

Positive words that start with J

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Adjectives

Jake adj.

Satisfactory, agreeable, or in good working order.

Once the loose cable was secured, everything was jake.

Jammy adj.

Very lucky or pleasingly advantageous in informal British use.

Her jammy draw gave the team an easier semifinal.

Jannock adj.

Honest, fair, and straightforward in northern English use.

The jannock referee calmly explained every decision without favor.

Jaunty adj.

Cheerful, lively, and confidently informal.

He wore a jaunty hat that made the children smile.

Jaw-dropping adj.

So impressive or beautiful that it causes amazement.

The choir's jaw-dropping sunset performance earned a standing ovation.

Jazzed adj.

Excited, enthusiastic, and full of energy.

The students were jazzed about showing their robots to the visitors.

Jazzy adj.

Bright, lively, or rhythmically spirited.

The designer chose a jazzy pattern for the festival poster.

Jestful adj.

Playfully inclined toward jokes and good-natured humor.

His jestful toast kept the celebration warm and relaxed.

Jesting adj.

Playful and humorous rather than seriously critical.

Her jesting reply eased the tension around the table.

Jewel-like adj.

Brilliant, beautiful, or finely formed like a jewel.

Jewel-like berries glowed brightly among the dark winter leaves.

Jewel-toned adj.

Colored in rich, vivid shades resembling precious gems.

Jewel-toned cushions brought warmth to the quiet reading room.

Jeweled adj.

Decorated with jewels or shining as brightly as them.
A jeweled costume sparkled beneath the stage lights.

Jiggish adj.

Lively, playful, or well suited to a jig.
The fiddler chose a jiggish tune for the finale.

Job-ready adj.

Prepared with the skills and confidence needed to begin work.
The course helped graduates become job-ready in twelve weeks.

Jocose adj.

Playful in manner and fond of joking.
His jocose greeting set a friendly tone for the workshop.

Jocular adj.

Fond of joking or spoken in a playful manner.
Her jocular remark eased the tension without dismissing the concern.

Jocund adj.

Cheerful, lighthearted, and full of high spirits.
Jocund neighbors filled the courtyard with music and laughter.

Joined adj.

Connected or united with others.
The joined teams shared equipment and finished before sunset.

Joking adj.

Spoken or done with playful humorous intent.
His joking suggestion soon inspired a genuinely useful idea.

Jolly adj.

Cheerful, friendly, and full of good humor.
The jolly shopkeeper remembered every child's favorite fruit.

Jovial adj.

Warmly cheerful and sociable.
Their jovial host kept conversation moving around the table.

Joy-filled adj.

Full of happiness, delight, or celebration.
The reunion became a joy-filled evening of stories and music.

Joy-giving adj.

Bringing happiness or delight to others.
Her joy-giving visits brightened many quiet afternoons.

Joyful adj.

Feeling, showing, or causing great happiness.
A joyful crowd welcomed the runners across the finish line.

Joyous adj.

Full of or causing great happiness.
The graduation was a joyous occasion for the whole family.

Joysome adj.

Causing, showing, or filled with genuine joy.

The reunion was a joysome end to their long separation.

Jubilant adj.

Showing great joy after a success or welcome event.

Jubilant supporters filled the square after the team won.

Judgment-free adj.

Welcoming and free from criticism or condemnation.

The group offered a judgment-free place to ask questions.

Judicious adj.

Showing careful thought and sound judgment.

A judicious pause gave the panel time to check the evidence.

Juicy adj.

Pleasantly full of flavor, interest, or appealing detail.

The ripe peaches were sweet and juicy.

Junoesque adj.

Having stately, dignified, and striking feminine beauty.

The actor carried the Junoesque costume with serene confidence.

Just adj.

Fair and guided by sound principles.

The mediator worked toward a just outcome for both families.

Just-folks adj.

Friendly, informal, and unaffected by status or pretension.

Her just-folks manner helped every volunteer feel equally valued.

Just-right adj.

Exactly suitable, satisfactory, or appropriate for the purpose.

The smaller room felt just-right for an intimate concert.

Justice-minded adj.

Strongly concerned with fairness and the rights of others.

The justice-minded lawyer offered free advice at the shelter.

Justifiable adj.

Able to be supported by good reasons or evidence.

The extra expense was justifiable because it made the crossing safer.

Justified adj.

