterate or tribal or nonindustrial societies.

**Primitive** societies.

**simple** Easy and not involved or complicated.

Simple mechanisms.

**starry-eyed** Unrealistically or naively optimistic.

trustful Inclined to believe or confide readily; full of trust.

A **trustful** acceptance of authority.

trusting

Inclined to believe or confide readily; full of trust.

*It is foolish to be too trusting of other people.* 

**unaffected** Emotionally unmoved.

Fibers remained apparently **unaffected** by the treatment.

**unenlightened** Not having or showing an enlightened outlook.

**Unenlightened** thinking.



uninitiate Not initiated; deficient in relevant experience.

It seemed a bizarre ceremony to **uninitiate**d western eyes.

uninitiated Not initiated; deficient in relevant experience.

The discussion wasn t easy to follow for the **uninitiated**.

**uninstructed** (of behaviour) not acquired by teaching; natural or spontaneous.

Students are **uninstructed** in the use of books.

**unpretentious** Exhibiting restrained good taste.

*In spite of his fame he was thoroughly unpretentious.* 

Lacking complexity.

**unsophisticated** Either too **unsophisticated** or too honest to promise more than he could

deliver.

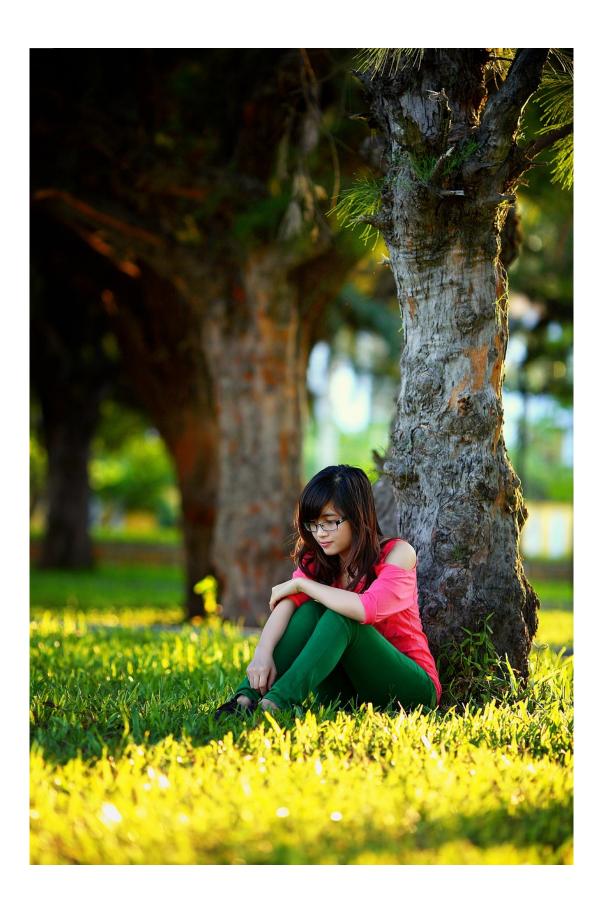
unworldly

Not wise in the ways of the world.

This helplessly **unworldly** woman.

**wide-eyed** Fully open or extended.



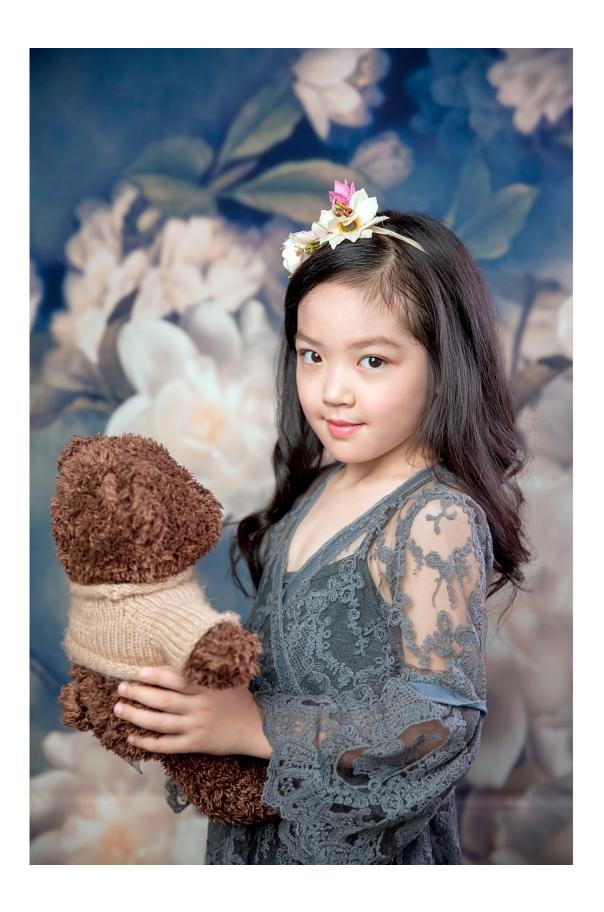




# Usage Examples of "Naive" as an adjective

- 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)

Showing lack of art.

An **artless** literary masterpiece.

**bumpkin** An unsophisticated or socially awkward person from the countryside.

She thought Tom a bit of a country **bumpkin**.

openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness.

A **candid** interview.

**childish** Of, like, or appropriate to a child.

**Childish** tantrums.

**childlike** Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity.

She speaks with a **childlike** directness.

The quality of clear water.

The crystal **clarity** of water.

credulous Having or showing too great a readiness to believe things.

A ceremony staged for **credulous** tourists.

downright Thoroughgoing.

It s a **downright** disgrace.

A smooth-textured sausage of minced beef or pork usually smoked; often

**frank** served on a bread roll.

Kate looked at Sam with **frank** admiration.

A person s girlfriend.

Mrs Smith was just one of the **girl**s.

guileless Free of deceit.

His face once so open and **quileless**.

Easily tricked because of being too trusting.

An attempt to persuade a **gullible** public to spend their money.

Subject to a playful hoax or joke.

hoax

A hoax 999 call.

honest Worthy of being depended on.

An **honest** wage.

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.

There s a well stocked **honesty** bar which includes local wine.

immature Not yet having developed feathers.

Many of the fish caught are **immature**.



Easily influenced. impressionable

An **impressionable** age.

Lacking practical experience or training. inexperienced

An **inexperienced** driver.

Of or occurring among babies or very young children. infantile

Infantile behavior.

An actress who specializes in playing the role of an artless innocent ingenue

young girl.

(of a person or action) innocent and unsuspecting. ingenuous

She s staggeringly **ingenuous** or possibly very cunning indeed.

The state of being unsullied by sin or moral wrong; lacking a knowledge

innocence of evil.

The healthy bloom in her cheeks gave her an aura of **innocence**.

Innocence or unsophistication.

naivete His greatest fault was his political naïvet.

out-and-out Being out or having grown cold.

Of very low intelligence. simple A simple white blouse.

Free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings. sincere

An entirely **sincere** and cruel tyrant.

Susceptible or responsive to suggestion. suggestible

A **suggestible** client would comply.

Showing or tending to have a belief in a person's honesty or sincerity;

not suspicious. trusting

A shy and **trusting** child.

**unsophisticated** Not wise in the ways of the world.

An **unsophisticated** machine.

vokel An uneducated and unsophisticated person from the countryside.



