

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

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**The synonyms of “Salient” are: outstanding, prominent, spectacular, striking, important, main, principal, major, chief, primary, notable, noteworthy, arresting, conspicuous, noticeable, obvious, remarkable, signal, pronounced, predominant, dominant, key, crucial, vital, essential, basic, staple, critical, pivotal, prime, central, focal, paramount, evident, discernible, recognizable, distinguishable, unmistakable, eye-catching**

## Salient as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Salient" as an adjective

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

- *Most noticeable or important.*
- *Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention.*
- *(of an angle) pointing outwards.*
- *Pointing outward at an angle of less than 180 degrees.*
- *(of an animal) standing on its hind legs with the forepaws raised, as if leaping.*
- *Represented as leaping (rampant but leaning forward).*
- *Prominent; conspicuous.*

### Synonyms of "Salient" as an adjective (39 Words)

**arresting** Denoting a person or agency that seizes and detains someone by legal authority.  
*An **arresting** drawing of people turning into animals.*

<b>basic</b>	Relating to or denoting steel-making processes involving lime-rich refractories and slags. <i>A <b>basic</b> story line.</i>
<b>central</b>	At the point or in the area that is in the middle of something. <i>The <b>central</b> cause of the problem.</i>
<b>chief</b>	Most important. <i><b>Chief</b> among her concerns is working alone at night.</i>
<b>conspicuous</b>	Without any attempt at concealment; completely obvious. <i>A tower <b>conspicuous</b> at a great distance.</i>
<b>critical</b>	Having a decisive or crucial importance in the success, failure, or existence of something. <i>A <b>critical</b> shortage of food.</i>
<b>crucial</b>	Having crucial relevance. <i>A <b>crucial</b> moment in his career.</i>
<b>discernible</b>	Capable of being seen or noticed. <i>An essay with a meaning that was not always <b>discernible</b>.</i>
<b>distinguishable</b>	Capable of being perceived as different or distinct. <i>This particular case is <b>distinguishable</b> from others.</i>
<b>dominant</b>	Denoting the predominant species in a plant or animal community. <i>The <b>dominant</b> partner in the marriage.</i>
<b>essential</b>	(of a disease) with no known external stimulus or cause; idiopathic. <i>It is <b>essential</b> to keep up to date records.</i>
<b>evident</b>	Clearly seen or understood; obvious. <i>A clearly <b>evident</b> erasure in the manuscript.</i>
<b>eye-catching</b>	Seizing the attention.
<b>focal</b>	Relating to the focus of a lens. <i><b>Focal</b> point.</i>
<b>important</b>	Important in effect or meaning. <i><b>Important</b> people.</i>
<b>key</b>	Of crucial importance. <i>She became a <b>key</b> figure in the suffragette movement.</i>
<b>main</b>	Most important element. <i>By <b>main</b> strength.</i>
<b>major</b>	Of a premise containing the major term in a categorical syllogism. <i>A <b>major</b> artist.</i>
<b>notable</b>	Worthy of attention or notice; remarkable. <i>A <b>notable</b> increase in the crime rate.</i>

<b>noteworthy</b>	Worthy of attention because interesting, significant, or unusual. <i><b>Noteworthy</b> features.</i>
<b><u>noticeable</u></b>	Undesirably noticeable. <i>After a <b>noticeable</b> pause the lecturer continued.</i>
<b>obvious</b>	Easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident, or apparent. <i>It was <b>obvious</b> a storm was coming in.</i>
<b>outstanding</b>	Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention. <i><b>Outstanding</b> bills.</i>
<b><u>paramount</u></b>	Having supreme power. <i>The interests of the child are of <b>paramount</b> importance.</i>
<b><u>pivotal</u></b>	Being of crucial importance- Henry Kissinger. <i>A sliding or <b>pivotal</b> motion.</i>
<b>predominant</b>	Having or exerting control or power. <i>The <b>predominant</b> colour was white.</i>
<b><u>primary</u></b>	Of primary importance. <i>The government's <b>primary</b> aim is to see significant reductions in unemployment.</i>
<b>prime</b>	(of a number) divisible only by itself and unity (e.g. 2, 3, 5, 7, 11). <i><b>Prime</b> mover.</i>
<b>principal</b>	Denoting an original sum invested or lent. <i>The <b>principal</b> amount of your investment.</i>
<b>prominent</b>	Projecting from something; protuberant. <i>A new theory is the most <b>prominent</b> feature of the book.</i>
<b>pronounced</b>	Strongly marked; easily noticeable. <i>A <b>pronounced</b> flavor of cinnamon.</i>
<b><u>recognizable</u></b>	Able to be recognized or identified from previous encounters or knowledge. <i>This situation produces <b>recognizable</b> stress symptoms.</i>
<b>remarkable</b>	Worthy of attention; striking. <i>A <b>remarkable</b> coincidence.</i>
<b>signal</b>	Notably out of the ordinary. <i>The year saw one <b>signal</b> triumph for the Labour party.</i>
<b><u>spectacular</u></b>	Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention. <i><b>Spectacular</b> dives from the cliff.</i>
<b><u>staple</u></b>	Necessary or important, especially regarding food or commodities. <i>Wheat is a <b>staple</b> crop.</i>

