

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The synonyms of “Unassuming” are: retiring, modest, self-effacing, humble, meek, mild, demure, restrained, reserved, withdrawn, reticent, diffident, shy, bashful, timid, timorous, shrinking, unconfident, insecure, unassertive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

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

<b><u>meek</u></b>	Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant- Orville Prescott. <i>A fine fiery blast against <b>meek</b> conformity.</i>
<b><u>mild</u></b>	Mild and pleasant. <i><b>Mild</b> criticism.</i>
<b><u>modest</u></b>	Free from pomp or affectation. <i>A <b>modest</b> salary.</i>
<b><u>reserved</u></b>	Marked by self-restraint and reticence. <i>A <b>reserved</b> seat.</i>
<b>restrained</b>	Prudent. <i>The drawings with their <b>restrained</b> colours give a feeling of peace and contemplation.</i>
<b><u>reticent</u></b>	Cool and formal in manner. <i>She was extremely <b>reticent</b> about her personal affairs.</i>
<b>retiring</b>	Shy and fond of being on one's own. <i>A gentle <b>retiring</b> person who avoided conflict.</i>
<b>self-effacing</b>	Reluctant to draw attention to yourself.
<b>shrinking</b>	Becoming smaller in size or amount. <i>The <b>shrinking</b> market has provoked a massive price war.</i>
<b>shy</b>	Lacking self-confidence. <i>Otters are very <b>shy</b> animals.</i>
<b><u>timid</u></b>	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage. <i>Problems that call for bold not <b>timid</b> responses.</i>
<b>timorous</b>	Timid by nature or revealing timidity. <i>In a <b>timorous</b> tone.</i>
<b>unassertive</b>	Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence. <i>His bland and <b>unassertive</b> personal style.</i>
<b><u>unconfident</u></b>	Not confident; hesitant. <i>The airmen were young but not <b>unconfident</b>.</i>
<b><u>withdrawn</u></b>	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude. <i>When her husband died she became very <b>withdrawn</b>.</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><a href="#">amiable</a></u>	Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner. <i>The <b>amiable</b> young man greeted me enthusiastically.</i>
<u><a href="#">chivalrous</a></u>	Courteous and gallant, especially towards women (typically used of a man or his behaviour). <i>The concept of <b>chivalrous</b> combat.</i>
<u><a href="#">chivalry</a></u>	Courteous behaviour, especially that of a man towards women. <i>He still retained a sense of <b>chivalry</b> towards women.</i>
<u><a href="#">civility</a></u>	The act of showing regard for others. <i>I hope we can treat each other with <b>civility</b> and respect.</i>
<b>comity</b>	The mutual recognition by nations of the laws and customs of others. <i>A show of public <b>comity</b> in the White House.</i>
<b>condescendingly</b>	With condescension; in a patronizing manner. <i>He treats his secretary <b>condescendingly</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">courteous</a></u>	Characterized by courtesy and gracious good manners. <i>She was <b>courteous</b> and obliging to all.</i>
<u><a href="#">courtesy</a></u>	The showing of politeness in one's attitude and behaviour towards others. <i>A <b>courtesy</b> car.</i>
<b>couth</b>	Refined. <i>It is more <b>couth</b> to hold your shrimp genteelly by the tail when eating.</i>
<b>curtsy</b>	Make a curtsy usually done only by girls and women as a sign of respect. <i>She bobbed a <b>curtsy</b> to him.</i>
<u><a href="#">decent</a></u>	Decently clothed. <i>A <b>decent</b> wage.</i>
<b>decorous</b>	In keeping with good taste and propriety; polite and restrained. <i>Charlotte gave David a <b>decorous</b> kiss.</i>
<b>decorum</b>	Etiquette. <i>He had acted with the utmost <b>decorum</b>.</i>
<b>etiquette</b>	Rules governing socially acceptable behavior. <i>The rules of <b>etiquette</b> are changing.</i>
<u><a href="#">gracious</a></u>	(in Christian belief) showing divine grace. <i>I am saved by God's <b>gracious</b> intervention on my behalf.</i>
<u><a href="#">honest</a></u>	Marked by truth. <i>Worked at an <b>honest</b> trade.</i>

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