

Need another word that means the same as “subservient”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “subservient” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Subservient” are: slavish, submissive, implemental, instrumental, deferential, acquiescent, compliant, accommodating, obedient, dutiful, duteous, biddable, yielding, meek, docile, ductile, pliant, passive, unassertive, spiritless, subdued, humble, timid, mild, lamblike, subordinate, secondary, subsidiary, peripheral, marginal, ancillary, auxiliary, supplementary, inferior, immaterial, supportive**

## Subservient as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Subservient" as an adjective

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

- *Less important; subordinate.*
- *Compliant and obedient to authority.*
- *Serving as a means to an end.*
- *Serving or acting as a means or aid.*
- *Abjectly submissive; characteristic of a slave or servant- S.H.Adams.*
- *Abjectly submissive; characteristic of a slave or servant.*
- *Compliant and obedient to authority-G. B. Shaw.*
- *Prepared to obey others unquestioningly.*

### Synonyms of "Subservient" as an adjective (36 Words)

<b><u>accommodating</u></b>	Willing to fit in with someone's wishes or needs. <i>Made a special effort to be <b>accommodating</b>.</i>
<b>acquiescent</b>	Willing to carry out the orders or wishes of another without protest. <i>Too <b>acquiescent</b> to challenge authority.</i>
<b><u>ancillary</u></b>	In addition to something else, but not as important. <i><b>Ancillary</b> staff.</i>
<b>auxiliary</b>	Functioning in a supporting capacity. <i>The main library and its <b>auxiliary</b> branches.</i>
<b>biddable</b>	Meekly ready to accept and follow instructions. <i>A <b>biddable</b> sweet natured child.</i>
<b>compliant</b>	Having the property of compliance. <i>A <b>compliant</b> labour force.</i>
<b>deferential</b>	Showing deference. <i>People were always <b>deferential</b> to him.</i>
<b><u>docile</u></b>	Willing to be taught or led or supervised or directed. <i><b>Docile</b> pupils eager for instruction.</i>
<b>ductile</b>	Easily influenced. <i><b>Ductile</b> copper.</i>
<b>duteous</b>	Willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect. <i>Patient Griselda was a chaste and <b>duteous</b> wife.</i>
<b>dutiful</b>	Willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect. <i>A <b>dutiful</b> child.</i>
<b>humble</b>	Of low birth or station ('base' is archaic in this sense). <i>My <b>humble</b> apologies.</i>
<b><u>immaterial</u></b>	Without material form or substance. <i>The price was <b>immaterial</b>.</i>
<b>implemental</b>	Serving or acting as a means or aid.
<b><u>inferior</u></b>	Of low or inferior quality. <i>Schooling in inner city areas was <b>inferior</b> to that in the rest of the country.</i>
<b>instrumental</b>	Relating to an implement or measuring device. <i>The Society was <b>instrumental</b> in bringing about legislation.</i>
<b>lamblike</b>	Like a lamb in meekness and gentleness.
<b><u>marginal</u></b>	At or constituting a border or edge. <i>A <b>marginal</b> victory.</i>
<b><u>meek</u></b>	Very docile. <i>She looked <b>meek</b> but had the heart of a lion.</i>

<b><u>mild</u></b>	Humble in spirit or manner suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i><b>Mild</b> criticism.</i>
<b><u>obedient</u></b>	Complying or willing to comply with an order or request; submissive to another's authority. <i>Children are taught to be <b>obedient</b> to their parents.</i>
<b><u>passive</u></b>	(of radar or a satellite) receiving or reflecting radiation from a transmitter or target rather than generating its own signal. <i>Much benevolence of the <b>passive</b> order may be traced to a disinclination to inflict pain upon oneself.</i>
<b><u>peripheral</u></b>	(of a device) able to be attached to and used with a computer, though not an integral part of it. <i>She will see their problems as <b>peripheral</b> to her own.</i>
<b><u>pliant</u></b>	Capable of being influenced or formed. <i><b>Pliant</b> molten glass.</i>
<b><u>secondary</u></b>	Having a reversible chemical reaction and therefore able to store energy. <i>A <b>secondary</b> issue.</i>
<b><u>slavish</u></b>	Servile or submissive. <i>A <b>slavish</b> adherence to protocol.</i>
<b><u>spiritless</u></b>	Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant. <i>Ruth and I played a <b>spiritless</b> game of Scrabble.</i>
<b><u>subdued</u></b>	Lacking in light; not bright or harsh. <i>I felt strangely <b>subdued</b> as I drove home.</i>
<b><u>submissive</u></b>	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant S H Adams. <i>Replacing troublemakers with more <b>submissive</b> people.</i>
<b><u>subordinate</u></b>	Lower in rank or position. <i>His <b>subordinate</b> officers.</i>
<b><u>subsidiary</u></b>	Functioning in a supporting capacity. <i>Many argue that the cause of animal rights is <b>subsidiary</b> to that of protecting the environment.</i>
<b><u>supplementary</u></b>	Completing or enhancing something. <i>The development of databases <b>supplementary</b> to existing ones.</i>
<b><u>supportive</u></b>	Providing encouragement or emotional help. <i>The staff are extremely <b>supportive</b> of each other.</i>
<b><u>timid</u></b>	Showing fear and lack of confidence. <i>Problems that call for bold not <b>timid</b> responses.</i>
<b><u>unassertive</u></b>	(of a person) not having or showing a confident and forceful personality. <i>A shy <b>unassertive</b> person.</i>

