

Need another word that means the same as “public”? Find 70 synonyms and 30 related words for “public” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Public” are: popular, general, common, communal, collective, shared, joint, universal, widespread, open, open to the public, not private, not exclusive, accessible to all, available, free, unrestricted, prominent, well known, in the public eye, leading, important, eminent, recognized, distinguished, notable, noteworthy, noted, outstanding, foremost, known, overt, plain, obvious, in circulation, published, publicized, exposed, national, federal, populace, world, people, citizens, subjects, general public, electors, electorate, voters, taxpayers, residents, inhabitants, citizenry, population, community, society, country, nation, body of support, backing, patronage, audience, spectators, theatregoers, followers, following, fans, devotees, aficionados, admirers

Public as a Noun

Definitions of "Public" as a noun

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

- *The people who watch or are interested in an artist, writer, or performer.*
- *People in general considered as a whole.*
- *Ordinary people in general; the community.*
- *A section of the community having a particular interest or connection.*

- A body of people sharing some common interest.



Synonyms of "Public" as a noun (30 Words)

admirers	Someone who admires a young woman. <i>She had many admirers.</i>
aficionados	A serious devotee of some particular music genre or musical performer.
audience	A gathering of spectators or listeners at a (usually public) performance. <i>He asked for questions from members of the audience.</i>
backing	Help or support. <i>The fabric has a special backing for durability.</i>
body of support	A natural object consisting of a dead animal or person.
citizenry	The body of citizens of a state or country. <i>The legal obligations of the citizenry.</i>
<u>citizens</u>	A native or naturalized member of a state or other political community.

community	A district where people live; occupied primarily by private residences. <i>The sense of community that organized religion can provide.</i>
country	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>His poetry celebrated the slower pace of life in the country.</i>
devotees	An ardent follower and admirer.
electorate	The office or territories of a German elector. <i>75 per cent of the electorate voted for a Scottish parliament in some form.</i>
electors	A citizen who has a legal right to vote.
fans	An ardent follower and admirer.
followers	A group of followers or enthusiasts.
following	A body of supporters or admirers. <i>The following are both grammatically correct sentences.</i>
general public	A fact about the whole (as opposed to particular).
inhabitants	A person who inhabits a particular place.
nation	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>Students who had come to the nation's capitol.</i>
patronage	The rights and duties or position of a patron. <i>Recruits are selected on merit not through political patronage.</i>
people	The common people generally. <i>My people live in Warwickshire.</i>
populace	The people living in a particular country or area. <i>The party misjudged the mood of the populace.</i>
population	A finite or infinite collection of items under consideration. <i>The island has a population of about 78 000.</i>
residents	Someone who lives at a particular place for a prolonged period or who was born there. <i>The resident was receiving special clinical training at the hospital.</i>
society	A specified section of society. <i>They formed a small lunch society.</i>
spectators	A woman's pump with medium heel; usually in contrasting colors for toe and heel. <i>The spectators applauded the performance.</i>
subjects	A branch of knowledge. <i>The subjects for this investigation were selected randomly.</i>
taxpayers	Someone who pays taxes.

theatregoers	Someone who attends the theater.
voters	A citizen who has a legal right to vote.
world	The earth, together with all of its countries and peoples. <i>The news shocked the football world.</i>



Usage Examples of "Public" as a noun

- *The library is open to the public.*
- *The reading public.*
- *Some famous last words to give my public.*
- *He is a hero in the eyes of the public.*
- *The general public have a right to know.*



Public as an Adjective

Definitions of "Public" as an adjective

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

- *Not private; open to or concerning the people as a whole.*
- *Of or involved in the affairs of the community, especially in government or entertainment.*
- *Affecting the people or community as a whole.*
- *Of, for, or acting for a university.*
- *Of or provided by the state rather than an independent, commercial company.*
- *Of or concerning the people as a whole.*
- *Open to or shared by all the people of an area or country.*
- *Done, perceived, or existing in open view.*



Synonyms of "Public" as an adjective (40 Words)

accessible to all	Capable of being reached.
available	Obtainable or accessible and ready for use or service. <i>Community health services available to Londoners.</i>
<u>collective</u>	Forming a whole or aggregate. <i>Collective farms.</i>
common	Having no special distinction or quality widely known or commonly encountered average or ordinary or usual. <i>The common cold.</i>
<u>communal</u>	For or by a group rather than individuals. <i>A communal bathroom and kitchen.</i>
distinguished	Standing above others in character or attainment or reputation. <i>Our distinguished professor.</i>
eminent	(of a positive quality) present to a notable degree. <i>Eminent members of the community.</i>

exposed	With no protection or shield. <i>The exposed northeast frontier.</i>
federal	Of or relating to the central government of a federation. <i>Federal courts.</i>
foremost	Situated closest to the bow. <i>The foremost compartment of the ship.</i>
free	Using or expending something without restraint; lavish. <i>After the Civil War he was a free man.</i>
general	Prevailing among and common to the general public. <i>Bearing a general resemblance to the original.</i>
important	Important in effect or meaning. <i>It is important to avoid monosyllabic answers.</i>
in circulation	Directed or bound inward.
in the public eye	Directed or bound inward.
joint	United or combined. <i>A joint session of Congress.</i>
known	Recognized, familiar, or within the scope of knowledge. <i>A musician known throughout the world.</i>
leading	Having the leading position or higher score in a contest. <i>We rode in the leading car.</i>
national	Owned or maintained for the public by the national government. <i>National parks.</i>
not exclusive	Not divided or shared with others.
not private	Not expressed.
notable	Worthy of attention because interesting, significant, or unusual. <i>The results with one notable exception have been superb.</i>
noted	Well known; famous. <i>The restaurant is noted for its high standards of cuisine.</i>
noteworthy	Worthy of notice. <i>Noteworthy features.</i>
obvious	Easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident, or apparent. <i>Unemployment has been the most obvious cost of the recession.</i>
open	Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and the tongue kept low. <i>The clarity and resonance of an open tone.</i>
open to the public	With no protection or shield.

