

# Positive adjectives that start with G

81 adjectives with meanings and examples. Updated 10 October 2026. Free to print and share in a classroom.

## **Gainful** adj.

Producing a useful benefit, income, or worthwhile result.  
*The course prepared residents for gainful work in local trades.*

## **Gala** adj.

Festive, joyful, and suited to a special celebration.  
*The theater reopened with a gala concert for the town.*

## **Gallant** adj.

Brave, honorable, and attentive to others.  
*The gallant firefighter returned to guide one more resident outside.*

## **Galvanizing** adj.

Powerfully inspiring people to act with shared energy.  
*Her galvanizing speech doubled the cleanup crew by noon.*

## **Game** adj.

Willing and ready to try something difficult or unfamiliar.  
*Rina was game for the longer route despite the early start.*

## **Gangbusters** adj.

Extremely successful, effective, or energetic in performance.  
*The new repair service had a gangbusters first month.*

## **Generative** adj.

Able to produce new ideas, growth, or useful results.  
*The first workshop led to a generative exchange of designs.*

## **Generous** adj.

Willing to give time, help, attention, or resources freely.  
*Her generous feedback included both encouragement and careful detail.*

## **Genial** adj.

Warmly cheerful, friendly, and pleasant.  
*The genial conductor welcomed every nervous beginner.*

## **Genteel** adj.

Polite, refined, and graceful in manner or style.  
*The genteel host made the formal dinner feel relaxed.*

## **Gentle** adj.

Kind, calm, and not harsh in manner or force.  
*Use a gentle brush to clean the fragile surface.*

## **Gentlemanly** adj.

Polite, honorable, and considerate in behavior.  
*His gentlemanly reply kept the disagreement respectful.*

**Genuine** adj.

Sincere, authentic, and not pretended.

*His genuine interest was clear from the thoughtful questions he asked.*

**Germane** adj.

Directly relevant and appropriate to the matter discussed.

*Omar asked a germane question about the project's safety.*

**Giddy** adj.

So happy or excited that calm feels difficult.

*The giddy finalists hugged when their names were announced.*

**Gifted** adj.

Having a notable natural ability or talent.

*The gifted musician also practiced with impressive discipline.*

**Giggling** adj.

Laughing lightly in a happy and playful way.

*A giggling audience waited for the puppet's next mishap.*

**Giving** adj.

Generous and willing to share with others.

*The giving neighbor cooked meals for the recovering family.*

**Glad** adj.

Pleased, grateful, or happy about something.

*We are glad the missing dog returned home safely.*

**Glad-hearted** adj.

Cheerful, grateful, and warm in spirit.

*The glad-hearted singer welcomed everyone into the chorus.*

**Glamorous** adj.

Excitingly attractive, stylish, or admired.

*The glamorous costume sparkled beneath the stage lights.*

**Gleaming** adj.

Shining brightly and cleanly.

*The restored engine stood gleaming in the museum.*

**Gleeful** adj.

Full of lively delight and happiness.

*A gleeful crowd welcomed the parade into the square.*

**Glimmering** adj.

Shining softly or showing a faint, hopeful sign.

*Glimmering lights marked the safe path home.*

**Glistening** adj.

Shining attractively with small points of reflected light.

*Glistening dew brightened every strand of the spiderweb.*

**Glittering** adj.

Shining brightly or impressively successful.

*The dancers entered beneath a glittering canopy of lights.*

**Glitzy** adj.

Attractively glamorous, sparkling, and full of showy style.  
*The glitzy finale filled the stage with silver confetti.*

**Glorious** adj.

Magnificent, beautiful, or worthy of joyful praise.  
*The walkers enjoyed a glorious sunrise above the valley.*

**Glossy** adj.

Smooth, polished, and attractively shiny.  
*The horse's glossy coat showed the benefit of careful care.*

**Glowing** adj.

Radiant with light, health, warmth, or praise.  
*The reviewer gave a glowing account of the cast's careful work.*

**Gnarly** adj.

Impressively good, exciting, or skillful in informal speech.  
*That gnarly final jump earned cheers from every skater.*

**Go-to** adj.

Especially reliable, useful, or preferred for a purpose.  
*This is our go-to guide for safe trail repairs.*

**Goal-oriented** adj.

Focused on setting and reaching clear results.  
*The goal-oriented coach tracks progress without rushing beginners.*

**Godlike** adj.

Having extraordinary power, beauty, or ability.  
*The actor's godlike voice filled the hall without amplification.*

**Godly** adj.

Devout, morally good, and guided by religious faith.  
*The godly leader paired prayer with practical help for families.*

**Gold** adj.

Made of gold or valued as excellent and precious.  
*Her gold standard for evidence improved every report.*

**Gold-standard** adj.

Representing the highest accepted level of quality.  
*The center follows gold-standard practices for patient privacy.*

**Golden** adj.

Excellent, precious, promising, or warmly bright.  
*The internship was a golden opportunity to learn from experts.*

**Good** adj.

Having a beneficial, skillful, kind, or morally sound quality.  
*A good explanation makes the next action clear.*

**Good-faith** adj.

Sincere, honest, and intended to reach a fair result.  
*Both sides made a good-faith effort to resolve the dispute.*

**Good-humored** adj.

Cheerful, friendly, and not easily annoyed.

