

Need another word that means the same as “unassuming”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “unassuming” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unassuming” are: retiring, modest, self-effacing, humble, meek, mild, demure, restrained, reserved, withdrawn, reticent, diffident, shy, bashful, timid, timorous, shrinking, unconfident, insecure, unassertive

Unassuming as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unassuming" as an adjective

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

- *Not pretentious or arrogant; modest.*
- *Not arrogant or presuming.*

Synonyms of "Unassuming" as an adjective (20 Words)

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| bashful | Disposed to avoid notice <i>blate</i> is a Scottish term for bashful. <i>I never laughed being bashful lowering my head I looked at the wall.</i> |
| demure | (of clothing) giving a modest appearance. <i>A demure young lady.</i> |
| diffident | Showing modest reserve. <i>A diffident youth.</i> |
| humble | Of low birth or station (‘base’ is archaic in this sense). <i>A humble cottage.</i> |
| insecure | Lacking in security or safety. <i>A financially insecure period.</i> |

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| meek | Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant- Orville Prescott. <i>A fine fiery blast against meek conformity.</i> |
| mild | Mild and pleasant. <i>Mild criticism.</i> |
| modest | Free from pomp or affectation. <i>A modest salary.</i> |
| reserved | Marked by self-restraint and reticence. <i>A reserved seat.</i> |
| restrained | Prudent. <i>The drawings with their restrained colours give a feeling of peace and contemplation.</i> |
| reticent | Cool and formal in manner. <i>She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.</i> |
| retiring | Shy and fond of being on one's own. <i>A gentle retiring person who avoided conflict.</i> |
| self-effacing | Reluctant to draw attention to yourself. |
| shrinking | Becoming smaller in size or amount. <i>The shrinking market has provoked a massive price war.</i> |
| shy | Lacking self-confidence. <i>Otters are very shy animals.</i> |
| timid | Lacking conviction or boldness or courage. <i>Problems that call for bold not timid responses.</i> |
| timorous | Timid by nature or revealing timidity. <i>In a timorous tone.</i> |
| unassertive | Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence. <i>His bland and unassertive personal style.</i> |
| unconfident | Not confident; hesitant. <i>The airmen were young but not unconfident.</i> |
| withdrawn | Withdrawn from society seeking solitude. <i>When her husband died she became very withdrawn.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Unassuming" as an adjective

- *He was an unassuming and kindly man.*
- *Unassuming to a fault, skeptical about the value of his work.*

Associations of "Unassuming" (30 Words)

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| <u>amiable</u> | Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner. <i>The amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically.</i> |
| <u>chivalrous</u> | Courteous and gallant, especially towards women (typically used of a man or his behaviour). <i>The concept of chivalrous combat.</i> |
| <u>chivalry</u> | Courteous behaviour, especially that of a man towards women. <i>He still retained a sense of chivalry towards women.</i> |
| <u>civility</u> | The act of showing regard for others. <i>I hope we can treat each other with civility and respect.</i> |
| comity | The mutual recognition by nations of the laws and customs of others. <i>A show of public comity in the White House.</i> |
| condescendingly | With condescension; in a patronizing manner. <i>He treats his secretary condescendingly.</i> |
| <u>courteous</u> | Characterized by courtesy and gracious good manners. <i>She was courteous and obliging to all.</i> |
| <u>courtesy</u> | The showing of politeness in one's attitude and behaviour towards others. <i>A courtesy car.</i> |
| couth | Refined. <i>It is more couth to hold your shrimp genteelly by the tail when eating.</i> |
| curtsy | Make a curtsy usually done only by girls and women as a sign of respect. <i>She bobbed a curtsy to him.</i> |
| <u>decent</u> | Decently clothed. <i>A decent wage.</i> |
| decorous | In keeping with good taste and propriety; polite and restrained. <i>Charlotte gave David a decorous kiss.</i> |
| decorum | Etiquette. <i>He had acted with the utmost decorum.</i> |
| etiquette | Rules governing socially acceptable behavior. <i>The rules of etiquette are changing.</i> |
| <u>gracious</u> | (in Christian belief) showing divine grace. <i>I am saved by God's gracious intervention on my behalf.</i> |
| <u>honest</u> | Marked by truth. <i>Worked at an honest trade.</i> |

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| humble | Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i>He was humbled by his many ordeals.</i> |
| humility | A humble feeling. <i>He needs the humility to accept that their way may be better.</i> |
| intermediate | A person at an intermediate level of knowledge or skill. <i>Groups which intermediated between the individual and the state.</i> (used conventionally of royalty and high nobility) gracious. |
| merciful | <i>William did not believe in being merciful to those who fought against him.</i> |
| <u>mild</u> | Humble in spirit or manner suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>She looked at him in mild surprise.</i> |
| moderate | A person who holds moderate views especially in politics. <i>Moderate in his demands.</i> |
| <u>modest</u> | Marked by simplicity; having a humble opinion of yourself. <i>A modest flat in Fulham.</i> |
| <u>polite</u> | Not rude; marked by satisfactory (or especially minimal) adherence to social usages and sufficient but not noteworthy consideration for others. <i>They thought she was wrong but were too polite to say so.</i> |
| respectful | Feeling or showing deference and respect. <i>A respectful glance.</i> |
| respectfully | In a respectful manner. <i>The butler bowed respectfully to them both.</i> |
| truthful | Conforming to truth. <i>A truthful person.</i> |
| unbiased | Characterized by a lack of partiality. <i>His assessment of the benefits and drawbacks was unbiased.</i> |
| <u>unimpressive</u> | Not capable of impressing. <i>Her early academic record was unimpressive.</i> |
| unpretentious | Not attempting to impress others with an appearance of greater importance, talent, or culture than is actually possessed. <i>An unpretentious country church.</i> |