

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

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



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

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

<b>select</b>	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <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. <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. <i>He accused state officials of <b>selectively</b> enforcing the law.</i>
<b>singly</b>	One by one; one at a time. <i>He talked to the players <b>singly</b> and in groups.</i>
<b><u>specially</u></b>	For a special purpose. <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. <i><b>Unilateral</b> cerebral lesions.</i>