<b>striking</b>	Attracting attention by reason of being unusual, extreme, or prominent. <i>The murder bore a <b>striking</b> similarity to an earlier shooting.</i>
<b>unmistakable</b>	Not able to be mistaken for anything else; very distinctive. <i>The <b>unmistakable</b> sound of his laughter.</i>
<b>vital</b>	Manifesting or characteristic of life. <i><b>Vital</b> signs.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Salient" as an adjective

- *It succinctly covered all the salient points of the case.*
- *Salient traits.*
- *The salient object in my view.*

## Associations of "Salient" (30 Words)

<b>absorbing</b>	Intensely interesting; engrossing. <i>An <b>absorbing</b> account of their marriage.</i>
<b>arresting</b>	Commanding attention. <i>An <b>arresting</b> drawing of people turning into animals.</i>
<b>attractive</b>	Having the properties of a magnet; the ability to draw or pull. <i>A book with <b>attractive</b> illustrations.</i>
<b>awesome</b>	Extremely impressive or daunting; inspiring awe. <i>My yearly review went <b>awesome</b>.</i>
<b>conspicuous</b>	Clearly visible. <i>A tower <b>conspicuous</b> at a great distance.</i>
<b>dramatic</b>	(of an event or circumstance) sudden and striking. <i>A <b>dramatic</b> pause.</i>
<b>enthraling</b>	Capturing and holding one's attention; fascinating. <i>An <b>enthraling</b> best seller.</i>
<b>entrancing</b>	Capable of attracting and holding interest; charming. <i>I find you <b>entrancing</b>.</i>
<b>exciting</b>	Stimulating interest and discussion. <i>An <b>exciting</b> novel.</i>
<b>fascinating</b>	Capable of arousing and holding the attention. <i>A <b>fascinating</b> book.</i>
<b>important</b>	Important in effect or meaning. <i>The speech had passion and more <b>important</b> compassion.</i>

<b>imposing</b>	Impressive in appearance. <i>An <b>imposing</b> 17th century manor house.</i>
<b>impressive</b>	Producing a strong effect. <i>An <b>impressive</b> view of the mountains.</i>
<b>interesting</b>	Arousing or holding the attention. <i>An <b>interesting</b> debate.</i>
<b>intriguing</b>	Disturbingly provocative. <i>Our team came up with some most <b>intriguing</b> finds.</i>
<b>irresistible</b>	Impossible to resist; overpowering. <i>He found the delicious looking cakes <b>irresistible</b>.</i>
<b>marvelous</b>	Too improbable to admit of belief. <i>A <b>marvelous</b> collection of rare books.</i>
<b>noteworthy</b>	Worth paying attention to; interesting or significant. <i>A <b>noteworthy</b> fact is that her students rarely complain.</i>
<b>obtrusive</b>	Undesirably noticeable. <i>Equally <b>obtrusive</b> was the graffiti.</i>
<b>outstanding</b>	Owed as a debt. <i>The team's <b>outstanding</b> performance.</i>
<b>profound</b>	Profound quality. <i>A <b>profound</b> book.</i>
<b>prominent</b>	Projecting from something; protuberant. <i>A man with big <b>prominent</b> eyes like a lobster's.</i>
<b>remarkable</b>	Worthy of attention because interesting, significant, or unusual. <i>A <b>remarkable</b> coincidence.</i>
<b>saintliness</b>	The quality or state of being saintly; holiness. <i>Her selfless behaviour borders on <b>saintliness</b>.</i>
<b>sensational</b>	Relating to or concerned in sensation. <i>A <b>sensational</b> view.</i>
<b>spectacular</b>	Strikingly large or obvious. <i><b>Spectacular</b> dives from the cliff.</i>
<b>stardom</b>	The state or status of being a very famous or talented entertainer or sports player. <i>John Thaw shot to <b>stardom</b> with his portrayal of Inspector Morse.</i>
<b>striking</b>	The action of striking. <i>The murder bore a <b>striking</b> similarity to an earlier shooting.</i>
<b>substantial</b>	(of a meal) large and filling. <i>Breakfast is a <b>substantial</b> buffet.</i>

**super**

An extra unwanted or unimportant person a supernumerary.  
A ***super*** party.