

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.*

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

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

seemly	Conforming to accepted notions of propriety or good taste; decorous. <i>Seemly behavior.</i>
staid	Characterized by dignity and propriety. <i>Staid law firms.</i>
<u>unassuming</u>	Not pretentious or arrogant; modest. <i>Unassuming to a fault skeptical about the value of his work.</i>
unbelievably	To a great degree; extremely. <i>I feel unbelievably tired.</i>
unpretentious	Lacking pretension or affectation. <i>In spite of his fame he was thoroughly unpretentious.</i>
virtue	Any admirable quality or attribute. <i>Patience is a virtue.</i>

