

Need another word that means the same as “progressive”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “progressive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Progressive” are: reform-minded, reformist, continuing, continuous, increasing, growing, developing, ongoing, intensifying, escalating, modern, liberal, advanced, forward-looking, enlightened, enterprising, innovative, up-and-coming, new, dynamic, avant-garde, modernistic, disruptive, moving forwards, moving ahead, onward, advancing, liberalist, imperfect, imperfect tense, progressive tense, innovator, reformer, libertarian, progressionist, leftist, left-winger

Progressive as a Noun

Definitions of "Progressive" as a noun

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

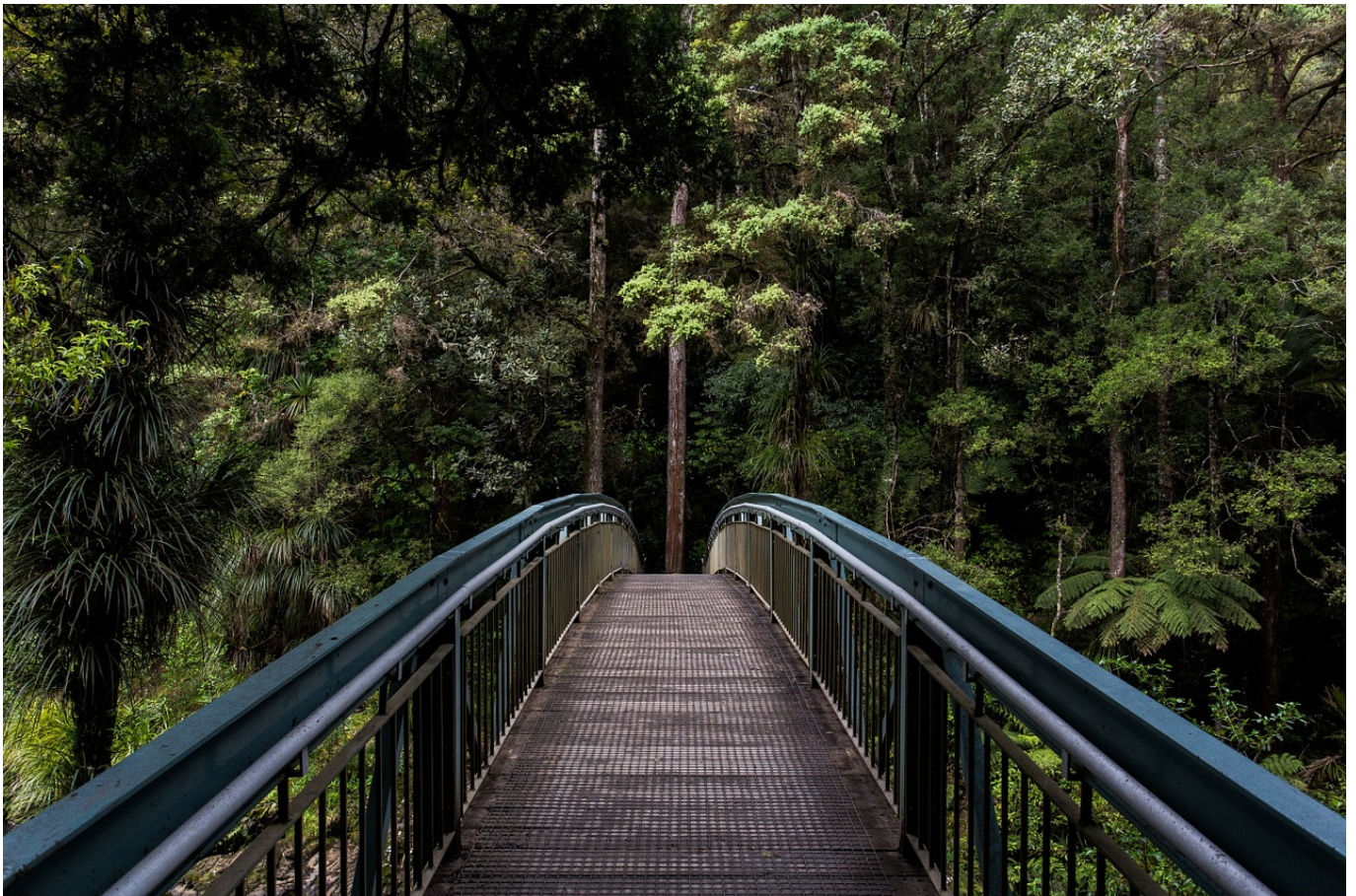
- *Each of a set of proofs of colour work, showing all the colours separately and the cumulative effect of overprinting them.*
- *A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.*
- *A tense of verbs used in describing action that is on-going.*
- *An advocate of social reform.*
- *A progressive tense or aspect.*