*The good-humored driver calmly answered every question.*

**Good-looking** adj.

Attractive and pleasing in appearance.

*The good-looking chair is also sturdy enough for daily use.*

**Good-natured** adj.

Kind, cheerful, and patient in manner.

*The good-natured coach laughed at his own mistake.*

**Good-tempered** adj.

Cheerful, patient, and not easily irritated.

*The good-tempered guide answered every repeated question warmly.*

**Good-to-go** adj.

Fully ready, safe, and able to proceed.

*After the final inspection, the new lift was good-to-go.*

**Goodhearted** adj.

Naturally kind, generous, and concerned for others.

*The goodhearted mechanic repaired the stroller without charge.*

**Goodly** adj.

Large, attractive, or admirable in amount or quality.

*The orchard produced a goodly supply of plums.*

**Goofy** adj.

Playfully silly in a warm and amusing way.

*Her goofy dance made the tired volunteers smile.*

**Gorgeous** adj.

Extremely beautiful or attractive.

*The restored ceiling looks gorgeous in the afternoon light.*

**Gossamer** adj.

Extremely light, delicate, and graceful in appearance.

*A gossamer scarf floated behind the dancer's shoulders.*

**Gourmet** adj.

Prepared with exceptional skill and quality in food.

*The little café serves gourmet soup made from local vegetables.*

**Graceful** adj.

Moving, responding, or being shaped with ease and dignity.

*She offered a graceful correction that preserved everyone's dignity.*

**Gracious** adj.

Warm, courteous, and generous in manner.

*The gracious winner thanked every competitor.*

**Grade-A** adj.

Of the highest or an excellent quality.

*The market is known for grade-A berries from nearby farms.*

**Grand** adj.

Impressive, important, or excellent in scale or quality.

*The restored hall is a grand setting for community concerts.*

**Grassroots** adj.

Led and supported by ordinary members of a community.

*A grassroots campaign reopened the neighborhood health clinic.*

**Grateful** adj.

Feeling and showing appreciation for help or value received.

*The hikers were grateful for the farmer's clear directions.*

**Gratified** adj.

Pleased and satisfied by a welcome result.

*The tutor was gratified by the student's growing confidence.*

**Gratifying** adj.

Giving pleasure or satisfaction because of a good result.

*Seeing the young trees thrive was deeply gratifying.*

**Gratis** adj.

Provided without payment or charge.

*The museum offers gratis admission to local students on Fridays.*

**Great** adj.

Exceptionally good, important, skilled, or impressive.

*The new path is a great improvement for wheelchair users.*

**Greathearted** adj.

Generous, courageous, and noble in spirit.

*The greathearted captain shared credit with the entire crew.*

**Green** adj.

Supporting nature or reducing environmental harm.

*The council chose a green heating system for the new school.*

**Green-minded** adj.

Concerned with protecting nature and reducing waste.

*Green-minded residents started a tool-sharing library.*

**Gregarious** adj.

Friendly, sociable, and fond of company.

*The gregarious host introduced guests who shared interests.*

**Grinning** adj.

Showing happiness through a broad smile.

*The grinning cyclists crossed the finish line together.*

**Gripping** adj.

So engaging or exciting that attention remains fixed.

*The gripping documentary kept the audience silent through the credits.*

**Gritty** adj.

Showing courage and determination in difficulty.

*The gritty defender played on after a difficult first half.*

**Groovy** adj.

Stylish, enjoyable, or pleasantly exciting.

*The band played a groovy tune that drew everyone outside.*

**Groundbreaking** adj.

Introducing an important and original advance.

*The lab published groundbreaking research on clean batteries.*

**Grounded** adj.

Sensible, steady, and connected to practical reality.

*His grounded advice focused on what the team could change this week.*

**Growing** adj.

Increasing, developing, or becoming stronger.

*A growing network of volunteers now covers every district.*

**Grown-up** adj.

Mature, responsible, and suitable for an adult.

*Her grown-up response focused on repair instead of blame.*

**Guaranteed** adj.

Formally promised or made certain.

*Every donated appliance comes with guaranteed repair support.*

**Guiding** adj.

Providing direction, advice, or a helpful principle.

*Fairness remained the committee's guiding value.*

**Guileless** adj.

Honest, sincere, and free from deceit.

*Her guileless answer made clear that the mistake was innocent.*

**Guilt-free** adj.

Free from guilt, worry, or harmful consequences.

*The flexible refund made the trial feel guilt-free.*

**Guiltless** adj.

Innocent and free from wrongdoing or blame.

*The evidence confirmed that the guiltless driver followed every rule.*

**Gung-ho** adj.

Highly enthusiastic and eager to take part.

*The gung-ho volunteers finished sorting every winter coat.*

**Gutsy** adj.

Showing courage, determination, and bold initiative.

*Her gutsy final sprint secured a place in the relay team.*

**Gymnastic** adj.

Showing agility, flexibility, or skillful physical movement.

*Her gymnastic leap cleared the stream with room to spare.*