

Need another word that means the same as “thorough”? Find 58 synonyms and 30 related words for “thorough” in this overview.

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## **Thorough as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Thorough" as an adjective**

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

- *Painstakingly careful and accurate.*
- *Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.*
- *Taking pains to do something carefully and completely.*
- *Absolute (used to emphasize the degree of something, typically something unwelcome or unpleasant).*
- *Performed or written with great care and completeness.*
- *Performed comprehensively and completely; not superficial or partial.*
- *Performed comprehensively and completely.*
- *Complete with regard to every detail; not superficial or partial.*



## Synonyms of "Thorough" as an adjective (58 Words)

<b><u>absolute</u></b>	(of a construction) syntactically independent of the rest of the sentence, as in dinner being over, we left the table. <i><b>Absolute</b> truth.</i>
<b>all-embracing</b>	Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
<b>all-inclusive</b>	Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
<b>all-out</b>	Using all available resources.
<b>arrant</b>	Complete, utter. <i>An <b>arrant</b> fool.</i>
<b><u>assiduous</u></b>	Marked by care and persistent effort. <i><b>Assiduous</b> research.</i>
<b><u>attentive</u></b>	Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Never before had she had such an <b>attentive</b> audience.</i>

<b><u>careful</u></b>	Unhurried and with care and dignity. <i>Careful of her feelings.</i>
<b>close</b>	Fitting closely but comfortably. <i>A <b>close</b> formation of ships.</i>
<b>complete</b>	Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>A <b>complete</b> accounting.</i>
<b>comprehensive</b>	Of large content or scope; wide-ranging. <i>A <b>comprehensive</b> survey of world affairs.</i>
<b>conscientious</b>	Wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly. <i><b>Conscientious</b> application to the work at hand.</i>
<b>consummate</b>	Showing great skill and flair. <i>A <b>consummate</b> fool.</i>
<b>detailed</b>	Developed or executed with care and in minute detail- John Buchan. <i>An exquisitely <b>detailed</b> carving.</i>
<b>diligent</b>	Having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties. <i>After <b>diligent</b> searching he found a parcel.</i>
<b>double-dyed</b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.
<b>downright</b>	Complete and without restriction or qualification; sometimes used informally as intensifiers. <i>A <b>downright</b> kind of person.</i>
<b>elaborate</b>	Marked by complexity and richness of detail. <i>The carefully <b>elaborated</b> theme.</i>
<b>everlasting</b>	Lasting forever or a very long time. <i>Life <b>everlasting</b>.</i>
<b><u>exhaustive</u></b>	Performed comprehensively and completely. <i>An <b>exhaustive</b> study.</i>
<b>extensive</b>	(of agriculture) obtaining a relatively small crop from a large area with a minimum of capital and labour. <i>An <b>extensive</b> garden.</i>
<b>full</b>	Constituting the full quantity or extent complete. <i>John made <b>full</b> use of all the tuition provided.</i>
<b>gross</b>	General or large-scale; not detailed. <i>The <b>gross</b> amount of the gift was 1 000.</i>
<b><u>industrious</u></b>	Diligent and hard-working. <i>An <b>industrious</b> people striving to make their country prosperous.</i>

