

Need another word that means the same as “symbolic”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “symbolic” in this overview.

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Symbolic as an Adjective

Definitions of "Symbolic" as an adjective

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

- *Using symbolism.*
- *Relating to or using or proceeding by means of symbols.*
- *Involving the use of symbols or symbolism.*
- *Serving as a visible symbol for something abstract.*
- *Significant purely in terms of what is being represented or implied.*
- *Serving as a symbol.*



Synonyms of "Symbolic" as an adjective (17 Words)

allegorical	Constituting or containing allegory. <i>Allegorical stories.</i>
<u>allusive</u>	Using or containing suggestion rather than explicit mention. <i>Allusive speech is characterized by allusions.</i>
characteristic	Typical of a particular person, place, or thing. <i>Stripes characteristic of the zebra.</i>
connotative	Having the power of implying or suggesting something in addition to what is explicit.
denotative	In accordance with fact or the primary meaning of a term.
<u>distinctive</u>	Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing- Curtis Wilkie. <i>Juniper berries give gin its distinctive flavour.</i>
<u>emblematic</u>	Serving as a visible symbol for something abstract. <i>This case is emblematic of a larger problem.</i>
emblematical	Serving as a visible symbol for something abstract.

figurative	Consisting of or forming human or animal figures- Herbert Read. <i>Figurative language.</i>
<u>illustrative</u>	Relating to pictorial illustration. <i>The illustrative arts.</i>
mnemonic	Relating to the power of memory. <i>Mnemonic device.</i>
parabolic	Having the form of a parabola. <i>A parabolic mirror behind a spotlight projects a parallel beam.</i>
representative	Being or characteristic of government by representation in which citizens exercise power through elected officers and representatives. <i>The bald eagle is representative of the United States.</i>
<u>suggestive</u>	(usually followed by `of') pointing out or revealing clearly. <i>Suggestive poses.</i>
symbolical	Relating to or using or proceeding by means of symbols.
symptomatic	Serving as a symptom or sign, especially of something undesirable. <i>Symptomatic patients.</i>
<u>typical</u>	Representative as a symbol; symbolic. <i>A typical day.</i>



Usage Examples of "Symbolic" as an adjective

- *Symbolic thinking.*
- *The release of the dissident was an important symbolic gesture.*
- *The spinning wheel was as symbolic of colonial Massachusetts as the codfish.*
- *Symbolic logic.*
- *A repeating design symbolic of eternity.*
- *Klimt's symbolic painting of 1900-7.*
- *Symbolic operations.*



Associations of "Symbolic" (30 Words)

bode Be a portent of a particular outcome.
*Their argument did not **bode** well for the future.*

bracket	Enclose a complex expression in brackets to denote that the whole of the expression rather than just a part of it has a particular relation such as multiplication or division to another expression. <i>Pipes should be bracketed.</i>
caret	A mark used by an author or editor to indicate where something is to be inserted into a text.
<u>contingent</u>	Subject to chance. <i>His fees were contingent on the success of his search.</i>
denotation	The object or concept to which a term refers, or the set of objects of which a predicate is true. <i>Beyond their immediate denotation the words have a connotative power.</i>
<u>emblem</u>	A visible symbol representing an abstract idea. <i>America's national emblem the bald eagle.</i>
<u>embody</u>	Be an expression of or give a tangible or visible form to (an idea, quality, or feeling). <i>A national team that embodies competitive spirit and skill.</i>
<u>exemplify</u>	Clarify by giving an example of. <i>The best dry sherry is exemplified by the fino of Jerez.</i>
express	Serve as a means for expressing something. <i>Italians express coffee rather than filter it.</i>
<u>implicit</u>	Always to be found in; essentially connected with. <i>The values implicit in the school ethos.</i>
indicant	A number or ratio (a value on a scale of measurement) derived from a series of observed facts; can reveal relative changes as a function of time. <i>Symptoms are the prime indicants of disease.</i>
indicate	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>He indicated his opponents.</i>
indication	A reason to prescribe a drug or perform a procedure. <i>The visit was an indication of the improvement in relations between the countries.</i>
<u>logo</u>	A company emblem or device. <i>The Olympic logo was emblazoned across the tracksuits.</i>
mascot	A person or thing that is supposed to bring good luck, especially one linked to a particular organization or event. <i>The team's dolphin mascot.</i>
portray	Portray in words. <i>The book portrays the actor as a selfish person.</i>

represent	Be representative or typical for. <i>Our parents represented to us the need for more caution.</i>
representation	Formal statements made to an authority, especially so as to communicate an opinion or register a protest. <i>You may qualify for free legal representation.</i>
representative	Of a government or political system based on elected or chosen representatives. <i>The show would be more representative of how women really are.</i>
schematic	In technical contexts a schematic diagram in particular of an electric or electronic circuit. <i>Freeman constructs a highly schematic reading of the play.</i>
sign	A fundamental linguistic unit linking a signifier to that which is signified. <i>The signs are that counterfeiting is growing at an alarming rate.</i>
signal	Communicate silently and non verbally by signals or signs. <i>Stone signalled right.</i>
signify	Be an indication of. <i>I wasn't signifying at her.</i>
smoothed	Made smooth by ironing.
symbol	Symbolize. <i>The chemical symbol for helium is He.</i>
symbolism	The practice of investing things with symbolic meaning. <i>He has always believed in the importance of symbolism in garden art.</i>
symbolize	Represent by means of symbols. <i>The ceremonial dagger symbolizes justice.</i>
technicolor	A trademarked method of making color motion pictures.
typify	Embody the essential characteristics of or be a typical example of. <i>Tough, low-lying vegetation typifies this arctic area.</i>
zodiac	A representation of the signs of the zodiac or of a similar astrological system.

