

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. Abject surrender.
bootlicking	Attempting to win favor by flattery. A mindless herd of bootlicking sycophants.
cringing	Bent in fear or apprehension. He lugged his carry on bag and computer case past cringing passengers wary of being hit.
fawning	Attempting to win favor by flattery. Fawning 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>
<u>subservient</u>	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>
<u>bribe</u>	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>
<u>servant</u>	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>
<u>slimy</u>	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>
<u>subservient</u>	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>