

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)

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

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

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| <b>accept</b>           | Make use of or accept for some purpose.<br><i>I ll <b>accept</b> the charges.</i>  |
| <b><u>access</u></b>    | Reach or gain access to.<br><i>Information can be <b>accessed</b> from several files and displayed at the same time.</i>               |
| <b>adjudicate</b>       | Make a formal judgement on a disputed matter.<br><i>The Committee <b>adjudicates</b> on all betting disputes.</i>                      |
| <b><u>admission</u></b> | The fee charged for admission.<br><i>The country s <b>admission</b> to the UN.</i>   |
| <b>alternative</b>      | (of one or more things) available as another possibility or choice.<br><i><b>Alternative</b> possibilities were neutrality or war.</i> |
| <b><u>arbitrary</u></b> | (of power or a ruling body) unrestrained and autocratic in the use of authority.<br><i>Of <b>arbitrary</b> size and shape.</i>         |
| <b>choice</b>           | One of a number of things from which only one can be chosen.<br><i>This disk drive is the perfect <b>choice</b> for your computer.</i> |

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| <b>choose</b>           | Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives.<br><i>I always <b>choose</b> the fish over the meat courses in this restaurant.</i>  |
| <b><u>chosen</u></b>    | Having been selected as the best or most appropriate.<br><i>She was Mama s <b>chosen</b>.</i>   |
| <b>decide</b>           | Cause to decide.<br><i>We finally <b>decided</b> after lengthy deliberations.</i>   |
| <b>decision</b>         | The ability or tendency to make decisions quickly decisiveness.<br><i>The information was used as the basis for <b>decision</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>elect</u></b>     | Elected but not yet installed in office.<br><i>The <b>elect</b> group of saints which was predestined for heaven.</i>   |
| <b>entree</b>           | An entrance, especially a theatrical entrance onto a stage or as if onto a stage.<br><i>She made a graceful <b>entree</b> into the ballroom.</i>  |
| <b><u>exclusive</u></b> | Catering for or available to only a few, select customers; high class and expensive.<br><i>The problem isn t <b>exclusive</b> to Dublin.</i>  |
| <b>individually</b>     | One by one; singly; separately.<br><i>Taken <b>individually</b> the rooms were in fact square.</i>  |
| <b>opt</b>              | Select as an alternative over another.<br><i>She <b>opted</b> for the job on the East coast.</i>  |
| <b>option</b>           | Buy or sell an option on.<br><i>Choose the cheapest <b>options</b> for supplying energy.</i>  |
| <b><u>optional</u></b>  | Available to be chosen but not obligatory.<br><i>A wide range of <b>optional</b> excursions is offered.</i>   |
| <b><u>pick</u></b>      | Hit lightly with a picking motion.<br><i>He was <b>picked</b> for the England squad.</i>  |
| <b>predetermine</b>     | Cause to be biased.<br><i>Closed questions almost <b>predetermine</b> the response given.</i>   |
| <b>preferential</b>     | Of or involving preference or partiality; constituting a favour or privilege.<br><i>A <b>preferential</b> shop gives priority or advantage to union members in hiring or promoting.</i> |
| <b>sampling</b>         | A sample.<br><i>Five random <b>samplings</b> collected from wild cats.</i>  |
| <b>scarify</b>          | Cut and remove debris from (a lawn) with a scarifier.<br><i><b>Scarify</b> seeds.</i>   |

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| <b>select</b>            | Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives.<br><i>She <b>selected</b> a pair of shoes from among the dozen the salesgirl had shown her.</i> |
| <b>selected</b>          | Chosen in preference to another.   |
| <b>selection</b>         | A plot of land acquired by selection.<br><i>The store carried a large <b>selection</b> of shoes.</i>   |
| <b>selectively</b>       | In a way that involves the selection of only particular people or things.<br><i>He accused state officials of <b>selectively</b> enforcing the law.</i>  |
| <b>singly</b>            | One by one; one at a time.<br><i>He talked to the players <b>singly</b> and in groups.</i>   |
| <b><u>specially</u></b>  | For a special purpose.<br><i>An <b>especially</b> or <b>specially</b> cautious approach to the danger.</i>   |
| <b><u>unilateral</u></b> | Involving only one part or side.<br><i><b>Unilateral</b> cerebral lesions.</i>   |

