

Positive words that start with B

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Adjectives

Badass adj.

Exceptionally tough, skillful, or impressive in action.
The badass rescue pilot landed safely in fierce crosswinds.

Balanced adj.

Combining different needs or qualities in a stable, sensible way.
The schedule is balanced enough to allow focused work and real rest.

Ballsy adj.

Boldly courageous and willing to take worthwhile risks.
Her ballsy proposal gave the small charity a national audience.

Balmy adj.

Pleasantly warm, mild, and soothing in feeling.
A balmy evening drew the neighbors into the garden.

Bang-up adj.

Excellent and impressively well done from start to finish.
The apprentices did a bang-up job restoring the old benches.

Bankable adj.

Reliable enough to be trusted for a successful result.
The producer knew the experienced cast was bankable.

Banner adj.

Exceptionally successful, productive, or memorable for its results.
The orchard enjoyed a banner year after the spring rains.

Baronial adj.

Grand, spacious, and dignified on an impressive scale.
The baronial library offered tall windows and carved oak shelves.

Barrier-breaking adj.

Achieving important progress beyond an established obstacle.
The barrier-breaking ruling opened the profession to more applicants.

Barrier-free adj.

Designed to be accessible without physical or social obstacles.
The barrier-free playground welcomes children with different mobility needs.

Battle-tested adj.

Proven reliable through difficult real-world experience and repeated challenges.
Their battle-tested process kept supplies moving during the flood.

Beaming adj.

Showing happiness through a bright and joyful expression.
The beaming graduate waved to her family from the stage.

Beatific adj.

Showing deep, peaceful happiness.
A beatific smile spread across his face as the choir began.

Beautiful adj.

Giving pleasure through appearance, meaning, sound, or character.
The choir found a beautiful harmony in the final verse.

Becoming adj.

Attractive, suitable, or showing good taste.
The deep blue jacket was becoming and comfortable.

Beefed-up adj.

Strengthened or improved with additional resources or features.
The beefed-up support team now answers requests within an hour.

Befitting adj.

Suitable and appropriate for a person or occasion.
The community held a warm tribute befitting its beloved teacher.

Beginner-friendly adj.

Easy, welcoming, and suitable for someone just starting.
The beginner-friendly workshop explains every tool before practice begins.

Beguiling adj.

Charming and attractive in a gently captivating way.
A beguiling melody drifted from the open rehearsal room.

Believable adj.

Convincing and easy to accept as true.
Specific details made the witness's account believable.

Beloved adj.

Deeply loved and valued by others.
The beloved crossing guard knew every student by name.

Beneficent adj.

Actively helping others or producing a good effect.
The beneficent program gives families free legal guidance.

Beneficial adj.

Producing a helpful, healthy, or favorable result.
Regular feedback proved beneficial to the new apprentices.

Benevolent adj.

Kindly and motivated by a wish to do good.
A benevolent donor covered the remaining cost without seeking attention.

Benign adj.

Gentle, harmless, or unlikely to cause damage.
The doctor confirmed that the small growth was benign.

Bespoke adj.

Made especially to suit a particular person or purpose.

The carpenter built a bespoke desk for the narrow study.

Best adj.

Of the highest quality or most suitable kind.

The shaded path is the best route for a hot afternoon.

Best-case adj.

Representing the most favorable outcome that can reasonably occur.

The best-case forecast shows the wetland recovering within two years.

Best-ever adj.

Better than every previous example or result.

The bakery recorded its best-ever weekend during the festival.

Best-in-class adj.

Recognized as the finest in its category.

The clinic earned praise for its best-in-class patient support.

Best-loved adj.

Cherished more warmly than other familiar choices.

The best-loved story returned for the theater's anniversary season.

Best-selling adj.

Achieving exceptionally strong sales and broad popularity.

Her best-selling cookbook made seasonal meals easy for beginners.

Better-off adj.

Living in a more favorable or secure situation.

Families were better-off after the cooperative lowered heating costs.

Bewitching adj.

Delightfully charming, beautiful, or fascinating in a memorable way.

The violinist played a bewitching tune beneath the lanterns.

Big-hearted adj.

Generous, caring, and ready to help others.

The big-hearted baker sends fresh bread to the shelter each Friday.

Big-league adj.

Operating at an impressively high level of achievement.

