

Need another word that means the same as “obsequious”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “obsequious” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Obsequious” are: **bootlicking, fawning, sycophantic, toadyish, servile, ingratiating, unctuous, oily, oleaginous, greasy, grovelling, cringing, subservient, submissive, slavish, abject**

Obsequious as an Adjective

Definitions of "Obsequious" as an adjective

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

- *Attentive in an ingratiating or servile manner.*
- *Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery.*
- *Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.*

Synonyms of "Obsequious" as an adjective (16 Words)

abject	(of a situation or condition) extremely unpleasant and degrading. <i>Abject</i> surrender.
bootlicking	Attempting to win favor by flattery. A mindless herd of <i>bootlicking</i> sycophants.
cringing	Bent in fear or apprehension. He lugged his carry on bag and computer case past <i>cringing</i> passengers wary of being hit.
fawning	Attempting to win favor by flattery. <i>Fawning</i> interviews with Hollywood celebs.

greasy	Producing excessive body oil. <i>Greasy hamburgers.</i>
grovelling	Totally submissive. <i>His grovelling references to great historians.</i>
ingratiating	Capable of winning favor. <i>A smooth ingratiating manner.</i>
oily	Containing oil. <i>An oily rag.</i>
oleaginous	Containing an unusual amount of grease or oil. <i>Oleaginous seeds.</i>
servile	Relating to or involving slaves or appropriate for slaves or servants. <i>The servile condition of the peasants.</i>
slavish	Abjectly submissive; characteristic of a slave or servant- S.H.Adams. <i>A slavish adherence to protocol.</i>
submissive	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant. <i>A submissive almost sheeplike people.</i>
subservient	Serving as a means to an end. <i>Editors and journalists who express opinions in print that are opposed to the interests of the rich are dismissed and replaced by subservient ones.</i>
sycophantic	Attempting to win favor by flattery. <i>A sycophantic interview.</i>
toadyish	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery.
unctuous	Excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily. <i>He seemed anxious to please but not in an unctuous way.</i>

Usage Examples of "Obsequious" as an adjective

- *Obsequious shop assistants.*
- *They were served by obsequious waiters.*

Associations of "Obsequious" (30 Words)

adulation	Excessive admiration or praise. <i>He found it difficult to cope with the adulation of the fans.</i>
bribe	A sum of money or other inducement offered or given to bribe someone. <i>Lawmakers were caught accepting bribes to bring in legalized gambling.</i>

<u>bribery</u>	The giving or offering of a bribe. <i>His opponent had been guilty of bribery and corruption.</i>
cajolery	Coaxing or flattery intended to persuade someone to do something. <i>She uses cajolery deception and manipulation to get what she wants.</i>
<u>charm</u>	Protect through supernatural powers or charms. <i>Inscribed around its base is a charm in Balinese.</i>
epigone	An inferior imitator of some distinguished writer or artist of musician. <i>The humdrum compositions of some of Beethoven s epigones.</i>
<u>fantasy</u>	The faculty or activity of imagining impossible or improbable things. <i>His researches had moved into the realms of fantasy.</i>
fawning	Displaying exaggerated flattery or affection; obsequious. <i>Fawning interviews with Hollywood celebs.</i>
<u>flattering</u>	Enhancing someone's appearance. <i>It was flattering to have a pretty girl like Fiona so obviously fond of him.</i>
<u>flattery</u>	Excessive or insincere praise. <i>She allowed no hint of flattery to enter her voice.</i>
groveling	Totally submissive.
<u>hypocritical</u>	Behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case. <i>Hypocritical praise.</i>
ingratiate	Bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them. <i>A sycophantic attempt to ingratiate herself with the local aristocracy.</i>
ingratiating	Capable of winning favor. <i>An ingratiating manner.</i>
<u>insincere</u>	Not expressing genuine feelings. <i>A charming but thoroughly insincere woman.</i>
lackey	A brownish European moth of woods and hedgerows, the caterpillars of which live communally in a silken tent on the food tree. <i>He denied that he was the lackey of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.</i>
<u>minion</u>	A follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one. <i>He gets oppressed minions like me to fob them off.</i>
<u>parasite</u>	A follower who hangs around a host (without benefit to the host) in hope of gain or advantage. <i>The parasite attaches itself to the mouths of fishes.</i>

persuade	(of a situation or event) provide a sound reason for (someone) to do something. <i>You can't persuade me to buy this ugly vase.</i>
servant	In a subordinate position. <i>He was a great servant of the Labour Party.</i>
servile	Submissive or fawning in attitude or behavior. <i>Brown's attempt at servile insurrection.</i>
slavish	Blindly imitative. <i>He noted the slavish feudal respect they had for her.</i>
slimy	Covered by or resembling slime. <i>A slimy substance covered the rocks.</i>
smarmy	Ingratiating and wheedling in a way that is regarded as insincere or excessive. <i>A smarmy unctuous reply.</i>
submissive	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant. <i>A submissive reply.</i>
subservient	Prepared to obey others unquestioningly. <i>She was subservient to her parents.</i>
sycophant	A person who acts obsequiously towards someone important in order to gain advantage.
sycophantic	Behaving or done in an obsequious way in order to gain advantage. <i>A sycophantic interview.</i>
toady	A person who behaves obsequiously to someone important. <i>She imagined him toadying to his rich clients.</i>
unctuous	Excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily. <i>The unctuous Uriah Heep.</i>