

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.

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

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

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

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

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

super

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