<u><a href="#">intensive</a></u>	(of agriculture) aiming to achieve maximum production within a limited area, especially by using chemical and technological aids. <i>She undertook an <b>intensive</b> Arabic course.</i>
<b>laborious</b>	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort. <i>She wrote in <b>laborious</b> dictionary assisted English.</i>
<u><a href="#">methodical</a></u>	(of a person) orderly or systematic in thought or behaviour. <i>A <b>methodical</b> man he assembled all the papers into a huge pile.</i>
<u><a href="#">meticulous</a></u>	Marked by extreme care in treatment of details. <i>A <b>meticulous</b> craftsman.</i>
<b>minute</b>	Characterized by painstaking care and detailed examination. <i>Two <b>minute</b> whiplike threads of protoplasm.</i>
<b>out-and-out</b>	Outside or external.
<u><a href="#">outright</a></u>	Open and direct. <i>An <b>outright</b> victory.</i>
<u><a href="#">painstaking</a></u>	Done with or employing great care and thoroughness. <i><b>Painstaking</b> research.</i>
<b>perfect</b>	Of a tense denoting a completed action or a state or habitual action which began in the past The perfect tense is formed in English with have or has and the past participle as in they have eaten and they have been eating present perfect they had eaten past perfect and they will have eaten future perfect. <i>With a little help you can create a room that is <b>perfect</b> for you.</i>
<u><a href="#">persevering</a></u>	Quietly and steadily persevering especially in detail or exactness. <i>She has been a remarkably steadfast and <b>persevering</b> woman.</i>
<b>profound</b>	(of sleep) deep and complete. <i>A <b>profound</b> book.</i>
<b>proper</b>	According to or respecting social standards or conventions; respectable, especially excessively so. <i>Everything in its <b>proper</b> place.</i>
<b>punctilious</b>	Showing great attention to detail or correct behaviour. <i><b>Punctilious</b> in his attention to rules of etiquette.</i>
<u><a href="#">pure</a></u>	Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i><b>Pure</b> tones.</i>
<b>rank</b>	Growing profusely. <i><b>Rank</b> jungle vegetation.</i>
<b>real</b>	Coinciding with reality F A Olafson. <i>It s time he had a <b>real</b> job.</i>

<b><u>rigorous</u></b>	(of a person) adhering strictly to a belief or system. <i>The <b>rigorous</b> testing of consumer products.</i>
<b>scrupulous</b>	Having scruples; arising from a sense of right and wrong; principled. <i>Less <b>scrupulous</b> producers sent bundles that were deceptive in appearance.</i>
<b>searching</b>	Exploring thoroughly. <i>You have to ask yourselves some <b>searching</b> questions.</i>
<b>sedulous</b>	Marked by care and persistent effort. <i><b>Sedulous</b> pursuit of legal and moral principles.</i>
<b><u>sheer</u></b>	Not mixed with extraneous elements. <i><b>Sheer</b> wine.</i>
<b>sodding</b>	Used for emphasis, typically to express frustration, anger, or impatience. <i>What a <b>sodding</b> mess.</i>
<b><u>staring</u></b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>Stark <b>staring</b> mad.</i>
<b><u>stark</u></b>	Devoid of any qualifications or disguise or adornment. <i>He came running back in <b>stark</b> terror.</i>
<b>surpassing</b>	Exceeding or surpassing usual limits especially in excellence. <i>A picture of <b>surpassing</b> beauty.</i>
<b><u>sweeping</u></b>	Extending or performed in a long, continuous curve. <i>A <b>sweeping</b> glance.</i>
<b>thoroughgoing</b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i><b>Thoroughgoing</b> research.</i>
<b><u>total</u></b>	Complete; absolute. <i>A <b>total</b> stranger.</i>
<b><u>unadulterated</u></b>	(especially of food or drink) having no inferior added substances; pure. <i><b>Unadulterated</b> whole milk yogurt.</i>
<b><u>unmitigated</u></b>	Not diminished or moderated in intensity or severity; sometimes used as an intensifier. <i>An <b>unmitigated</b> horror.</i>
<b>unqualified</b>	Not limited or restricted. <i>He was totally <b>unqualified</b> for his job as a senior house doctor.</i>
<b><u>utter</u></b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i><b>Utter</b> seriousness.</i>
<b>wholesale</b>	Done on a large scale; extensive. <i><b>Wholesale</b> destruction.</i>

**widespread** Found or distributed over a large area or number of people.  
***Widespread** nuclear fallout.*

## Usage Examples of "Thorough" as an adjective

- *A thoroughgoing villain.*
- *Officers have made a thorough examination of the wreckage.*
- *A thorough nuisance.*
- *Made a thorough search.*
- *Planners need a thorough understanding of the subject.*
- *The child is being a thorough nuisance.*
- *Thoroughgoing research.*
- *Our accountant is thorough.*
- *Thorough research.*
- *The British authorities are very thorough.*

