

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)

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

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

acquiescent Willing to carry out the orders or wishes of another without protest.
*Too **acquiescent** to challenge authority.*

amenable Disposed or willing to conform.
*Someone **amenable** to the instruction of others.*

bowed Have legs that curve outward at the knees.

compliance The state or fact of according with or meeting rules or standards.
*The appalling **compliance** with government views shown by the commission.*

compliant Having the property of compliance.
*The conversion of the gel to a much less **compliant** rigid glass.*

docile Willing to be taught or led or supervised or directed.
*She is a black Labrador gentle and **docile**.*

dutiful Willingly obedient out of a sense of duty and respect.
*A **dutiful** child.*

enjoin Give instructions to or direct somebody to do something with authority.
*The charitable deeds **enjoined** on him by religion.*

fawning Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery.
***Fawning** adoration.*

flattery Excessive or insincere praise.
*She allowed no hint of **flattery** to enter her voice.*

follow Accept and follow the leadership or command or guidance of.
*Those who seek to **follow** Jesus Christ.*

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

tractable

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