

Need another word that means the same as “worldly”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “worldly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Worldly” are: secular, temporal, blase, sophisticated, experienced, worldly-wise, knowledgeable, knowing, aware, enlightened, shrewd, astute, perceptive, mature, seasoned, cosmopolitan, urbane, cultivated, cultured, earthly, terrestrial, mundane, mortal, human, unspiritual, material, materialistic, physical, tangible, carnal, fleshly, bodily, corporeal, gross, sensual, base, sordid, vile, profane

Worldly as an Adjective

Definitions of "Worldly" as an adjective

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

- *Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world.*
- *(of a person) experienced and sophisticated.*
- *Very sophisticated especially because of surfeit; versed in the ways of the world.*
- *Of or concerned with material values or ordinary life rather than a spiritual existence.*



Synonyms of "Worldly" as an adjective (39 Words)

astute

Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

*An **astute** tenant always reads the small print in a lease.*

aware

Having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.

*Most people are **aware** of the dangers of sunbathing.*

base

Serving as or forming a base.

*The painter applied a **base** coat followed by two finishing coats.*

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| blase | Very sophisticated especially because of surfeit; versed in the ways of the world. <i>The blase traveler refers to the ocean he has crossed as the pond.</i> |
| carnal | Relating to physical, especially sexual, needs and activities. <i>Carnal knowledge.</i> |
| corporeal | Consisting of material objects. <i>That which is created is of necessity corporeal and visible and tangible.</i> |
| cosmopolitan | Of worldwide scope or applicability. <i>His cosmopolitan benevolence impartially extended to all races and to all creeds.</i> |
| cultivated | Prepared for raising crops by plowing or fertilizing. <i>Cultivated blackberries.</i> |
| cultured | Marked by refinement in taste and manners. <i>Cultured tastes.</i> |
| earthly | Of or belonging to or characteristic of this earth as distinguished from heaven. <i>Our earthly home.</i> |
| enlightened | Having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook. <i>The more enlightened employers offer better terms.</i> |
| experienced | Having gained knowledge or skill in a particular field over time. <i>An experienced social worker.</i> |
| fleshly | Relating to human desire or bodily appetites; sensual. <i>Fleshly desire.</i> |
| gross | (of weight) including contents, wrappings, or other variable items; overall. <i>A gross slap and tickle version of <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>.</i> |
| human | Having human form or attributes as opposed to those of animals or divine beings. <i>They are only human and therefore mistakes do occur.</i> |
| knowing | Highly educated; having extensive information or understanding. <i>A knowing collector of rare books.</i> |
| knowledgeable | Highly educated; having extensive information or understanding. <i>A knowledgeable audience.</i> |
| material | Having material or physical form or substance Benjamin Jowett. <i>Information that could be material to a murder inquiry.</i> |
| materialistic | Marked by materialism. <i>We re living in a highly materialistic society.</i> |

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| mature | Fully developed or matured and ready to be eaten or used. <i>A rather nice mature Camembert.</i> |
| mortal | Long and tedious. <i>Mortal beings.</i> |
| mundane | Lacking interest or excitement; dull. <i>According to the Shinto doctrine spirits of the dead can act upon the mundane world.</i> |
| perceptive | Having the ability to perceive or understand; keen in discernment. <i>An extraordinarily perceptive account of their relationship.</i> |
| physical | Impelled by physical force especially against resistance. <i>The physical size of a computer.</i> |
| profane | Characterized by profanity or cursing. <i>Profane words.</i> |
| seasoned | Rendered competent through trial and experience. <i>Seasoned wood.</i> |
| secular | (of a fluctuation or trend) occurring or persisting over an indefinitely long period. <i>There is evidence that the slump is not cyclical but secular.</i> |
| sensual | Sexually exciting or gratifying. <i>Music is the only sensual pleasure without vice.</i> |
| shrewd | Acting with a specific goal. <i>A shrewd east wind.</i> |
| sophisticated | Appealing to or frequented by people who are sophisticated. <i>A chic sophisticated woman.</i> |
| sordid | Unethical or dishonest. <i>Sordid material interests.</i> |
| tangible | Capable of being perceived; especially capable of being handled or touched or felt. <i>Skin with a tangible roughness.</i> |
| temporal | Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world. <i>Temporal possessions of the church.</i> |
| terrestrial | (of an animal) living on or in the ground; not aquatic, arboreal, or aerial. <i>This terrestrial ball.</i> |
| unspiritual | Not spiritual; worldly. <i>The clergymen were deplorably unspiritual.</i> |

