

Need another word that means the same as “selective”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “selective” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Selective” are: discriminating, discriminatory, discerning, critical, exacting, demanding, particular, hard to please

Selective as an Adjective

Definitions of "Selective" as an adjective

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

- *Operating at or responding to a particular frequency.*
- *Tending to select; characterized by careful choice.*
- *Tending to select; characterized by careful choice- John Mason Brown.*
- *(of a person) tending to choose carefully.*
- *Characterized by very careful or fastidious selection.*
- *(of a process or agent) affecting some things and not others.*
- *Relating to or involving the selection of the most suitable or best qualified.*



Synonyms of "Selective" as an adjective (8 Words)

critical	Relating to or denoting a point of transition from one state to another. <i>A critical edition of a Bach sonata.</i>
demanding	Requiring more than usually expected or thought due; especially great patience and effort and skill. <i>He was a demanding baby and rarely slept through the night.</i>
discerning	Quick to understand- Nathaniel Hawthorne. <i>Discerning taste.</i>
discriminating	Showing or indicating careful judgment and discernment especially in matters of taste. <i>He became a discriminating collector and patron of the arts.</i>
discriminatory	Capable of making fine distinctions. <i>A discriminatory tax.</i>

exacting	Requiring precise accuracy. <i>Certain highly specialized xerophytes are extremely exacting in their requirements.</i>
hard to please	Transmitted directly from a pointed light source.
particular	First and most important. <i>Has a particular preference for Chinese art.</i>



Usage Examples of "Selective" as an adjective

- *Modern pesticides are more selective in effect.*
- *The school was very selective in its admissions.*
- *He is very selective in his reading.*
- *The cow is the result of generations of selective breeding.*
- *A new marine VHF radio with digital selective calling.*

- *An exceptionally quick and selective reader.*



Associations of "Selective" (30 Words)

accept	Make use of or accept for some purpose. <i>I ll accept the charges.</i>
access	Reach or gain access to. <i>Information can be accessed from several files and displayed at the same time.</i>
adjudicate	Make a formal judgement on a disputed matter. <i>The Committee adjudicates on all betting disputes.</i>
admission	The fee charged for admission. <i>The country s admission to the UN.</i>
alternative	(of one or more things) available as another possibility or choice. <i>Alternative possibilities were neutrality or war.</i>

arbitrary	(of power or a ruling body) unrestrained and autocratic in the use of authority. <i>Of arbitrary size and shape.</i>
choice	One of a number of things from which only one can be chosen. <i>This disk drive is the perfect choice for your computer.</i>
choose	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>I always choose the fish over the meat courses in this restaurant.</i>
chosen	Having been selected as the best or most appropriate. <i>She was Mama s chosen.</i>
decide	Cause to decide. <i>We finally decided after lengthy deliberations.</i>
decision	The ability or tendency to make decisions quickly decisiveness. <i>The information was used as the basis for decision.</i>
elect	Elected but not yet installed in office. <i>The elect group of saints which was predestined for heaven.</i>
entree	An entrance, especially a theatrical entrance onto a stage or as if onto a stage. <i>She made a graceful entree into the ballroom.</i>
exclusive	Catering for or available to only a few, select customers; high class and expensive. <i>The problem isn t exclusive to Dublin.</i>
individually	One by one; singly; separately. <i>Taken individually the rooms were in fact square.</i>
opt	Select as an alternative over another. <i>She opted for the job on the East coast.</i>
option	Buy or sell an option on. <i>Choose the cheapest options for supplying energy.</i>
optional	Available to be chosen but not obligatory. <i>A wide range of optional excursions is offered.</i>

pick	Hit lightly with a picking motion. <i>He was picked for the England squad.</i>
predetermine	Cause to be biased. <i>Closed questions almost predetermine the response given.</i>
preferential	Of or involving preference or partiality; constituting a favour or privilege. <i>A preferential shop gives priority or advantage to union members in hiring or promoting.</i>
sampling	A sample. <i>Five random samplings collected from wild cats.</i>
scarify	Cut and remove debris from (a lawn) with a scarifier. <i>Scarify seeds.</i>
select	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>She selected a pair of shoes from among the dozen the salesgirl had shown her.</i>
selected	Chosen in preference to another.
selection	A plot of land acquired by selection. <i>The store carried a large selection of shoes.</i>
selectively	In a way that involves the selection of only particular people or things. <i>He accused state officials of selectively enforcing the law.</i>
singly	One by one; one at a time. <i>He talked to the players singly and in groups.</i>
specially	For a special purpose. <i>An especially or specially cautious approach to the danger.</i>
unilateral	Involving only one part or side. <i>Unilateral cerebral lesions.</i>