Synonyms of "Progressive" as a noun (12 Words)

<u>imperfect</u>	The imperfect tense.
imperfect tense	A tense of verbs used in describing action that is on-going.
innovator	A person who introduces new methods, ideas, or products. <i>He was one of the great innovators in jazz.</i>
left-winger	A person who belongs to the political left.
leftist	A person with left-wing political views. <i>These values are shared by many leftists.</i>
<u>liberal</u>	A supporter of a political and social philosophy that promotes individual rights, civil liberties, democracy, and free enterprise. <i>Are we dealing with a polarization between liberals and conservatives.</i>
liberalist	A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.

libertarian	An advocate of libertarianism. <i>No true libertarian would ever support a culture where citizens must show their papers to travel.</i>
progressionist	An advocate of or believer in political or social progress.
progressive tense	A tense of verbs used in describing action that is on-going.
reformer	A person who makes changes to something in order to improve it. <i>A skilled reformer of government spending.</i>
reformist	A disputant who advocates reform.



Usage Examples of "Progressive" as a noun

- *People tend to present themselves either as progressives or traditionalists on this issue.*
- *The present progressive.*



Progressive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Progressive" as an adjective

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

- *(of a person or idea) favouring social reform.*
- *Advancing in severity.*
- *(of taxation or a tax) increasing as a proportion of the sum taxed as that sum increases.*
- *Involving a series of sections for which the participants successively change place or relative position.*
- *Engaging in or constituting forward motion.*
- *Denoting an aspect or tense of a verb that expresses an action in progress, e.g. am writing, was writing.*

- *Happening or developing gradually or in stages.*
- *Gradually advancing in extent.*
- *(of taxes) adjusted so that the rate increases as the amount of income increases.*
- *(of a medical condition) increasing in severity.*
- *Adjusted so that the rate increases as the amount of income increases.*
- *Favouring change or innovation.*
- *Favoring or promoting progress.*
- *(of a card game or a dance) involving a series of sections for which the participants successively change place or relative position.*
- *Relating to or denoting a style of rock music popular especially in the 1970s and characterized by classical influences, the use of keyboard instruments, and lengthy compositions.*
- *Favoring or promoting reform (often by government action).*
- *(of a card game or dance) involving a series of sections for which participants successively change place or relative position.*



Synonyms of "Progressive" as an adjective (27 Words)

advanced

Far along in time.
*My watch is **advanced**.*

advancing

Being ahead of time or need.

avant-garde	Radically new or original.
continuing	Of long duration. A continuing controversy.
continuous	(of a function) of which the graph is a smooth unbroken curve, i.e. one such that as the value of x approaches any given value a, the value of f(x) approaches that of f(a) as a limit. A continuous bout of illness lasting six months.
developing	Denoting or relating to a poor agricultural country that is seeking to become more advanced economically and socially. The developing world.
disruptive	(of a company or form of technology) causing radical change in an existing industry or market through being innovative. Breaking a disruptive technology into the market is never easy.
dynamic	Of or relating to dynamics. The dynamic content of these sites keeps their audience informed and up to date.
enlightened	Spiritually aware. An enlightened electorate.
enterprising	Marked by imagination, initiative, and readiness to undertake new projects. Some enterprising teachers have started their own recycling programmes.
escalating	Becoming more intense or serious. The authorities grew anxious about the escalating situation.
forward-looking	Ahead of the times.
growing	(of a living thing) undergoing natural development by increasing in size and changing physically. The growing concern over ozone levels.
increasing	Music increasing in tempo and or volume. Increasing prices.
innovative	(of a person) introducing new ideas; original and creative in thinking. Innovative designs.
intensifying	Increasing in strength or intensity.
liberal	Relating to or denoting a political and social philosophy that promotes individual rights, civil liberties, democracy, and free enterprise. A liberal backer of the arts.
modern	Belonging to the modern era since the Middle Ages. Modern European history.

