

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

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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)

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

late	Of a later stage in the development of a language or literature used especially of dead languages. <i>Late 18th century.</i>
lax	Of a speech sound especially a vowel pronounced with the vocal muscles relaxed. <i>Muscles have more potential energy when they are stretched than when they are lax.</i>
lazy	Disinclined to work or exertion. <i>Too lazy to wash the dishes.</i>
slack	(of a tide) neither ebbing nor flowing. <i>Slack sails.</i>
slothful	Lazy. <i>Fatigue made him slothful.</i>
slow	At a slow tempo. <i>The slow lane of traffic.</i>
sluggardly	Slow-moving. <i>Sluggardly pedestrians.</i>
sluggish	(of business) not active or brisk. <i>A sluggish market.</i>
unhurried	Moving, acting, or taking place without haste or urgency. <i>Spoke in a calm and unhurried voice.</i>
unpunctual	Not happening or doing something at the agreed or proper time. <i>The trains into Tbilisi were notoriously unpunctual.</i>



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)

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

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

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

