

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.

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

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

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

