

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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