- modernistic** Relating to a recently developed fashion or style.
*Tables in **modernistic** designs.*
- moving ahead** Arousing or capable of arousing deep emotion- N. Hawthorne.
- moving forwards** In motion.
- new** Gratuitously new.
*Her **new** bike.*
- ongoing** Currently happening.
***Ongoing** negotiations.*
- onward** (of a journey) continuing or moving forward.
*The **onward** march of history.*
- reform-minded** Favoring or promoting reform (often by government action).
- reformist** Supporting or advancing gradual reform rather than abolition or revolution.
*The **reformist** policies of the government.*
- up-and-coming** Of the relatively near future.



Usage Examples of "Progressive" as an adjective

- *Steeply progressive income taxes.*
- *Progressive euchre.*
- *Classic progressive albums.*
- *A relatively progressive Minister of Education.*
- *Progressive bands like Black Sabbath and the Edgar Broughton Band.*
- *Progressive schools.*
- *A progressive decline in popularity.*
- *Progressive paralysis.*
- *Progressive liver failure.*
- *The most progressive art school in Britain.*
- *Progressive tournaments.*



Associations of "Progressive" (30 Words)

- above** Higher in grade or rank.
*The two cases described **above**.*
- advanced** Modern and recently developed.
*Had **advanced** views on the subject.*

ahead	Leading or ahead in a competition. <i>He is ahead by a pawn.</i>
communism	A theory or system of social organization in which all property is owned by the community and each person contributes and receives according to their ability and needs.
conservative	Averse to change or innovation and holding traditional values. <i>The film was not cheap 30 000 is a conservative estimate.</i>
crusader	A fighter in the medieval Crusades. <i>Crusaders for early detection and treatment of mental illnesses.</i>
decentralize	Move departments of (a large organization) away from a single administrative centre to other locations. <i>New technology allows companies to decentralize large factories.</i>
democracy	A state governed under a system of democracy. <i>A multiparty democracy.</i>
democrat	An advocate of democratic principles. <i>As a democrat I accepted the outcome of the referendum.</i>
democratic	(in the US) relating to the Democratic Party. <i>A democratic scorn for bloated dukes and lords.</i>
feminism	The movement aimed at equal rights for women.
fore	Situated or placed in front. <i>The captain went fore or forward to check the instruments.</i>
forego	Do without or cease to hold or adhere to.
forward	Toward the future forward in time. <i>The crew's cabin is forward.</i>
front	Act as a front or cover for illegal or secret activity. <i>He sealed the envelope and wrote on the front.</i>
ideology	A system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy. <i>The ideology of republicanism.</i>
increasing	Music increasing in tempo and or volume. <i>The increasing numbers of students.</i>
lawmaker	A maker of laws; someone who gives a code of laws. <i>The game's official lawmakers are preparing the new legislation.</i>
legislator	A person who makes laws; a member of a legislative body. <i>24 incumbent legislators lost their seats.</i>
liberal	Given, used, or occurring in generous amounts. <i>Sam was too liberal with the wine.</i>

liberalist	A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.
political	Interested in or active in politics. <i>A decision taken for purely political reasons.</i>
radical	A person who has radical ideas or opinions. <i>The daring avant garde spirit of the music was too radical for the conservative audience.</i>
reformer	An apparatus that reforms the molecular structure of hydrocarbons to produce richer fuel. <i>A radical social reformer.</i>
reformist	A disputant who advocates reform. <i>The reformist policies of the government.</i>
republic	A group with a certain equality between its members. <i>The head of state in a republic is usually a president.</i>
revolution	A dramatic and wide-reaching change in conditions, attitudes, or operation. <i>Near the solar equator the sun takes about 26 days to complete one revolution.</i>
sophisticated	Appealing to or frequented by people who are sophisticated. <i>Discussion and reflection are necessary for a sophisticated response to a text.</i>
stronghold	A place where a particular cause or belief is strongly defended or upheld. <i>Their mountain strongholds fell to enemy attack.</i>
technically	Involving or regarding the technology available. <i>A technically brilliant boxing contest.</i>