outstanding	Owed as a debt. <i>Einstein was one of the outstanding figures of the 20th century.</i>
<u>overt</u>	Done or shown openly; plainly apparent. <i>An overt lie.</i>
plain	Not elaborate or elaborated; simple. <i>The main problem is just plain exhaustion.</i>
popular	(of music or art) new and of general appeal (especially among young people). <i>The popular vote.</i>
prominent	Conspicuous in position or importance. <i>A prominent citizen.</i>
publicized	Made known; especially made widely known.
<u>published</u>	(of information) printed or made available online so as to be generally known. <i>A course that offers the opportunity to have your writing critiqued by a published author.</i>
recognized	Generally approved or compelling recognition. <i>A recognized authority.</i>
shared	Posted or reposted on a social media website or application. <i>I lived in a shared house.</i>
<u>universal</u>	Of worldwide scope or applicability. <i>Universal wrench.</i>
unrestricted	Accessible to all. <i>Unrestricted verbs are usually stronger than those qualified by adverbs.</i>
well known	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
<u>widespread</u>	Widely circulated or diffused. <i>There was widespread support for the war.</i>



Usage Examples of "Public" as an adjective

- *He wanted a public apology in the Wall Street Journal.*
- *We should talk somewhere less public.*
- *Public spending.*
- *Public parks.*
- *A public scandal.*
- *He was forced to withdraw from public life.*
- *Performers and members of royal families are public figures.*
- *Public gardens.*
- *Public examination results.*
- *Public affairs.*
- *The public welfare.*
- *Public concern.*
- *Public libraries.*
- *Public funds.*

- *A public figure.*
- *A public library.*
- *Public services.*
- *The public good.*



Associations of "Public" (30 Words)

accepted

Generally approved or compelling recognition.

*Several **accepted** techniques for treating the condition.*

affirmation

A judgment by a higher court that the judgment of a lower court was correct and should stand.

*The lack of one or both parents **affirmation** leaves some children emotionally crippled.*

annunciation	(Christianity) the announcement to the Virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel of the incarnation of Christ. <i>The annunciation of a set of rules applying to the relationships between states.</i>
broadly	Without regard to specific details or exceptions. <i>Broadly speaking the risks are as follows.</i>
chiefly	For the most part. <i>An audience consisting chiefly of women between the ages of 18 and 54.</i>
commonly	Very often; frequently. <i>A commonly used industrial chemical.</i>
declaration	(contract bridge) the highest bid becomes the contract setting the number of tricks that the bidder must make. <i>His declaration of innocence.</i>
declared	Declared as fact explicitly stated. <i>Despite the company's declared good intentions some remained sceptical.</i>
general	A general officer of the highest rank. <i>The arrangements were outlined in very general terms.</i>
generally	By or to most people; widely. <i>A decade when France was moving generally to the left.</i>
habitually	By way of habit; customarily. <i>He habitually carried a pocket knife.</i>
known	(of a quantity or variable) having a value that can be stated. <i>A known criminal.</i>
largely	To a great extent; on the whole; mostly. <i>He was soon arrested largely through the efforts of Tom Poole.</i>
mainly	For the most part. <i>The west will be mainly dry.</i>
mostly	In large part; mainly or chiefly. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i>
normally	At right angles to a given line or surface. <i>Normally it takes three or four years to complete the training.</i>
official	Verified officially. <i>Members would know when industrial action is official.</i>
officially	With the authority of the government or other organization. <i>There is a possibility he was murdered officially he died in a car smash.</i>

opened	Made open or clear. <i>The newly opened road.</i>
ordinarily	Under normal conditions. <i>An effort to behave ordinarily.</i>
<u>overwhelmingly</u>	Incapable of being resisted. <i>The candy looked overwhelmingly desirable to the dieting man.</i>
populace	The people living in a particular country or area. <i>The party misjudged the mood of the populace.</i>
principally	For the most part; chiefly. <i>He was principally a landscape painter.</i>
<u>proclamation</u>	A formal public statement. <i>The issuing by the monarch of a proclamation dissolving Parliament.</i>
<u>routinely</u>	As part of a regular procedure rather than for a special reason. <i>Owners routinely flout local laws about restraining and picking up after their pets.</i>
stated	Declared as fact explicitly stated. <i>The stated aim of the programme.</i>
<u>typically</u>	In a way that is characteristic of a particular person or thing. <i>A typically English village wedding.</i>
universally	Everywhere. <i>Progress is not always universally welcomed.</i>
usually	Under normal conditions. <i>Usually she was late.</i>
<u>wont</u>	An established custom. <i>Wont thy heart to thoughts hereof.</i>

