

Need another word that means the same as “practical”? Find 54 synonyms and 30 related words for “practical” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Practical” are: hard-nosed, hardheaded, pragmatic, virtual, empirical, hands-on, real, actual, active, applied, experiential, experimental, in the field, feasible, practicable, realistic, viable, workable, possible, reasonable, sensible, useful, helpful, constructive, functional, serviceable, utilitarian, utility, everyday, workaday, ordinary, businesslike, rational, commonsensical, no-nonsense, with both feet on the ground, skilful, skilled, dexterous, deft, nimble-fingered, adroit, able, adept, proficient, capable, effective, in effect, test, exam, paper, question paper, oral, assessment**

## Practical as a Noun

### Definitions of "Practical" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “practical” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An examination or lesson in which theories and procedures learned are applied to the actual making or doing of something.*



## Synonyms of "Practical" as a noun (6 Words)

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| <b>assessment</b>     | The classification of someone or something with respect to its worth.<br><i>Assessments of market value.</i> |
| <b>exam</b>           | A medical test of a specified kind.<br><i>Routine eye exams.</i>   |
| <b>oral</b>           | An examination conducted by spoken communication.<br><i>A French oral.</i>                                   |
| <b>paper</b>          | A newspaper.<br><i>The personal papers of major political figures.</i>                                       |
| <b>question paper</b> | The subject matter at issue.   |
| <b>test</b>           | The act of undergoing testing.<br><i>Four fax modems are on test.</i>  |



## Practical as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Practical" as an adjective

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

- *(of an idea, plan, or method) likely to succeed or be effective in real circumstances; feasible.*
- *(of a person) skilled at manual tasks.*
- *Being actually such in almost every respect.*
- *So nearly the case that it can be regarded as so; virtual.*
- *Concerned with actual use or practice.*
- *Suitable for a particular purpose.*
- *Of or concerned with the actual doing or use of something rather than with theory and ideas.*



- (of a person) sensible and realistic in their approach to a situation or problem.
- Guided by practical experience and observation rather than theory.
- Having or put to a practical purpose or use.



## Synonyms of "Practical" as an adjective (48 Words)

### [able](#)

Having considerable skill proficiency or intelligence.  
*He was **able** to read Greek at the age of eight.*

### active

(of an electric circuit) capable of modifying its state or characteristics automatically in response to input or feedback.  
*I couldn't feel the baby moving and it was normally very **active**.*

### [actual](#)

Presently existing in fact and not merely potential or possible.  
*The ship's **actual** position is 22 miles due south of Key West.*

### adept

Very skilled or proficient at something.  
*An **adept** juggler.*

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| <b>adroit</b>              | Clever or skilful.<br><i>An <b>adroit</b> negotiator.</i>  |
| <u><b>applied</b></u>      | (of a subject of study) put to practical use as opposed to being theoretical.<br><i><b>Applied</b> chemistry.</i>  |
| <b>businesslike</b>        | (of clothing, furniture, etc.) designed or appearing to be practical rather than decorative.<br><i>His brisk <b>businesslike</b> tone.</i>                     |
| <u><b>capable</b></u>      | Open to or admitting of something.<br><i>I m quite <b>capable</b> of taking care of myself.</i>  |
| <b>commonsensical</b>      | Exhibiting native good judgment.<br><i>Unlearned and <b>commonsensical</b> countryfolk were capable of solving problems that beset the more sophisticated.</i> |
| <u><b>constructive</b></u> | Having or intended to have a useful or beneficial purpose.<br><i><b>Constructive</b> permission.</i>   |
| <u><b>deft</b></u>         | Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands.<br><i>A <b>deft</b> waiter.</i>   |
| <b>dexterous</b>           | Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands.<br><i><b>Dexterous</b> of hand and inventive of mind.</i>   |
| <b>effective</b>           | Able to accomplish a purpose functioning effectively G B Shaw.<br><i><b>Effective</b> teaching methods.</i>  |
| <u><b>empirical</b></u>    | Derived from experiment and observation rather than theory.<br><i><b>Empirical</b> data.</i>   |
| <u><b>everyday</b></u>     | Found in the ordinary course of events- Anita Diamant.<br><i><b>Everyday</b> drugs like aspirin.</i>   |
| <u><b>experiential</b></u> | Derived from experience or the experience of existence.<br><i>The <b>experiential</b> learning associated with employment.</i>                                 |
| <u><b>experimental</b></u> | Based on experience as opposed to authority or conjecture.<br><i>An <b>experimental</b> knowledge of God.</i>  |
| <b>feasible</b>            | Likely; probable.<br><i>The most <b>feasible</b> explanation.</i>  |
| <b>functional</b>          | Designed for or capable of a particular function or use.<br><i>A small <b>functional</b> bathroom.</i>   |
| <b>hands-on</b>            | Involving active participation.  |
| <b>hard-nosed</b>          | Guided by practical experience and observation rather than theory.   |