The local designer earned a big-league commission from the museum.

Big-picture adj.

Attentive to broad goals and important overall relationships.

Her big-picture thinking connected the housing and transport plans.

Big-time adj.

Highly successful, important, or influential in a chosen field.

The small-town actor became a big-time comedy star.

Bijou adj.

Small, elegant, and tastefully designed with distinctive charm.

They opened a bijou cinema with deep blue seats.

Bilingual adj.

Able to communicate effectively in two languages.

The bilingual guide helped both families understand the safety briefing.

Biodegradable adj.

Able to break down naturally without lasting pollution.

The cafe replaced plastic trays with biodegradable alternatives.

Biodiverse adj.

Supporting a rich variety of plants and animals.

The restored meadow is biodiverse and alive with pollinators.

Bionic adj.

Exceptionally strong, capable, or enhanced by technology.

The bionic hand allowed the musician to play again.

Biophilic adj.

Expressing a beneficial connection between people and nature.

The biophilic office includes daylight, plants, and natural textures.

Bite-sized adj.

Small enough to understand, manage, or enjoy easily.

The tutor divided the lesson into bite-sized practice sessions.

Blameless adj.

Free from fault or deserving no blame.

The review found the careful technician blameless.

Blazing adj.

Shining brightly or showing impressive energy and success.

The runner finished the final lap at a blazing pace.

Blessed adj.

Favored with happiness, help, or something deeply valued.

They felt blessed to have supportive neighbors nearby.

Blissful adj.

Completely happy, peaceful, and content.

The baby fell into a blissful sleep after the long journey.

Blithe adj.

Cheerful, carefree, and light in spirit.

Her blithe whistle brightened the early morning shift.

Blooming adj.

Flowering or showing fresh health and growth.

The blooming garden drew bees throughout the warm afternoon.

Blossoming adj.

Developing in a healthy, attractive, or promising way.

The blossoming artist prepared her first gallery show.

Blue-chip adj.

Known for excellent quality, reliability, and lasting value.

The foundation assembled a blue-chip team of medical advisers.

Blue-ribbon adj.

Recognized as being of the highest quality.

The county fair displayed a blue-ribbon jar of peach preserves.

Blue-sky adj.

Creatively exploring ambitious possibilities without ordinary constraints.

A blue-sky workshop produced three promising energy ideas.

Board-certified adj.

Officially recognized as meeting professional specialty standards.

A board-certified pediatrician reviewed the child's treatment plan.

Bodacious adj.

Excellent, impressive, or boldly appealing.

The band played a bodacious final set that filled the dance floor.

Body-positive adj.

Respectful and accepting of diverse bodies and appearances.

The body-positive campaign featured athletes of many shapes and ages.

Boffo adj.

Highly successful, effective, and enthusiastically received by audiences.

The comedy troupe enjoyed a boffo opening weekend.

Boisterous adj.

Lively, energetic, and cheerfully noisy.

Boisterous laughter filled the room after the final game.

Bold adj.

Willing to act with confidence despite uncertainty.

The team made a bold proposal and supported it with careful evidence.

Bonny adj.

Pleasant, attractive, and full of healthy charm.

The bonny little cottage looked bright among the hills.

Bonzer adj.

Excellent or impressive in Australian informal English.

The team produced a bonzer display of passing and teamwork.

Book-smart adj.

Knowledgeable through study, reading, and formal learning.

The book-smart apprentice quickly understood the engine's technical manual.

Bookish adj.

Fond of reading, study, and learning.

The bookish child happily explored the library's history shelves.

Booming adj.

Growing rapidly and enjoying strong success or prosperity.

The booming market created steady work for local craftspeople.

Borderless adj.

Open and unrestricted by geographical or cultural boundaries.

Their borderless collaboration joined researchers from twelve countries.

Boss adj.

Excellent, impressive, or highly skillful in informal speech.
Mina played a boss guitar solo during the encore.

Bostin adj.

Excellent in informal English from the West Midlands.
The community choir gave a bostin performance at the fair.

Bouncy adj.

Lively, cheerful, and full of springing energy.
A bouncy rhythm soon brought everyone onto the dance floor.

Boundary-pushing adj.

Exploring ambitious ideas beyond familiar creative limits.
The boundary-pushing exhibition combined sculpture with responsive light.

