

Need another word that means the same as “sympathetic”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “sympathetic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sympathetic” are: appealing, likable, likeable, harmonic, benevolent, charitable, good-hearted, kindly, large-hearted, openhearted, commiserative, pitying, consoling, comforting, supportive, encouraging, in favour of, in sympathy with, approving of, pro, on the side of, supportive of, supporting of, favourable, encouraging of, pleasant, agreeable, congenial, friendly, genial, companionable, easy to get along with**

## Sympathetic as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sympathetic" as an adjective

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

- *(of a structure) designed in a sensitive or appropriate way.*
- *Feeling, showing, or expressing sympathy.*
- *Of or relating to the sympathetic nervous system.*
- *(of a person) attracting the liking of others.*
- *Showing approval of or favour towards an idea or action.*
- *Expressing or feeling or resulting from sympathy or compassion or friendly fellow feelings; disposed toward.*
- *Evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings.*
- *Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity.*
- *Relating to or denoting the part of the autonomic nervous system consisting of nerves arising from ganglia near the middle part of the spinal cord, supplying the internal organs, blood vessels, and glands, and balancing the action of the parasympathetic*

nerves.

- *Having similar disposition and tastes.*
- *(of characters in literature or drama) evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings.*
- *Relating to, producing, or denoting an effect which arises in response to a similar action elsewhere.*
- *Relating to vibrations that occur as a result of vibrations in a nearby body.*



## Synonyms of "Sympathetic" as an adjective (32 Words)

**agreeable**

Willing to agree to something.  
**Agreeable** to the plan.

**appealing**

Able to attract interest or draw favorable attention- Vincent Starrett.  
An **appealing** look.

**approving of**

Expressing or manifesting praise or approval.

<b>benevolent</b>	(of an organization) serving a charitable rather than a profit-making purpose. <i>A <b>benevolent</b> smile.</i>
<b>charitable</b>	Relating to or characterized by charity. <i>Was <b>charitable</b> in his opinions of others.</i>
<b>comforting</b>	Affording comfort or solace. <i>A <b>comforting</b> bowl of soup.</i>
<b>commiserative</b>	Feeling or expressing sympathy. <i>Made <b>commiserative</b> clicking sounds with his tongue.</i>
<b>companionable</b>	(of a situation) relaxed and pleasant because shared with friends or friendly people. <i>A <b>companionable</b> pet.</i>
<u><b>congenial</b></u>	Capable of cross-fertilization or of being grafted. <i>He went back to a climate more <b>congenial</b> to his cold stony soul.</i>
<b>consoling</b>	Affording comfort or solace. <i>His sister gave him a <b>consoling</b> pat on the back.</i>
<b>easy to get along with</b>	Affording comfort.
<b>encouraging</b>	Giving someone support or confidence; supportive. <i>The results are very <b>encouraging</b>.</i>
<b>encouraging of</b>	Giving courage or confidence or hope.
<b>favourable</b>	(of winds or weather) tending to promote or facilitate. <i>By sailing towards the land first you will find more <b>favourable</b> wind.</i>
<b>friendly</b>	Inclined to help or support; not antagonistic or hostile. <i>User <b>friendly</b> computers.</i>
<u><b>genial</b></u>	Of or relating to the chin or median part of the lower jaw. <i>Our <b>genial</b> host.</i>
<b>good-hearted</b>	Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity.
<b>harmonic</b>	Using or produced by the application of a harmonic. <i>A basic four chord <b>harmonic</b> sequence.</i>
<b>in favour of</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>in sympathy with</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<u><b>kindly</b></u>	Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity. <i><b>Kindly</b> criticism.</i>

**large-hearted**

Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity.

**likable**

Evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings.

*An attractive and **likable** young man.*

**likeable**

Easy to like; agreeable.

*A very **likeable** young woman.*

**on the side of**

Located on a side.

**openhearted**

Freely communicative; candidly straightforward.

***Openhearted*** advice.

**pitying**

Feeling or showing sorrow for someone's misfortunes, often with an implication of disdain or mild contempt.

*He gave her a **pitying** look.*

**pleasant**

Having pleasing manners or behavior.

***Pleasant*** sensations.

**pro**

Of a person or an event professional.

*A **pro** golfer.*

**supporting of**

Furnishing support and encouragement.