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| <b>hardheaded</b>      | Unreasonably rigid in the face of argument or entreaty or attack.<br><i>A <b>hardheaded</b> appraisal of our position.</i>      |
| <b>helpful</b>         | Useful.<br><i><b>Helpful</b> staff.</i>   |
| <b>in effect</b>       | Directed or bound inward.   |
| <b>in the field</b>    | Currently fashionable.  |
| <b>nimble-fingered</b> | Having nimble fingers literally or figuratively; especially for stealing or picking pockets- Harry Hansen.                      |
| <b>no-nonsense</b>     | Not tolerating irrelevancies.   |
| <b>ordinary</b>        | Not interesting or exceptional; commonplace.<br><i><b>Ordinary</b> decency.</i>   |
| <b>possible</b>        | Existing in possibility.<br><i>The team have taken just three points from a <b>possible</b> twelve.</i>                         |
| <b>practicable</b>     | Usable for a specific purpose.<br><i>The measures will be put into effect as soon as is reasonably <b>practicable</b>.</i>      |
| <b>pragmatic</b>       | Relating to pragmatics.<br><i>A matter of fact or <b>pragmatic</b> approach to the problem.</i>                                 |
| <b>proficient</b>      | Of or relating to technique or proficiency in a practical skill.<br><i>She felt reasonably <b>proficient</b> in Italian.</i>    |
| <b>rational</b>        | Capable of being expressed as a quotient of integers.<br><i>The triumph of the <b>rational</b> over the animal side of man.</i> |
| <b>real</b>            | Coinciding with reality.<br><i><b>Real</b> war.</i>   |
| <b>realistic</b>       | Representing things in a way that is accurate and true to life.<br><i>A <b>realistic</b> novel.</i>                             |
| <b>reasonable</b>      | As much as is appropriate or fair; moderate.<br><i>They are lovely shoes and very <b>reasonable</b>.</i>                        |
| <b>sensible</b>        | Readily perceived by the senses.<br><i>Even amoeba are <b>sensible</b> creatures.</i>   |
| <b>serviceable</b>     | Functional and durable rather than attractive.<br><i>A <b>serviceable</b> kitchen gadget.</i>                                   |
| <b>skilful</b>         | Having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude.<br><i>A <b>skilful</b> midfielder.</i>                                      |
| <b>skilled</b>         | (of work) requiring special abilities or training.<br><i>A highly <b>skilled</b> job.</i>                                       |

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| <b>useful</b>                       | Having a useful function.<br><i>A <b>useful</b> pace bowler.</i>  |
| <b>utilitarian</b>                  | Relating to or adhering to the doctrine of utilitarianism.<br><i>A <b>utilitarian</b> building.</i>                     |
| <b><u>utility</u></b>               | Capable of substituting in any of several positions on a team.<br><i>A <b>utility</b> infielder.</i>                    |
| <b>viable</b>                       | (of a fetus or unborn child) able to live after birth.<br><i>A <b>viable</b> fetus.</i>                                 |
| <b><u>virtual</u></b>               | Existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact.<br><i><b>Virtual</b> reality.</i>                              |
| <b>with both feet on the ground</b> | Two considered together; the two.   |
| <b><u>workable</u></b>              | Capable of producing the desired effect or result; practicable; feasible.<br><i>A <b>workable</b> peace settlement.</i> |
| <b>workaday</b>                     | Not special, unusual, or interesting; ordinary.<br><i>Your humble <b>workaday</b> PC.</i>                               |





## Usage Examples of "Practical" as an adjective

- *Practical mathematics.*
- *Practical applications of calculus.*
- *A practical, stylish kitchen.*
- *Steve'll fix it—he's quite practical.*
- *I'm merely being practical—we must find a ground-floor flat.*
- *Completely practical in his approach to business.*
- *The idea had no practical application.*
- *A practical knowledge of Japanese.*
- *Neither of these strategies are practical for smaller businesses.*
- *A practical failure.*
- *There are two obvious practical applications of the research.*
- *He is a very practical person.*
- *Woodworking is a practical art.*
- *For all practical purposes, she's his girlfriend.*