## Associations of "Thorough" (30 Words)

<b>analysis</b>	The process of separating something into its constituent elements. <i>His physician recommended psycho<b>analysis</b>.</i>
<b>compact</b>	Make more compact by or as if by pressing. <i>The ideas are <b>compact</b>ed into two sentences.</i>
<b>complete</b>	Complete or carry out. <i>A <b>complete</b> defeat.</i>
<b>compressed</b>	Reduced in volume by pressure. <i>With lips <b>compressed</b>.</i>
<b>dense</b>	Hard to pass through because of dense growth. <i><b>Dense</b> smoke.</i>
<b>down-to-earth</b>	The solid part of the earth's surface.
<b>exhaustive</b>	Performed comprehensively and completely; not superficial or partial. <i>The guide outlines every bus route in <b>exhaustive</b> detail.</i>
<b>filled</b>	Of purchase orders that have been filled. <i>A large hall <b>filled</b> with rows of desks.</i>
<b>full</b>	Of the moon or tide become full. <i>A <b>full</b> voice.</i>
<b>holistic</b>	Emphasizing the organic or functional relation between parts and the whole.

<b>integrated</b>	Formed into a whole or introduced into another entity- Dwight D.Eisenhower. <b>Integrated</b> schools.
<b>luxuriate</b>	Enjoy (something) as a luxury; take self-indulgent delight in. <i>She was luxuriating in a long bath.</i>
<b><u>methodical</u></b>	(of a person) orderly or systematic in thought or behaviour. <i>She was so <b>methodical</b> she kept everything documented.</i>
<b>musicology</b>	The study of music as an academic subject, as distinct from training in performance or composition; scholarly research into music.
<b>nonporous</b>	Not porous; especially not having vessels that appear as pores.
<b>orderly</b>	Devoid of violence or disruption. <i>The <b>orderly</b> sergeant.</i>
<b>organized</b>	Being a member of or formed into a labor union. <b>Organized</b> medicine.
<b>overcrowd</b>	Cause to crowd together too much. <i>The students <b>overcrowded</b> the cafeteria.</i>
<b><u>packed</u></b>	Filled to capacity. <i>Stands jam <b>packed</b> with fans.</i>
<b>perfect</b>	Of a tense denoting a completed action or a state or habitual action which began in the past The perfect tense is formed in English with have or has and the past participle as in they have eaten and they have been eating present perfect they had eaten past perfect and they will have eaten future perfect. <i>With a little help you can create a room that is <b>perfect</b> for you.</i>
<b>perfectible</b>	Capable of becoming or being made perfect.
<b><u>planned</u></b>	Planned in advance. <i>The <b>planned</b> outlays for new equipment.</i>
<b><u>precise</u></b>	(of a person) exact, accurate, and careful about details. <i>Arrived at the <b>precise</b> moment.</i>
<b><u>pressed</u></b>	Flattened, shaped, or smoothed by the application of pressure, typically from an iron. <i>Immaculately <b>pressed</b> trousers.</i>
<b><u>studied</u></b>	(of a quality or result) achieved or maintained by careful and deliberate effort. <i>He treated them with <b>studied</b> politeness.</i>
<b><u>systematic</u></b>	Characterized by order and planning. <i>The investigation was very <b>systematic</b>.</i>

- systemic** Denoting the part of the circulatory system concerned with the transport of oxygen to and carbon dioxide from the body in general, especially as distinct from the pulmonary part concerned with the transport of oxygen from and carbon dioxide to the lungs.  
*A **systemic** poison.*
- teeming** Abundantly filled with especially living things.  
*She walked through the **teeming** streets.*
- thick** Not thin of a specific thickness or of relatively great extent from one surface to the opposite usually in the smallest of the three solid dimensions.  
*The road winds through **thick** forest.*
- thoroughgoing** Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.  
*A **thoroughgoing** chocoholic.*