Boundless adj.

Seemingly unlimited in amount, energy, or possibility.
Her boundless curiosity made every walk an adventure.

Bounteous adj.

Generous or plentiful in a welcome way.
The orchard offered a bounteous crop of pears this year.

Bountiful adj.

Large in amount and generously provided.
The bountiful harvest supplied three community kitchens.

Box-office adj.

Attracting a large audience and strong commercial success.
The actor's box-office appeal helped the small film reach theaters.

Bracing adj.

Refreshingly cool, lively, or strengthening.
A bracing sea breeze woke the walkers at dawn.

Brainy adj.

Clever, intelligent, and quick to understand.
The brainy contestant solved the final puzzle in seconds.

Brand-new adj.

Completely new, fresh, and ready to be enjoyed.
The children explored a brand-new set of art supplies.

Brave adj.

Ready to face pain, risk, or difficulty with courage.
It was brave of Mara to admit the mistake and repair it.

Bravehearted adj.

Showing courage and strength when facing difficulty.
The bravehearted medic stayed calm throughout the rescue.

Braw adj.

Fine, splendid, or attractive in Scottish English.
The restored hall looked braw beneath its new slate roof.

Brawny adj.

Physically strong and powerfully built.

The brawny gardener lifted the fallen branch from the path.

Breakout adj.

Achieving sudden and notable success or recognition.

The illustrator became the festival's breakout talent this year.

Breathable adj.

Allowing air to pass through for greater comfort.

Breathable fabric kept the hikers comfortable on the steep climb.

Breathtaking adj.

Extremely beautiful or impressive.

The summit revealed a breathtaking view of the coast.

Breezy adj.

Pleasantly light, relaxed, or refreshed by a breeze.

The covered porch stayed breezy throughout the hot afternoon.

Bright adj.

Full of light, intelligence, promise, or cheerful energy.

The intern offered a bright solution to a stubborn problem.

Bright-eyed adj.

Alert, healthy, and full of eager interest.

The bright-eyed campers were ready before sunrise.

Brill adj.

Excellent or delightful in informal British English.

The student actors gave a brill matinee performance.

Brilliant adj.

Exceptionally intelligent, skillful, successful, or bright.

Her brilliant solution reduced waste without raising costs.

Brimming adj.

Filled to the top or full of lively feeling.

The workshop was brimming with practical ideas.

Brisk adj.

Quick, energetic, and pleasantly active.

A brisk walk helped everyone feel alert before breakfast.

Broad adj.

Wide in range and including many ideas or experiences.

Her broad knowledge helped the team connect several fields.

Broad-based adj.

Supported by many different people, groups, or sources.

The broad-based coalition improved parks across the whole county.

Broad-gauge adj.

Open-minded and able to consider a wide range.

Her broad-gauge leadership welcomed ideas from every department.

Broad-minded adj.

Willing to consider unfamiliar ideas and ways of living.
The broad-minded teacher invited respectful debate.

Brotherly adj.

Showing the loyalty and affection of a caring brother.
He offered brotherly advice without trying to control the decision.

Bubbly adj.

Cheerful, lively, and full of friendly energy.
The bubbly host soon had the whole table talking.

Bucolic adj.

Pleasantly connected with peaceful rural life and natural surroundings.
They spent a bucolic afternoon beside the sheep meadow.

Budding adj.

Beginning to develop skill, promise, or success.
The budding photographer displayed her first portraits at the fair.

Budget-conscious adj.

Careful to spend money wisely and efficiently.
The budget-conscious planner found durable chairs at a fair price.

Budget-friendly adj.

Affordable while remaining useful, enjoyable, and good value.
The guide recommends budget-friendly meals made with seasonal vegetables.

Bug-free adj.

Working correctly without known software defects or errors.
The bug-free release passed every automated and manual check.

Built-to-last adj.

Made with enough quality and strength to endure.
The built-to-last table served three generations of the family.

Bulletproof adj.

Strongly protected or designed to resist failure.
The team created a bulletproof backup plan for the event.

Bullish adj.

Confident and optimistic about future progress and results.
The researchers remain bullish about the treatment's early results.

Bumper adj.

Unusually large, successful, or plentiful.
The warm summer produced a bumper crop of apples.

Buoyant adj.

