

Need another word that means the same as “polite”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “polite” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Polite” are: civilised, civilized, cultivated, cultured, genteel, civil, well mannered, courteous, respectful, deferential, well behaved, well bred, gentlemanly, ladylike, chivalrous, gallant, gracious, urbane, well brought up, refined, sophisticated, elegant, courtly**

## Polite as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Polite" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to people who regard themselves as more cultured and refined than others.*
- *Marked by refinement in taste and manners.*
- *Not rude; marked by satisfactory (or especially minimal) adherence to social usages and sufficient but not noteworthy consideration for others- W.S. Maugham.*
- *Having or showing behaviour that is respectful and considerate of other people.*
- *Not rude; marked by satisfactory (or especially minimal) adherence to social usages and sufficient but not noteworthy consideration for others.*
- *Showing regard for others in manners, speech, behavior, etc.*



## Synonyms of "Polite" as an adjective (23 Words)

**chivalrous**

Being attentive to women like an ideal knight.  
*Shall I be **chivalrous** and offer you my coat.*

**civil**

Relating to civil law.  
*A **civil** action.*

**civilised**

Marked by refinement in taste and manners.

**civilized**

Marked by refinement in taste and manners.  
*A **civilized** society.*

**courteous**

Characterized by courtesy and gracious good manners-Francis Bacon.  
*If a man be gracious and **courteous** to strangers it shows he is a citizen of the world.*

**courtly**

Very polite or refined, as befitting a royal court.  
*A **courtly** gentleman.*

**cultivated**

Prepared for raising crops by plowing or fertilizing.  
***Cultivated** speech.*

<b>cultured</b>	Characterized by refined taste and manners and good education. <b>Cultured</b> <i>tumour cells.</i>
<b>deferential</b>	Showing deference; respectful. <i>People were always <b>deferential</b> to him.</i>
<b>elegant</b>	Graceful and stylish in appearance or manner. <i>An <b>elegant</b> mathematical solution simple and precise.</i>
<b><u>gallant</u></b>	(of a person or their behaviour) brave; heroic. <i>She had made <b>gallant</b> efforts to pull herself together.</i>
<b>genteel</b>	Characterized by exaggerated or affected politeness, refinement, or respectability. <i>A <b>genteel</b> old lady.</i>
<b>gentlemanly</b>	Befitting a man of good breeding. <i>His <b>gentlemanly</b> behaviour.</i>
<b><u>gracious</u></b>	A polite epithet used of royalty or their acts. <i>Greig was <b>gracious</b> in defeat.</i>
<b>ladylike</b>	Befitting a woman of good breeding. <b>Ladylike</b> <i>manners.</i>
<b><u>refined</u></b>	Precise to a fine degree. <b>Refined</b> <i>sugar.</i>
<b>respectful</b>	Feeling or manifesting veneration. <i>A <b>respectful</b> glance.</i>
<b><u>sophisticated</u></b>	Appealing to or frequented by people who are sophisticated. <i>A <b>sophisticated</b> drama.</i>
<b>urbane</b>	Courteous and refined in manner (typically used of a man). <b>Urbane</b> <i>wit was the mark of taste and cultivation.</i>
<b>well behaved</b>	In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury.
<b>well bred</b>	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
<b>well brought up</b>	In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury.
<b>well mannered</b>	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.





## Usage Examples of "Polite" as an adjective

- *They thought she was wrong but were too polite to say so.*
- *The picture outraged polite society.*
- *Polite society.*



## Associations of "Polite" (30 Words)

**chivalrous**

Relating to the historical concept of chivalry.  
*Shall I be **chivalrous** and offer you my coat.*

**chivalry**

The medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct.  
*I fought against the cream of French **chivalry**.*

**civility**

Formal politeness and courtesy in behaviour or speech.  
*I hope we can treat each other with **civility** and respect.*

**comity**

An association of nations for their mutual benefit.  
*A show of public **comity** in the White House.*

**condescendingly**

With condescension; in a patronizing manner.  
*He treats his secretary **condescendingly**.*

**courteous**

Exhibiting courtesy and politeness.  
*She was **courteous** and obliging to all.*

<b><u>courtesy</u></b>	A courteous manner. <i>He treated the players with <b>courtesy</b> and good humour.</i>
<b>couth</b>	(used facetiously) refined and well-mannered. <i>It is more <b>couth</b> to hold your shrimp genteelly by the tail when eating.</i>
<b>curtsy</b>	Perform a curtsy. <i>She bobbed a <b>curtsy</b> to him.</i>
<b><u>decent</u></b>	Decently clothed. <i>Speech in this circle if not always <b>decent</b> never became lewd.</i>
<b>decorous</b>	According with custom or propriety. <i>The tete a tete was <b>decorous</b> in the extreme.</i>
<b>decorum</b>	Etiquette. <i>He had no idea of funeral <b>decorum</b>.</i>
<b>etiquette</b>	Rules governing socially acceptable behavior. <i>Court <b>etiquette</b> was now familiar to Joan.</i>
<b><u>gracious</u></b>	Exhibiting courtesy and politeness. <i><b>Gracious</b> even to unexpected visitors.</i>
<b>humble</b>	Cause to be unpretentious. <i>He built the business empire from <b>humble</b> beginnings.</i>
<b>humbleness</b>	The state of being humble and unimportant.
<b>humility</b>	A humble feeling. <i>Not everyone regards <b>humility</b> as a virtue.</i>
<b>lowliness</b>	A position of inferior status; low in station or rank or fortune or estimation.
<b><u>menial</u></b>	A person with a menial job. <i><b>Menial</b> factory jobs.</i>
<b><u>mild</u></b>	Humble in spirit or manner suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>The climate was <b>mild</b> and conducive to life or growth.</i>
<b>moderate</b>	A person who holds moderate views especially in politics. <i>The neutrons causing fission are not <b>moderated</b> but react at high energies.</i>
<b><u>modest</u></b>	Relatively moderate, limited, or small. <i><b>Modest</b> dress means that hemlines must be below the knee.</i>
<b>respectful</b>	Feeling or showing deference and 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>seemly</b>	Conforming to accepted notions of propriety or good taste; decorous. <i><b>Seemly</b> behavior.</i>
<b>staid</b>	Characterized by dignity and propriety. <i><b>Staid</b> law firms.</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>I feel <b>unbelievably</b> tired.</i>
<b>unpretentious</b>	Lacking pretension or affectation. <i>In spite of his fame he was thoroughly <b>unpretentious</b>.</i>
<b>virtue</b>	Any admirable quality or attribute. <i>Patience is a <b>virtue</b>.</i>