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| urbane | Courteous and refined in manner (typically used of a man). <i>The supposedly urbane restrained English gentleman.</i> |
| vile | Of little worth or value. <i>He has a vile temper.</i> |
| worldly-wise | Experienced in and wise to the ways of the world. |



Usage Examples of "Worldly" as an adjective

- *Worldly goods and advancement.*
- *The benefits of his worldly wisdom.*
- *She was much more worldly than Nora and dismissed the slur.*
- *His ambitions for worldly success.*

Associations of "Worldly" (30 Words)

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| acceptation | A particular sense or the generally recognized meaning common acceptance of a word or phrase. |
| allure | Powerfully attract or charm; tempt. <i>People for whom gold holds no allure.</i> |
| attraction | The influence exerted by one word on another which causes it to change to an incorrect form, e.g. the wages of sin is (for are) death. <i>She has very romantic ideas about sexual attraction.</i> |
| auricular | Relating to or shaped like an auricle. <i>The Catholic doctrine of the necessity of private auricular confession.</i> |
| <u>charisma</u> | A personal attractiveness or interestingness that enables you to influence others. <i>He has tremendous charisma and stage presence.</i> |
| <u>church</u> | Take a woman who has recently given birth to church for a service of thanksgiving. <i>Our church is hosting a picnic next week.</i> |
| common | Common sense. <i>The common people in those days suffered greatly.</i> |
| dating | Use of chemical analysis to estimate the age of geological specimens. |
| devil | Chief spirit of evil and adversary of God; tempter of mankind; master of Hell. <i>Casting out devils.</i> |
| diehard | One who adheres to traditional views. <i>A diehard Yankees fan.</i> |
| <u>earthly</u> | Relating to humankind's material existence as distinct from a spiritual or heavenly one. <i>There was no earthly reason why she should not come too.</i> |
| ecosystem | A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. <i>The entire ecosystem of film and video production will eventually go digital.</i> |
| layperson | A person without professional or specialized knowledge in a particular subject. <i>His highly successful lectures were meant for an audience of laypersons interested in the natural sciences.</i> |
| materialistic | Marked by materialism. <i>We re living in a highly materialistic society.</i> |
| <u>mundane</u> | Lacking interest or excitement; dull. <i>Not a fairy palace yet a mundane wonder of unimagined kind.</i> |

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| ordinary | Those parts of a Roman Catholic service, especially the Mass, which do not vary from day to day. An ordinary wine. |
| overland | By land. They left the ship and overlanded to Coolgardie. |
| <u>prayer</u> | Earnest or urgent request. I ll say a prayer for him. |
| <u>profane</u> | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. It was a serious matter to profane a tomb. |
| quotidian | Ordinary or everyday; mundane. The car sped noisily off through the quotidian traffic. |
| routine | Organize according to a routine. As a matter of routine a report will be sent to the director. |
| <u>secular</u> | A secular priest. Secular drama. |
| <u>seduction</u> | A tempting or attractive thing. If seduction doesn t work she can play on his sympathy. |
| <u>temporal</u> | Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world. Temporal joys. |
| <u>temptation</u> | A thing that attracts or tempts someone. We almost gave in to temptation . |
| <u>terrestrial</u> | (of an animal) living on or in the ground; not aquatic, arboreal, or aerial. He developed an immense terrestrial practicality. |
| traditional | (of a person or group) adhering to tradition, or to a particular tradition. Traditional Elgarians. |
| unexceptional | Not special in any way; lacking distinction. A unexceptional an incident as can be found in a lawyer s career. |
| <u>unremarkable</u> | Not particularly interesting or surprising. An unremarkable house. |
| <u>usual</u> | The drink one habitually prefers. My usual please she said to the barman. |