Shown to be reasonable, right, or supported by evidence.

The team's confidence was justified by repeated successful tests.

Juvenescent adj.

Becoming youthful, fresh, or vigorous once more.

Juvenescent green shoots appeared after the season's careful pruning.

Nouns

Jack-of-all-trades n.

A person capable at many different kinds of work.

Our jack-of-all-trades repaired the shelf and tuned the piano.

Jackpot n.

A highly valuable prize or an unexpectedly excellent result.

Finding the missing letters in the attic felt like a historical jackpot.

Jamboree n.

A large, lively celebration or gathering.

The summer jamboree brought music, games, and food to the park.

Jaunt n.

A short trip taken for pleasure.

We enjoyed a sunny jaunt along the coast.

Jauntiness n.

A cheerful, lively, and confident quality.

The tune's jauntiness made even the tired walkers smile.

Jaw-dropper n.

Someone or something astonishingly impressive or beautiful.

The final garden was a jaw-dropper in full bloom.

Jazziness n.

The quality of being lively, colorful, and stylish.

The room's jazziness made every evening rehearsal feel festive.

Jest n.

A playful remark or act intended to amuse.

Her gentle jest eased the awkward silence.

Jester n.

An entertainer who amuses people with jokes and wit.

The jester turned a long delay into shared laughter.

Jewel n.

A person or thing valued for exceptional beauty or quality.

The restored theater is a jewel in the center of town.

Jim-dandy n.

An excellent or especially pleasing person or thing.

That compact toolkit is a jim-dandy for small repairs.

Jingle n.

A short, cheerful tune that is easy to remember.

The children invented a jingle for the recycling campaign.

Jo n.

A sweetheart or beloved person in Scottish usage.

She saved the first dance for her longtime jo.

Jocoseness n.

The quality of being playful and fond of joking.

His gentle jocoseness brightened the long overnight train journey.

Jocosity n.

Playful humor or a disposition toward good-natured joking.

A little jocosity made the formal dinner more welcoming.

Jocularly n.

Cheerful joking or playful humor.

The host's jocularly helped strangers relax around the table.

Jocundity n.

A state or quality of lively cheerfulness.

The picnic's jocundity lingered long after everyone went home.

Jocundness n.

Cheerful liveliness and an openly merry spirit.

Her jocundness lifted the mood of the entire rehearsal.

Johnny-on-the-spot n.

A person readily available when help is needed.

Mara was the reliable johnny-on-the-spot when the projector failed.

Joke n.

Something said or done to cause friendly amusement.

The guide opened with a harmless joke that made everyone laugh.

Joker n.

A playful person who enjoys making others laugh.

The team's resident joker kept spirits up during the long journey.

Jokesmith n.

A skillful writer or teller of amusing jokes.

The seasoned jokesmith found warm humor without targeting anyone.

Jokester n.

A person who enjoys making others laugh.

The office jokester always kept the humor generous and kind.

Jol n.

A time of fun or a party in South African English.

The neighborhood jol brought several old friends together again.

Jollification n.

A lively celebration with enjoyment and merrymaking.

The victory led to an evening of music and jollification.

Jolliness n.

Warm cheerfulness expressed through lively good humor.

Her natural jolliness made the long reunion feel effortless.

Jollity n.

Cheerful activity, laughter, and enjoyment.

Warm lights and music added jollity to the winter gathering.

Journey n.

A process of travel, growth, or progress toward a meaningful goal.
Learning to walk again was a long journey marked by small victories.

Jovialist n.

A person marked by warm and sociable good humor.
The familiar jovialist welcomed shy guests into the conversation.

Joviality n.

Warm cheerfulness and sociability.
Her joviality helped every newcomer feel included.

Jovialness n.

Warm, friendly cheerfulness in manner or atmosphere.
The host's jovialness quickly put the visitors at ease.

Joy n.

A feeling of great happiness or a source of delight.
The first snowfall filled the children with joy.

Joyance n.

A feeling or expression of gladness and delight.
Birdsong brought quiet joyance to her early morning walk.

Joyfulness n.

The quality or feeling of great happiness.
The children's joyfulness brightened the care home.

Joyousness n.

A strong quality or feeling of happiness.
The dance conveyed a contagious joyousness.

Jubilance n.

A strong feeling of triumph and joy.
Jubilance spread through the lab when the final test succeeded.

