

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

Table Of Contents:

- [Tardy as an Adjective](#)
- [Definitions of "Tardy" as an adjective](#)
- [Synonyms of "Tardy" as an adjective \(17 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Tardy" as an adjective](#)
- [Associations of "Tardy" \(30 Words\)](#)

**The synonyms of “Tardy” are: belated, late, behind time, behind schedule, behind, behindhand, slow, unhurried, unpunctual, lax, slack, sluggish, sluggardly, lazy, idle, indolent, slothful**

## Tardy as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Tardy" as an adjective

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

- *Slow in action or response; sluggish.*
- *Delaying or delayed beyond the right or expected time; late.*
- *After the expected or usual time; delayed.*



## Synonyms of "Tardy" as an adjective (17 Words)

<b>behind</b>	Having the lower score or lagging position in a contest. <i><b>Behind</b> by two points.</i>
<b>behind schedule</b>	Having the lower score or lagging position in a contest.
<b>behind time</b>	Having the lower score or lagging position in a contest. Behind schedule.
<b>behindhand</b>	<i>You are miserably <b>behindhand</b> Mr Cole gave me a hint of it six weeks ago.</i>
<b><u>belated</u></b>	Coming or happening later than should have been the case. <i>A <b>belated</b> birthday card.</i>
<b>idle</b>	(of a person) not working; unemployed. <i>He did not want to waste valuable time in <b>idle</b> chatter.</i>
<b><u>indolent</u></b>	(of a disease or condition) causing little or no pain. <i>An <b>indolent</b> ulcer.</i>

late

Of a later stage in the development of a language or literature used especially of dead languages.

**Late** 18th century.

lax

Of a speech sound especially a vowel pronounced with the vocal muscles relaxed.

*Muscles have more potential energy when they are stretched than when they are **lax**.*

lazy

Disinclined to work or exertion.

*Too **lazy** to wash the dishes.*

**slack**

(of a tide) neither ebbing nor flowing.

**Slack** sails.

**slothful**

Lazy.

*Fatigue made him **slothful**.*

**slow**

At a slow tempo.

*The **slow** lane of traffic.*

**sluggardly**

Slow-moving.

**Sluggardly** pedestrians.

**sluggish**

(of business) not active or brisk.

*A **sluggish** market.*

**unhurried**

Moving, acting, or taking place without haste or urgency.

*Spoke in a calm and **unhurried** voice.*

**unpunctual**

Not happening or doing something at the agreed or proper time.

*The trains into Tbilisi were notoriously **unpunctual**.*



## Usage Examples of "Tardy" as an adjective

- *Please forgive this tardy reply.*
- *Tardy children are sent to the principal.*
- *Always tardy in making dental appointments.*
- *This makes the car feel tardy in quick manoeuvres.*





## Associations of "Tardy" (30 Words)

<b>andantino</b>	A movement or passage marked to be performed andantino. <i>The slow movement is marked <b>andantino</b>.</i>
<b><u>belated</u></b>	Coming or happening later than should have been the case. <i>A <b>belated</b> birthday card.</i>
<b>deceased</b>	Recently dead. <i>The judge inferred that the <b>deceased</b> was confused as to the extent of his assets.</i>
<b>dilatory</b>	Wasting time. <i>They resorted to <b>dilatory</b> tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.</i>
<b>drawl</b>	A slow speech pattern with prolonged vowels. <i><b>Drawl</b> one s vowels.</i>
<b>dullness</b>	Lack of sensibility. <i>Flowery options to brighten up the <b>dullness</b> of autumn.</i>

<b><u>easygoing</u></b>	Not hurried or forced. <i>At a leisurely or <b>easygoing</b> pace.</i>
<b><u>gradual</u></b>	(of a slope) not steep or abrupt. <i>A <b>gradual</b> increase in prices.</i>
<b>idler</b>	A pulley that transmits no power but guides or stretches a belt or rope.
<b>inactive</b>	(chemistry) not participating in a chemical reaction; chemically inert. <i><b>Inactive</b> machinery.</i>
<b>indolence</b>	Inactivity resulting from a dislike of work. <i>My failure is probably due to my own <b>indolence</b>.</i>
<b><u>inert</u></b>	Unable to move or resist motion. <i>An <b>inert</b> political system.</i>
<b>laggard</b>	A person who makes slow progress and falls behind others. <i>A bell to summon <b>laggard</b> children to school.</i>
<b><u>late</u></b>	Later than usual or than expected. <i>Had a <b>late</b> breakfast.</i>
<b><u>lazy</u></b>	Showing a lack of care. <i><b>Lazy</b> white clouds.</i>
<b><u>lethargic</u></b>	Affected by lethargy; sluggish and apathetic. <i>Bullfrogs became <b>lethargic</b> with the first cold nights.</i>
<b><u>lifeless</u></b>	Not having the capacity to support life. <i>Dull and <b>lifeless</b> hair.</i>
<b>lingering</b>	The act of tarrying. <i>There are still some <b>lingering</b> doubts in my mind.</i>
<b>loosen</b>	(with reference to the bowels) make or become relaxed prior to excretion. <i><b>Loosen</b> the necktie.</i>
<b>oafish</b>	Rough or clumsy and unintelligent. <i><b>Oafish</b> behaviour.</i>
<b>piecemeal</b>	In an unsystematic way, through partial measures taken over a period of time. <i>Some can only be had as part of a package while others can be installed <b>piecemeal</b>.</i>
<b>ponderous</b>	Having great mass and weight and unwieldiness. <i>A swarthy <b>ponderous</b> giant of a man.</i>
<b><u>procrastination</u></b>	The act of procrastinating; putting off or delaying or deferring an action to a later time. <i>Your first tip is to avoid <b>procrastination</b>.</i>

<b>relax</b>	Cause to feel relaxed. <i><b>Relax</b> the leg by bringing the knee towards the chest.</i>
<b>slacken</b>	Make slack as by lessening tension or firmness. <i>The rope <b>slackened</b>.</i>
<b>sloth</b>	Apathy and inactivity in the practice of virtue (personified as one of the deadly sins). <i>The pair had been attacked by a <b>sloth</b> of bears.</i>
<b>slow</b>	Become slow or slower. <i>I wasn't feeling well and had to <b>slow</b> down.</i>
<b>sluggish</b>	Lacking energy or alertness. <i>A <b>sluggish</b> market.</i>
<b>sulky</b>	Morose, bad-tempered, and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful. <i>She had a sultry <b>sulky</b> mouth.</i>
<b>torpid</b>	Mentally or physically inactive; lethargic. <i>The animal need not lie around in a <b>torpid</b> state vulnerable to attack.</i>