**supportive**

Furnishing support or assistance.

*A **supportive** family network.*

**supportive of**

Furnishing support or assistance.



## Usage Examples of "Sympathetic" as an adjective

- *A sympathetic gesture.*
- *The sympathetic characters in the play.*
- *Sympathetic neurons.*
- *Sympathetic vibration.*
- *With their many similar tastes, he found her a most sympathetic companion.*
- *She was sympathetic towards staff with family problems.*
- *A sympathetic observer.*
- *Sympathetic to the students' cause.*
- *Buildings that were sympathetic to their surroundings.*
- *Sympathetic stimulation.*
- *Sympathetic words.*
- *He was sympathetic to evolutionary ideas.*
- *Hubbell is a more sympathetic character.*
- *He spoke in a sympathetic tone.*





## Associations of "Sympathetic" (30 Words)

<b>altruism</b>	The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. <i>Reciprocal <b>altruism</b>.</i>
<b>appealing</b>	Able to attract interest or draw favorable attention. <i>Village life is somehow more <b>appealing</b>.</i>
<b>benefaction</b>	A contribution of money or assistance. <i>Take official receipt of such <b>benefaction</b>.</i>
<b><u>benevolence</u></b>	An act intending or showing kindness and good will.
<b>benignity</b>	The quality of being kind and gentle. <i>His air of <b>benignity</b>.</i>
<b><u>brotherhood</u></b>	A trade union. <i>A religious <b>brotherhood</b>.</i>
<b>caring</b>	A loving feeling. <i>The <b>caring</b> professions.</i>

<b>compassion</b>	The humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it. <i>The victims should be treated with <b>compassion</b>.</i>
<b>compassionate</b>	Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others. <i>Heard the soft and <b>compassionate</b> voices of women.</i>
<b>congenial</b>	Suitable to your needs- T.L.Peacock. <i>Two <b>congenial</b> spirits united by mutual confidence and reciprocal virtues.</i>
<b>empathetic</b>	Showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another. <i>She s compassionate and <b>empathetic</b> towards her daughter.</i>
<b>empathy</b>	Understanding and entering into another's feelings.
<b>forgiving</b>	Ready and willing to forgive. <i>Perry is surprisingly <b>forgiving</b> of his stepfather.</i>
<b>generosity</b>	Acting generously. <i>I was overwhelmed by the <b>generosity</b> of friends and neighbours.</i>
<b>goodness</b>	That which is pleasing or valuable or useful. <i>A belief in the basic <b>goodness</b> of mankind.</i>
<b>goodwill</b>	An intangible asset valued according to the advantage or reputation a business has acquired (over and above its tangible assets). <i>The scheme is dependent on <b>goodwill</b> between the two sides.</i>
<b>hangdog</b>	Frightened into submission or compliance. <i>The <b>hangdog</b> and shamefaced air of the retreating enemy.</i>
<b>harmonious</b>	Exhibiting equivalence or correspondence among constituents of an entity or between different entities. <i><b>Harmonious</b> music.</i>
<b>kindly</b>	Pleasant and agreeable. <i><b>Kindly</b> breeze.</i>
<b>kindness</b>	The quality of being warmhearted and considerate and humane and sympathetic. <i>He thanked them for their <b>kindness</b> and support.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	(of an event) coming as a mercy; bringing someone relief from something unpleasant. <i>Our <b>merciful</b> king.</i>
<b>mercy</b>	Compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. <i>His death was in a way a <b>mercy</b>.</i>
<b>pathetic</b>	Arousing pity, especially through vulnerability or sadness. <i>His ball control was <b>pathetic</b>.</i>

**pathos**

A quality that arouses emotions (especially pity or sorrow).  
*The actor injects his customary humour and **pathos** into the role.*

**pity**

Feel sorrow for the misfortunes of.  
*What a **pity** we can't be friends.*

**regretful**

Feeling or showing regret.  
***Regretful** over mistakes she had made.*

**ruth**

United States professional baseball player famous for hitting home runs (1895-1948).

**selflessness**

The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others.  
*A noble act of **selflessness**.*

**sentimentality**

Exaggerated and self-indulgent tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia.  
*There are passages which verge on **sentimentality**.*

**sympathy**

An inclination to support or be loyal to or to agree with an opinion.  
*The two of them were in close **sympathy**.*