Cheerful and able to recover spirit after difficulty.
His buoyant mood helped the group begin again after the delay.

Business-savvy adj.

Skilled at making practical and effective commercial decisions.
The business-savvy founder negotiated fair contracts with every supplier.

Businesslike adj.

Efficient, practical, and focused on useful results.

Her businesslike approach kept the long meeting on schedule.

Bussin adj.

Extremely good, especially when describing enjoyable food.

The teenagers agreed that the smoky bean tacos were bussin.

Bustling adj.

Full of lively and productive activity.

The station was bustling with travelers and helpful staff.

Buzzing adj.

Lively, excited, and full of positive activity.

The market was buzzing after the evening concert ended.

Buzzworthy adj.

Interesting or impressive enough to attract enthusiastic attention.

The gallery's buzzworthy new exhibit celebrates local textile artists.

Nouns

Backbone n.

Courage and strength of character during difficulty.

Leila showed real backbone when she defended the younger student.

Backer n.

A person who gives practical or financial support.

A longtime backer funded the theater's accessible entrance.

Backstop n.

A safeguard that provides dependable support when needed.

The reserve fund became a backstop for families facing emergencies.

Backup n.

A person or resource ready to provide support when needed.

The clinic arranged backup before the only nurse left for training.

Balance n.

A stable and healthy relationship between different needs.

A good balance of practice and rest helped the dancers improve.

Balm n.

Something that brings comfort, relief, or healing.

The quiet walk was a balm after a difficult afternoon.

Bargain n.

Something valuable obtained at an especially favorable price.

The sturdy secondhand desk was a remarkable bargain.

Beacon n.

A guiding light or a person who offers hope and direction.

The free clinic became a beacon of hope for nearby families.

Beatitude n.

A state of supreme blessedness and peaceful happiness.
Quiet beatitude settled over the chapel after the final hymn.

Beaut n.

An excellent or especially attractive example of something.
That ripe tomato is a beaut from this year's crop.

Beauty n.

A quality that gives pleasure, admiration, or deep meaning.
The simple melody has a beauty that stays with the listener.

Bedrock n.

A strong and dependable foundation for lasting progress.
Mutual trust became the bedrock of their successful partnership.

Belief n.

Trust or confidence in a person, idea, or possibility.
Her belief in the young team helped them keep practicing.

Believer n.

A person with strong confidence in an idea or possibility.
As a believer in second chances, he offered practical support.

Belle n.

A woman admired for her beauty, charm, or presence.
The gracious belle welcomed every newcomer to the summer dance.

Belonging n.

The secure feeling of being accepted and valued.
Shared meals helped newcomers develop a sense of belonging.

Belter n.

An outstanding person, performance, or example that excites admiration.
The singer finished the concert with an absolute belter.

Benediction n.

A blessing or sincere expression of good wishes.
The elder ended the gathering with a gentle benediction.

Benefaction n.

A charitable gift or action that helps others.
The unexpected benefaction funded new books for the rural school.

Benefactor n.

A person who gives help, money, or support to others.
An anonymous benefactor paid for the library's new lift.

Beneficence n.

The quality of actively doing good for others.
Her beneficence was visible in years of quiet community service.

Beneficiary n.

A person who receives help or an advantage.
Each scholarship beneficiary also receives a volunteer mentor.

Benefit n.

A helpful result, advantage, or form of support.

Cleaner air is an immediate benefit of reducing traffic.

Benevolence n.

A sincere desire to be kind and do good.

The shelter was built through the benevolence of local donors.

Benison n.

A blessing or sincere wish for happiness.

The travelers accepted their grandmother's benison before leaving home.

Bestie n.

A person's closest and most trusted friend.

Nora called her bestie with the wonderful news first.

Betterment n.

The process of improving a person, place, or condition.

The fund supports projects for the betterment of rural schools.

Bibliophile n.

A person who deeply enjoys and values books.

The lifelong bibliophile donated rare novels to the university.

Birdie n.

A golf score one stroke under par.

Her long putt secured a birdie on the final hole.

Blessing n.

Something that brings happiness, help, or welcome relief.

The gentle rain was a blessing for the young orchard.

Bliss n.

A state of complete happiness and contentment.

Sitting beside the quiet lake felt like pure bliss.

Blockbuster n.

A work or event that achieves outstanding popular success.

