

Need another word that means the same as “retroactive”? Find 2 synonyms and 30 related words for “retroactive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Retroactive” are: **ex post facto**, **retro**

Retroactive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Retroactive" as an adjective

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

- *Affecting things past.*
- *Descriptive of any event or stimulus or process that has an effect on the effects of events or stimuli or process that occurred previously.*
- *(especially of legislation) taking effect from a date in the past.*

Synonyms of "Retroactive" as an adjective (2 Words)

ex post facto Out of fashion.

[retro](#) Affecting things past.
Retro 60s fashions.

Usage Examples of "Retroactive" as an adjective

- *A big retroactive tax increase.*
- *Retroactive tax increase.*

Associations of "Retroactive" (30 Words)

<u>abate</u>	Reduce or remove (a nuisance). <i>The storm abated.</i>
application	Practical use or relevance. <i>The doctor prescribed a topical application of iodine.</i>
<u>back</u>	Of or at the back of something. <i>Can you back up your claims.</i>
backslide	Drop to a lower level, as in one's morals or standards. <i>There are many things that can cause slimmers to backslide.</i>
backward	Marked by a retiring nature. <i>He was not backward in displaying his talents.</i>
backwards	(of an object's motion) back towards the starting point. <i>He took a step backwards.</i>
behind	A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point. <i>England were still 382 runs behind.</i>
<u>curtail</u>	Place restrictions on. <i>Civil liberties were further curtailed.</i>
decline	Go down in value. <i>Her health began to decline.</i>
degeneracy	The state or quality of being degenerate. <i>A slide into moral degeneracy.</i>
diminish	Cause to seem less impressive or valuable. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i>
<u>diminution</u>	A reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something. <i>A permanent diminution in value.</i>
effect	The central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work. <i>Wind power can be used to great effect.</i>
fading	Weakening in force or intensity.
<u>flinch</u>	An act of flinching. <i>She flinched when they showed the slaughtering of the calf.</i>
inverse	Reversed (turned backward) in order or nature or effect. <i>Power is the inverse of dependence.</i>
posthumous	(of a child) born after the death of its father. <i>Newton was the posthumous son of an illiterate yeoman.</i>

<u>regress</u>	Calculate the coefficient or coefficients of regression of a variable against or on another variable. <i>A model in which C and Y are regressed on the same variables.</i>
<u>regression</u>	A return to a former or less developed state. <i>It is easy to blame unrest on economic regression.</i>
regressive	Opposing progress; returning to a former less advanced state. <i>A regressive personality.</i>
retreat	Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>Before his ordination he went into retreat.</i>
retrench	Tighten one's belt; use resources carefully. <i>Right wing parties which seek to retrench the welfare state.</i>
retrograde	Show retrograde motion. <i>Retrograde arguments.</i>
retrogression	Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>A retrogression to 19th century attitudes.</i>
<u>retrospect</u>	Contemplation of things past. <i>A full retrospect of the battle.</i>
retrospective	An exhibition of a representative selection of an artist's life work. <i>Retrospective pay awards.</i>
reversion	A property to which someone has the right of reversion. <i>He was given a promise of the reversion of Boraston s job.</i>
<u>revert</u>	Reply or respond to someone. <i>On reverting our eyes every step presented some new and admirable scene.</i>
<u>shadow</u>	Envelop in shadow cast a shadow over. <i>The north side of the cathedral was deep in shadow.</i>
<u>under</u>	Under water. <i>See under for further discussion.</i>