

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The synonyms of “Unassuming” are: retiring, modest, self-effacing, humble, meek, mild, demure, restrained, reserved, withdrawn, reticent, diffident, shy, bashful, timid, timorous, shrinking, unconfident, insecure, unassertive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

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>

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withdrawn	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude.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)

<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>

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>