**yielding** Inclined to yield to argument or influence or control.  
*Too **yielding** to make a stand against any encroachments.*

## Usage Examples of "Subservient" as an adjective

- *She was subservient to her parents.*
- *He expected her career to become subservient to his.*
- *The whole narration is subservient to the moral plan of exemplifying twelve virtues in twelve knights.*
- *Editors and journalists who express opinions in print that are opposed to the interests of the rich are dismissed and replaced by subservient ones.*
- *She has become submissive and subservient.*

## Associations of "Subservient" (30 Words)

<b>acquiescent</b>	Willing to carry out the orders or wishes of another without protest. <i>Too <b>acquiescent</b> to challenge authority.</i>
<a href="#"><u>amenable</u></a>	Disposed or willing to conform. <i>Someone <b>amenable</b> to the instruction of others.</i>
<b>bowed</b>	Have legs that curve outward at the knees.
<b>compliance</b>	The state or fact of according with or meeting rules or standards. <i>The appalling <b>compliance</b> with government views shown by the commission.</i>
<b>compliant</b>	Having the property of compliance. <i>The conversion of the gel to a much less <b>compliant</b> rigid glass.</i>
<a href="#"><u>docile</u></a>	Willing to be taught or led or supervised or directed. <i>She s a black Labrador gentle and <b>docile</b>.</i>
<b>dutiful</b>	Willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect. <i>A <b>dutiful</b> child.</i>
<a href="#"><u>enjoin</u></a>	Give instructions to or direct somebody to do something with authority. <i>The charitable deeds <b>enjoined</b> on him by religion.</i>
<b>fawning</b>	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i><b>Fawning</b> adoration.</i>
<a href="#"><u>flattery</u></a>	Excessive or insincere praise. <i>She allowed no hint of <b>flattery</b> to enter her voice.</i>
<b>follow</b>	Accept and follow the leadership or command or guidance of. <i>Those who seek to <b>follow</b> Jesus Christ.</i>

<b>groveling</b>	Totally submissive.
<b>loyalty</b>	Feelings of allegiance. <i>His extreme <b>loyalty</b> to the Crown.</i>
<b><u>manageable</u></b>	Capable of existing or taking place or proving true; possible to do. <i>Her long hair was black wavy and <b>manageable</b>.</i>
<b><u>obedience</u></b>	The act of obeying; dutiful or submissive behavior with respect to another person. <i><b>Obedience</b> to moral standards.</i>
<b><u>obedient</u></b>	Dutifully complying with the commands or instructions of those in authority. <i>Children are taught to be <b>obedient</b> to their parents.</i>
<b>obeisance</b>	Bending the head or body or knee as a sign of reverence or submission or shame or greeting. <i>She made a deep <b>obeisance</b>.</i>
<b><u>obey</u></b>	Behave in accordance with (a general principle, natural law, etc.). <i>I always <b>obey</b> my father.</i>
<b><u>obsequious</u></b>	Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree. <i>They were served by <b>obsequious</b> waiters.</i>
<b><u>servant</u></b>	A devoted and helpful follower or supporter. <i>He was a great <b>servant</b> of the Labour Party.</i>
<b>servile</b>	Of or characteristic of a slave or slaves. <i>The <b>servile</b> wars of Sicily.</i>
<b>slavish</b>	Blindly imitative. <i>A <b>slavish</b> adherence to protocol.</i>
<b>submission</b>	Humility; meekness. <i>The union was brought into <b>submission</b>.</i>
<b>submissive</b>	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant. <i><b>Submissive</b> servants.</i>
<b>subservience</b>	Willingness to obey others unquestioningly. <i>He demonstrated his complete <b>subservience</b> to his masters.</i>
<b><u>succumb</u></b>	Fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force. <i>We cannot merely give up and <b>succumb</b> to despair.</i>
<b>sycophantic</b>	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i>A <b>sycophantic</b> interview.</i>
<b>toady</b>	Act in an obsequious way. <i>She imagined him <b>toadying</b> to his rich clients.</i>
<b>tractability</b>	The trait of being easily persuaded.

tractable

Easily managed (controlled or taught or molded).  
*Trying to make the mathematics **tractable**.*