

Positive words for occasions

48 words for Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year and graduation, and 16 card lines. Updated 20 October 2026. Free to print and share in a classroom.

Positive words for Christmas

Warm words for cards, toasts and the family group chat, from merry to magical.

Merry adj.

Cheerful, sociable, and full of enjoyment.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a peaceful start to the new year.

Festive adj.

Cheerful and suited to a celebration.

The street looks festive with the lights up on every porch.

Jolly adj.

Cheerful, friendly, and full of good humor.

Grandpa was in a jolly mood, handing out presents in a paper crown.

Joyful adj.

Feeling, showing, or causing great happiness.

We hope your home is joyful and full of the people you love this Christmas.

Generous adj.

Willing to give time, help, attention, or resources freely.

Thank you for your generous gift; the kids haven't put it down since.

Cozy adj.

Warm, comfortable, and pleasantly sheltered.

Here's to a cozy Christmas Eve with cocoa, blankets and a good film.

Heartwarming adj.

Causing happiness through kindness, affection, or a welcome outcome.

The carol singers at the care home were the most heartwarming part of our week.

Goodwill n.

Friendly and helpful feelings toward other people.

In the spirit of goodwill, the team filled three boxes with toys for the children's ward.

Wonder n.

A feeling of delighted surprise and curiosity.

Watching the kids see the tree lit for the first time, we felt the wonder of it all over again.

Togetherness n.

A warm feeling of unity and companionship.

What we love most about Christmas is the togetherness around one crowded table.

Peaceful adj.

Calm, quiet, and free from conflict or disturbance.

May your Christmas be peaceful, and your new year kind to you.

Magical adj.

So delightful or extraordinary that it seems touched by magic.

The snow on Christmas morning made the whole village look magical.

Christmas card lines**Card**

Merry Christmas! Wishing you a warm, cozy season with the people you love.

Card

Thinking of you this Christmas, and sending love and good wishes for the year ahead.

Card

May your home be full of joy, laughter and far too many cookies this Christmas.

Card

Season's greetings, and thank you for a wonderful year of working together.

Positive words for Thanksgiving

Words for gratitude and a full table: for a toast, a card to the host, or a note to someone far away.

Grateful adj.

Feeling and showing appreciation for help or value received.

This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for friends who feel like family.

Thankful adj.

Feeling pleased and grateful for help, care, or good fortune.

We're thankful for every person who squeezed around our table this year.

Appreciative adj.

Feeling or showing recognition of value, effort, or kindness.

Our host was so appreciative of the pies that she sent everyone home with a slice.

Abundant adj.

Present in a large and welcome amount.

The table was abundant with food, and the room with laughter.

Bountiful adj.

Large in amount and generously provided.

We sat down to a bountiful meal that had taken two days to cook.

Blessed adj.

Favored with happiness, help, or something deeply valued.

We feel blessed to have all four generations together this Thanksgiving.

Gracious adj.

Warm, courteous, and generous in manner.

Thank you for being such a gracious host; we felt at home the moment we arrived.

Hospitable adj.

Welcoming and considerate toward guests or newcomers.

Our neighbors are the most hospitable people we know: no one on their street eats Thanksgiving alone.

Welcoming adj.

Making people feel accepted, comfortable, and invited to participate.

Their house is warm and welcoming, with a seat for anyone who needs one.

Hearty adj.

Warmly enthusiastic, strong, or satisfyingly substantial.

After a hearty dinner, the whole family went out for a walk in the cold.

Heartfelt adj.

Deeply and sincerely felt or expressed.

Before the meal, Grandma gave a short, heartfelt thanks for the year.

Fortunate adj.

Favored by good luck or a welcome circumstance.

We know how fortunate we are to share a meal like this, so we give to the food bank too.

Thanksgiving card lines**Card**

Happy Thanksgiving! I'm so grateful to have you in my life.

Card

Wishing you a table full of good food and a home full of the people you love.

Card

Thank you for everything this year. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us.

Card

Thinking of you this Thanksgiving, and grateful for every year of our friendship.

Positive words for New Year

Words for a fresh start: for a New Year card, a toast at midnight or the first email of January.

Fresh adj.

New, clean, lively, or recently produced.

January feels like a fresh page, and I mean to fill it slowly.

Hopeful adj.

Seeing a reasonable possibility of a good outcome.

We're starting the year hopeful, whatever it brings.

Renewed adj.

Restored in strength, energy, or purpose.

After the holidays, I came back to work with renewed energy.

Resolute adj.

Firmly determined to pursue a worthwhile aim.

She stayed resolute about her one resolution: a walk every single day.

Optimistic adj.

Expecting a favorable outcome while recognizing what must be done.

I'm optimistic about this year: the hard part of the move is behind us.

Determined adj.

Firmly committed to reaching a goal or solving a problem.

He's determined to finish the half-marathon he signed up for in March.

Promising adj.

Showing signs of future success or value.

The year has made a promising start, with two new clients in the first week.

Prosperous adj.

Successful, flourishing, and financially secure.

Wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous new year.

Refreshed adj.

Feeling restored in energy or clarity.

We came back from the long weekend refreshed and ready to plan.

Motivated adj.

Eager and willing to work toward a goal.

A clean desk on the first Monday of the year always gets me motivated.

Fearless adj.

Showing courage and freedom from controlling fear.

Here's to a fearless year: say yes to the class you keep putting off.

Possibility n.

Something that may happen or be achieved.

There's something about the first of January that feels full of possibility.

New Year card lines**Card**

Happy New Year! Wishing you health, joy and a year full of good surprises.

Card

Here's to a fresh start and everything you're hoping for this year.

Card

Thank you for being part of my year. I can't wait to see what the next one brings.

Card

Wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year.

Positive words for Graduation

Words for a graduate: for the card, the speech or the photo caption, from proud to limitless.

Proud adj.

Feeling pleased about a worthy effort, quality, or achievement.

We are so proud of you, and of every late night that got you here.

Accomplished adj.

Highly skilled and successful in a particular activity.

You walked across that stage an accomplished nurse, and we cheered the loudest.

Dedicated adj.

Committed to a purpose, task, or responsibility.

Four years of dedicated work, and today you get the paper to prove it.

Diligent adj.

Careful and persistent in one's work or duties.

Your teachers all said the same thing: diligent, kind and never late with a draft.

Brilliant adj.

Exceptionally intelligent, skillful, successful, or bright.

You were brilliant in your final project, and this degree is only the beginning.

Capable adj.

Having the ability to complete a task effectively.

You are more capable than you know, and the next chapter will show you.

Deserving adj.

Worthy of help, praise, attention, or reward.

No one is more deserving of this day than you.

Triumphant adj.

Feeling or showing joy after a great success.

She came out of her last exam triumphant, waving her pen in the air.

Ready adj.

Prepared and willing to act.

You're ready for whatever comes next, and we'll be here for all of it.

Limitless adj.

Without a fixed limit or end.

With your curiosity, the possibilities really are limitless.

Milestone n.

An important achievement marking progress toward a larger goal.

Finishing high school is a big milestone: enjoy every minute of today.

Achievement n.

A valued result gained through effort, courage, or skill.

Finishing your degree while working full-time is a real achievement.

Graduation card lines**Card**

Congratulations, graduate! We're so proud of everything you've worked for.

Card

You did it! Wishing you every success in whatever comes next.

Card

Congratulations on your graduation. The hard work paid off, and it shows.

Card

Here's to you, the late nights, and the bright future ahead. Congratulations!