

Positive nouns that start with N

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

Naches n.

Joy or pride felt in another person's achievements.
Her grandson's graduation filled the whole family with naches.

Namaskar n.

A respectful greeting made with palms joined before the chest.
The host welcomed each visitor with a warm namaskar.

Namaste n.

A respectful greeting that honors the person being addressed.
She ended the community yoga class with a quiet namaste.

Nap n.

A short sleep taken to restore energy and alertness.
A brief afternoon nap left him refreshed for rehearsal.

National treasure n.

A person or institution cherished for exceptional cultural value.
The beloved children's author became a national treasure over six decades.

Naturalness n.

The quality of being relaxed, genuine, and unforced.
The speaker's naturalness made the formal event feel welcoming.

Nature n.

The living world, valued for its beauty and renewal.
Time in nature restored her attention after a crowded week.

Navigation n.

The skill or process of finding a safe and effective route.
Accurate navigation brought the rescue team directly to the hikers.

Navigator n.

A person skilled at finding or planning a route.
The experienced navigator guided the boat around the shallow reef.

Nearness n.

The state of being close in distance or relationship.
The nearness of trusted friends made the new city feel like home.

Neatness n.

The quality of being tidy, orderly, or carefully arranged.
The neatness of her notes made the handover easy to follow.

Negotiation n.

A discussion intended to produce a fair or workable agreement.
Careful negotiation produced a schedule both teams could support.

Negotiator n.

A person skilled at helping sides reach an agreement.

The calm negotiator found common ground between the two groups.

Neighbor n.

A person who lives nearby or shares a local community.

A neighbor brought warm food while the family recovered.

Neighborhood n.

A local area and the community of people who live there.

The whole neighborhood helped reopen the storm-damaged playground.

Neighborliness n.

Friendly and helpful behavior toward people nearby.

Simple neighborliness kept older residents connected during the winter.

Nerve n.

Courage and steadiness in a difficult or demanding situation.

It took nerve to question the unsafe practice in a crowded meeting.

Nest n.

A safe, comfortable home or place of shelter.

The volunteers built a secure nest for the rescued swallows.

Nest egg n.

Money saved gradually to provide future security.

Regular deposits helped the couple build a dependable nest egg.

Networking n.

The activity of building useful and supportive connections.

Community networking matched new volunteers with experienced mentors.

Neurodiversity n.

The valued natural variety in how human brains work.

The seminar treated neurodiversity as a source of useful perspectives.

New beginning n.

A fresh start offering renewed hope or opportunity.

Moving closer to family marked a hopeful new beginning for Ava.

New lease on life n.

Renewed energy or opportunity after recovery or change.

Repairs gave the community pool a new lease on life.

Newlywed n.

A recently married person celebrating a new shared life.

The newlywed thanked both families for making the ceremony welcoming.

Niceness n.

The quality of being pleasant, considerate, or kind.

Her everyday niceness helped newcomers feel included.

Nicety n.

A pleasant detail, small courtesy, or fine point.

Fresh flowers were a thoughtful nicety in each guest room.

Nimbleness n.

The quality of moving, thinking, or adapting quickly and skillfully.
The small team's nimbleness helped it respond within hours.

Nirvana n.

A state of perfect peace, happiness, or freedom.
For the tired hikers, the quiet lakeside cabin felt like nirvana.

No-brainer n.

A choice so clearly beneficial that it requires little thought.
Extending the library hours was a no-brainer for the council.

Nobility n.

Honorable character shown through courage, generosity, or principle.
The quiet nobility of her choice inspired the whole class.

Nonviolence n.

The principle or practice of pursuing change without physical violence.
Their commitment to nonviolence kept the march peaceful.

Nook n.

A small, sheltered corner that offers privacy and comfort.
A sunny nook beside the shelves became her favorite reading spot.

Normalcy n.

A welcome return to usual, stable, or familiar conditions.
Reopening the school brought a sense of normalcy after the storm.

North star n.

A guiding principle or goal that keeps decisions aligned.
Fair access remained the committee's north star throughout the redesign.

Nostalgia n.

Warm affection for meaningful people, places, or times remembered.
The familiar melody stirred gentle nostalgia across the family gathering.

Nourishment n.

Food, care, or encouragement that supports health and growth.
The seedlings found nourishment in the rich compost.

Nous n.

Practical intelligence and sound everyday judgment.
Her practical nous kept the complicated move on schedule.

Novelty n.

The quality of being new, original, or pleasantly different.
The novelty of the outdoor lesson renewed the class's attention.

Nuance n.

A subtle difference that adds accuracy or depth to understanding.
Her explanation captured the nuance that the short summary had missed.

Nugget n.

A small but especially valuable piece of information.
The mentor shared one useful nugget about preparing for interviews.

Numeracy n.

The ability to understand and work confidently with numbers.

The practical course builds numeracy through everyday budgeting.

Nuptials n.

A wedding ceremony and its shared celebration.

Their garden nuptials brought both families together in celebration.

Nurturance n.

Warm care and encouragement that support healthy development.

The seedlings responded quickly to steady nurturance.

Nurturer n.

A person who gives care and encouragement that help others grow.

As a patient nurturer, Mina helped young musicians trust their voices.

Nutrient n.

A substance that supports health, energy, or growth.

Iron is a nutrient that helps the body carry oxygen.

Nutriment n.

Food or support that sustains health and growth.

The young plants drew steady nutriment from the amended soil.

Nutrition n.

The process of receiving food needed for health and growth.

Better nutrition helped the players recover between demanding matches.