The small studio surprised everyone with a summer blockbuster.

Bobby-dazzler n.

A person or thing considered remarkably impressive.

The restored bicycle is a real bobby-dazzler in bright green.

Boffin n.

A person with expert scientific or technical knowledge.

A young robotics boffin repaired the sensor before judging began.

Boldness n.

The quality of acting with courage and confidence.

His boldness helped the group test an entirely new approach.

Bon vivant n.

A person who warmly enjoys food, company, and culture.

The genial bon vivant knew every welcoming cafe in town.

Bonanza n.

A situation that brings a large and welcome benefit.

The rainy spring created a bonanza for berry growers.

Bonhomie n.

Cheerful friendliness and easy good humor.

The host's bonhomie soon put every nervous guest at ease.

Bonus n.

A welcome extra benefit or reward.

Flexible hours were an unexpected bonus of the new role.

Bookworm n.

A person who reads often and with great enjoyment.

The happy bookworm always carried a novel on train journeys.

Boomtown n.

A community thriving through rapid economic growth.

New workshops and cafes turned the port into a boomtown.

Boon n.

Something especially helpful or beneficial.

The new bus route is a boon for residents without cars.

Booster n.

A person or thing that increases support, strength, or confidence.

The coach was a steady booster of every beginner.

Bounce-back n.

A strong recovery after difficulty, loss, or disappointment.

The team's patient bounce-back began with better communication.

Bounty n.

A generous supply of something valuable or welcome.

The river valley's bounty filled the autumn market.

Brain trust n.

A respected group of expert advisers and thinkers.

The charity formed a brain trust to improve rural healthcare.

Brainiac n.

A highly intelligent person with impressive mental ability.

The friendly brainiac solved the logic puzzle before lunch.

Brainpower n.

Intelligence and mental ability used to solve problems.

The project needs patient teamwork as much as raw brainpower.

Brainwave n.

A sudden clever idea that solves a problem.

One timely brainwave cut the exhibition's power use in half.

Bravery n.

The quality of facing fear or difficulty with courage.

His bravery gave the other passengers confidence to act.

Bravo n.

A spoken or written expression of enthusiastic approval.
A loud bravo came from the balcony after the final note.

Bravura n.

A brilliant display of boldness, skill, or artistry.
The finale was a bravura showcase for the entire orchestra.

Breadwinner n.

A person who provides essential income for a household.
The new training helped each breadwinner find steadier employment.

Breakthrough n.

An important discovery or advance that solves a problem.
The new test was a breakthrough in detecting the disease early.

Breather n.

A short pause that restores energy or calm.
We took a breather beside the stream before continuing uphill.

Brevity n.

Clear expression achieved with few well-chosen words.
The editor valued brevity in every public safety notice.

Bridge-builder n.

A person who creates understanding between divided groups.
The patient bridge-builder helped both neighborhoods agree on repairs.

Brightness n.

The quality of giving light, cheer, or lively promise.
The room's brightness made it pleasant for detailed work.

Brilliance n.

Exceptional intelligence, skill, or shining beauty.
The proof's brilliance lies in its clear and simple logic.

Brio n.

Energy, confidence, and lively style.
The young pianist played the final movement with brio.

Bromance n.

A close, affectionate, and supportive friendship between men.
Their warm bromance grew through years of shared adventures.

Brother-in-arms n.

A loyal companion who has faced hardship alongside another.
He welcomed his former brother-in-arms with a long embrace.

Brotherhood n.

A close bond based on shared purpose, care, or experience.
Years at sea created a strong brotherhood among the crew.

Buddy n.

A close friend or supportive companion.
His hiking buddy carried the extra water.

Builder n.

A person who creates, develops, or strengthens something.

She is a patient community builder who connects local groups.

Bull's-eye n.

An exact hit or perfectly successful result.

Her final arrow struck the bull's-eye to win the match.

Bulwark n.

A strong source of protection, support, or defense.

The independent courts remain a bulwark for basic rights.

Bursary n.

Financial support awarded to help someone study.

A community bursary covered her final year of nursing school.

Buy-in n.

Willing support for an idea, decision, or plan.

Early staff buy-in helped the new mentoring program succeed.

Verbs**Back** v.

To give active support to a person, plan, or cause.

Local shops agreed to back the youth music program.