## Associations of "Practical" (30 Words)

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| <b>actual</b>        | Taking place in reality; not pretended or imitated.<br><i>The predicted temperature and the <b>actual</b> temperature were markedly different.</i>  |
| <b>actuality</b>     | Existing conditions or facts.<br><i>A hope that progressed from possibility to <b>actuality</b>.</i>  |
| <b>actually</b>      | Used when expressing a contradictory or unexpected opinion or correcting someone.<br><i>She <b>actually</b> spoke Latin.</i>  |
| <b>applied</b>       | Concerned with concrete problems or data rather than with fundamental principles.<br><i>Technical problems in medicine engineering economics and other <b>applied</b> disciplines.</i>  |
| <b>authentic</b>     | (of a church mode) containing notes between the final (the principal note) and the note an octave higher.<br><i>Every detail of the film was totally <b>authentic</b>.</i>  |
| <b>conceivably</b>   | It is conceivable or imaginable that.<br><i>It may <b>conceivably</b> cause liver disease.</i>  |
| <b>convenient</b>    | Large and roomy convenient is archaic in this sense.<br><i>The new car park will make shopping much more <b>convenient</b>.</i>   |
| <b>cyberspace</b>    | A computer network consisting of a worldwide network of computer networks that use the TCP/IP network protocols to facilitate data transmission and exchange.<br><i>I stayed in <b>cyberspace</b> for just a few minutes.</i>   |
| <b>down-to-earth</b> | Once thought to be one of four elements composing the universe (Empedocles).  |
| <b>facilitation</b>  | (neurophysiology) phenomenon that occurs when two or more neural impulses that alone are not enough to trigger a response in a neuron combine to trigger an action potential.<br><i>The response is dependent on the frequency of stimulation and on neuromuscular <b>facilitation</b>.</i> |
| <b>functional</b>    | Relating to the way in which something works or operates.<br><i>The museum will be fully <b>functional</b> from the opening of the festival.</i>  |
| <b>illiteracy</b>    | An inability to read.<br><i>The ineffective educational system meant that <b>illiteracy</b> was widespread.</i>   |
| <b>knowable</b>      | Capable of being known.<br><i>The full extent of the damage isn't <b>knowable</b> in advance.</i>   |

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| <b>likelihood</b>     | The state or fact of something's being likely; probability.<br><i>Situations where there is a <b>likelihood</b> of violence.</i>                 |
| <b>positivistic</b>   | Of or relating to positivism.  |
| <b>pragmatic</b>      | Relating to pragmatics.<br><i>A matter of fact or <b>pragmatic</b> approach to the problem.</i>  |
| <b>pragmatist</b>     | A person who is guided more by practical considerations than by ideals.<br><i>Hardheaded <b>pragmatists</b> firmly rooted in the real world.</i> |
| <b>programming</b>    | Creating a sequence of instructions to enable the computer to do something.<br><i>The <b>programming</b> of shows.</i>                           |
| <b>real</b>           | Coinciding with reality F A Olafson.<br><i>His <b>real</b> name is James.</i>  |
| <b>realistic</b>      | Aware or expressing awareness of things as they really are.<br><i>A <b>realistic</b> appraisal of our chances.</i>                               |
| <b>reality</b>        | Relating to reality TV.<br><i>Laura was losing touch with <b>reality</b>.</i>  |
| <b>realized</b>       | Successfully completed or brought to an end.<br><i>The joy of a <b>realized</b> ambition overcame him.</i>                                       |
| <b>serviceable</b>    | In working order.<br><i>Heavy <b>serviceable</b> fabrics.</i>  |
| <b>sooth</b>          | Truth or reality.<br><i>In <b>sooth</b>.</i>   |
| <b>substantive</b>    | (of a rank or appointment) not acting or temporary; permanent.<br><i><b>Substantive</b> law.</i>   |
| <b>useful</b>         | Having a useful function.<br><i>The girl felt motherly and <b>useful</b>.</i>  |
| <b>usefulness</b>     | The quality or fact of being useful.<br><i>Faults that affect the book s <b>usefulness</b>.</i>  |
| <b>utilitarian</b>    | Relating to or adhering to the doctrine of utilitarianism.<br><i>Plain <b>utilitarian</b> kitchenware.</i>                                       |
| <b>verisimilitude</b> | The appearance of being true or real.<br><i>The detail gives the novel some <b>verisimilitude</b>.</i>   |
| <b>virtual</b>        | Existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact.<br><i>The once elegant temple lay in <b>virtual</b> ruin.</i>                           |