Jubilarian n.

A person celebrating a significant anniversary or jubilee.
Each jubilarian received a handwritten note from the community.

Jubilation n.

A feeling or display of great joy after success.
The safe return of the climbers caused jubilation in the village.

Jubilee n.

A special anniversary or occasion celebrated with joy.
The theater marked its jubilee with a free concert.

Judgment n.

The ability to make sound decisions after careful thought.
Her good judgment prevented the team from rushing an unsafe repair.

Judiciousness n.

The quality of showing careful thought and sound judgment.
Her judiciousness made her a trusted mediator.

Juggler n.

A skilled performer who keeps several objects moving through the air.
The juggler delighted the crowd with a graceful five-ball routine.

Juiciness n.

Appealing richness of flavor, detail, or lively interest.
The melon's juiciness made it perfect for the picnic.

Justice n.

Fair treatment and the protection of people's rights.
The advocates worked for justice for families displaced by the flood.

Justifiability n.

The quality of being supported by sound reasons.
The proposal's justifiability rested on clear, measurable public benefits.

Justness n.

The quality of being fair and morally right.
Few doubted the justness of providing clean water to every home.

Juvenescence n.

The process or state of becoming youthful again.
Spring brought a sense of juvenescence to the woodland.

Verbs**Jazz** v.

To make something livelier, brighter, or more interesting.
Fresh herbs can jazz up a simple bowl of rice.

Join v.

To connect, participate, or become part of a group.
New residents are welcome to join the Saturday cleanup.

Jollify v.

To make cheerful or to celebrate in a merry way.
Fresh flowers will jollify the community room before lunch.

Jovialize v.

To make cheerful, convivial, or full of good humor.
The musicians jovialized the gathering with familiar folk songs.

Jubilate v.

To express great joy or celebrate with gladness.
Supporters jubilated when the final scholarship was fully funded.

Jubilize v.

To rejoice openly or celebrate in a joyful way.
Families jubilized together after the safe rescue was announced.

Juggle v.

To manage several demands skillfully at the same time.
She can juggle teaching and research without neglecting her students.

Jump-start v.

To give something the energy or help needed to begin quickly.
The small grant will jump-start repairs at the community hall.

Adverbs**Jauntily** adv.

In a cheerful, lively, and confident manner.
She walked jauntily onto the stage in her bright red shoes.

Jaw-droppingly adv.

In an astonishingly impressive or beautiful manner.
The restored hall looked jaw-droppingly elegant beneath the lights.

Jazzily adv.

In a lively, bright, or stylish manner.
She jazzily refreshed the poster with bold yellow lettering.

Jestingly adv.

In a playful, humorous, and good-natured way.
He jestingly claimed the last biscuit as his prize.

Jocosely adv.

In a playful and joking manner.
She jocosely warned that the last biscuit was under guard.

Jocularly adv.

In a cheerful and joking manner.
He jocularly introduced the dog as the office supervisor.

Jocundly adv.

In a cheerful, lighthearted, and lively manner.
The children skipped jocundly together toward the festival gates.

Jointly adv.

Together with shared responsibility or effort.
The two schools jointly created a garden for the neighborhood.

Jokingly adv.

In a way intended to amuse rather than offend.
They jokingly awarded the baker a crown made of napkins.

Jollily adv.

In a cheerful, friendly, and high-spirited manner.
The host jollily welcomed each nervous newcomer by name.

Jovially adv.

In a warmly cheerful and sociable manner.
The chef jovially greeted diners from the open kitchen.

Joyfully adv.

With great happiness and delight.
The cousins joyfully reunited at the station.

Joyously adv.

With great happiness and celebration.

Bells rang joyously when the rescue boat returned.

Joysomely adv.

In a manner filled with or expressing joy.

The bells rang joysomely across the sunlit town square.

Jubilantly adv.

With great joy after a success or welcome event.

The players waved jubilantly to the crowd.

Judiciously adv.

With careful thought and sound judgment.

The grant was judiciously divided among projects ready to begin.

Juicily adv.

In an appealingly vivid, flavorful, or interesting way.

The peaches ripened juicily in the late summer warmth.

Justifiably adv.

For good reasons or on defensible grounds.

She was justifiably proud of the accessible garden design.

Justly adv.

In a fair, morally right, or deserved way.

The paramedic was justly praised for her calm response.