Bask v.

To enjoy warmth, approval, or a pleasant experience.

The cast paused to bask in the audience's warm applause.

Beam v.

To smile with clear happiness or pride.

His grandparents beamed when he read the final line aloud.

Beatify v.

To declare someone blessed and worthy of veneration.

The church chose to beatify the nun for her lifelong service.

Beautify v.

To make a place or object more beautiful.

Neighbors planted window boxes to beautify the shared courtyard.

Becalm v.

To make someone or something calm and peaceful.

The familiar song helped becalm the anxious child.

Bedazzle v.

To impress and delight through brilliance, beauty, or skill.

The dancers bedazzle audiences with precise and joyful footwork.

Bedeck v.

To decorate something brightly and attractively.

Families bedeck the town square with handmade lanterns.

Befriend v.

To become a caring and supportive friend to someone.
Maya chose to befriend the new child during lunch.

Bejewel v.

To decorate with jewels or sparkling ornaments.
Artisans bejewel the ceremonial crown with polished stones.

Believe v.

To trust that someone, something, or a possibility is true.
Good mentors believe their students can continue to grow.

Belong v.

To feel accepted as a valued part of a place or group.
Every child deserves to belong in the classroom community.

Bestow v.

To give an honor, gift, or benefit to someone.
The academy will bestow its service award on two volunteers.

Better v.

To improve a condition, skill, or situation.
The group meets monthly to better the neighborhood park.

Bless v.

To give someone sincere good wishes, favor, or protection.
The grandmother raised her hand to bless the departing couple.

Bloom v.

To produce flowers or develop into a healthy, successful state.
With patient coaching, her confidence began to bloom.

Blossom v.

To develop in a healthy, promising, or beautiful way.
His interest in drawing began to blossom at the community class.

Bolster v.

To strengthen, support, or encourage someone or something.
Clear progress reports bolster the volunteers' confidence.

Bond v.

To form a close and supportive connection.
The new teammates began to bond during the long train ride.

Boost v.

To increase strength, confidence, value, or progress.
A clear example can boost a learner's confidence.

Brainstorm v.

To generate many possible ideas through open exploration.
The volunteers brainstorm solutions for making concerts more accessible.

Breathe v.

To take in air or pause long enough to become calm.
Step outside and breathe slowly before answering.

Bridge v.

To connect people, ideas, or places across a gap.

The exchange program helps bridge differences between the two schools.

Brighten v.

To add light, cheer, or hope to something.

Fresh flowers brighten the waiting room each Monday.

Broaden v.

To expand knowledge, experience, opportunity, or understanding.

Travel can broaden a student's view of daily life.

Buffer v.

To protect someone or something from harm or pressure.

A reserve fund can buffer families against an unexpected bill.

Build v.

To create, strengthen, or develop something over time.

Weekly practice will build the choir's confidence.

Burgeon v.

To begin growing or developing quickly.

Small technology firms began to burgeon around the university.

Burnish v.

To improve, polish, or enhance something valued.

Consistent service helped burnish the cooperative's trusted reputation.

Bustle v.

To move with lively, purposeful activity.

Volunteers bustle around the hall before each community meal.

Buttress v.

To strengthen or support someone, something, or an argument.

Fresh evidence will buttress the case for safer crossings.

Adverbs**Beautifully** adv.

In a way that gives pleasure or shows great skill.

The carpenter beautifully restored the carved wooden door.

Beneficially adv.

In a way that produces a helpful or favorable result.

The new shade trees beneficially changed the playground temperature.

Blessedly adv.

In a way that brings welcome relief or happiness.

Blessedly, the rain stopped before the outdoor concert.

Blissfully adv.

In a completely happy and peaceful way.

They spent the afternoon blissfully reading beneath the trees.

Boldly adv.

In a confident and courageous manner.

The young designer boldly presented her unconventional solution.

Bravely adv.

In a courageous way despite fear or difficulty.

She bravely asked for help when the climb became unsafe.

Breezily adv.

In a cheerful, relaxed, and confident manner.

She breezily welcomed the unexpected change of venue.

Brilliantly adv.

In an exceptionally skillful or successful way.

The understudy performed brilliantly on opening night.

Briskly adv.

In a quick, energetic, and efficient manner.

The volunteers worked briskly before the rain arrived.