# List of descriptive Words

A large list of descriptive words. This list will help you choose different words when you are writing an essay or letter and avoid repeating the same word

## What descriptive words will I be learning?

You will be able to learn the following descriptive words:

Appearance, condition, feelings bad, feelings good, shape, size, sound, time, taste, touch, said, funny, scary, commentary, analysis of text, physical qualities, mental qualities, moral qualities, spiritual qualities, social qualities, general qualities

## Descriptive words

### Descriptive Words that can be used for commentary or analysis of text

|  |  |  |
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| **Positive** | | |
| Authentic | Inspirational | Reactionary |
| Conservative | Ironic | Realistic |
| Controversial | Liberal | Recondite |
| Credible | Melodramatic | Romantic |
| Cultural | Mystical | Satiric |
| Didactic | Naturalistic | Scholarly |
| Dramatic | Objective | Significant |
| Esoteric | Orthodox | Spiritual |
| Expressionistic | Philosophic | Subjective |
| Fanciful | Plausible | Symbolic |
| Humanistic | Pragmatic | Utilitarian |
| Humorous | Profound | Impressionistic |
| Radical |  |  |
| **Negative** | | |
| Absurd | Commonplace | Heretical |
| Improbable | Incredible | Insignificant |
| Intolerant | Pedantic | Prejudiced |
| Shallow | Superficial | Trivial |
| Unscholarly |  |  |

### Descriptive Words that can be used for a persons Physical qualities

|  |  |  |
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| **Positive** | | |
| Active | Exquisite | Pretty |
| Adept | Fair | Ravishing |
| Adroit | Fascinating | Robust |
| Agile | Good-looking | Shapely |
| Attractive | Graceful | Skillful |
| Beautiful | Handsome | Spirited |
| Brawny | Hardy | Spruce |
| Charming | Immaculate | Stalwart |
| Comely | Lively | Strapping |
| Dainty | Lovely | Strong |
| Dapper | Manly | Sturdy |
| Delicate | Muscular | Virile |
| Dexterous | Neat | Vivacious |
| Elegant | Nimble | Winsome |
| **Negative** | | |
| Awkward | Graceless | Repulsive |
| Bizarre | Grotesque | Sickly |
| Cadaverous | Hideous | Slovenly |
| Clumsy | Homely | Spare |
| Coarse | Horrible | Thin |
| Decrepit | Incongruous | Ugly |
| Effeminate | Invidious | Ungainly |
| Emaciated | Loathsome | Unkempt |
| Feeble | Odious | Unmanly |
| Frail | Repellent | Unwomanly |
| Gawky | Repugnant | Weak |
| Ghastly |  |  |

### Descriptive Words that can be used for peoples mental qualities

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| **Positive** | |
| Apt | Learned |
| Astute | Observant |
| Capable | Precocious |
| Clever | Prudent |
| Competent | Rational |
| Crafty | Reasonable |
| Cunning | Sage |
| Educated | Scholarly |
| Erudite | Sensible |
| Gifted | Shrewd |
| Ingenious | Subtle |
| Intellectual | Talented |
| Intelligent | Wily |
| Inventive | Wise |
| **Negative** | |
| Bigoted | Puerile |
| Crass | Shallow |
| Dull | Simple |
| Fatuous | Stupid |
| Foolish | Ungifted |
| Ignorant | Unintellectual |
| Illiterate | Unintelligent |
| Inane | Unlettered |
| Irrational | Unschooled |
| Narrow-minded | Vacuous |
| Obtuse |  |