

Positive words that start with K

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Adjectives

Kaleidoscopic adj.

Brilliantly varied in color, pattern, or changing detail.

A kaleidoscopic mural brightened the once-plain community hall.

Kawaii adj.

Charming through a cute, playful, and innocent style.

The kawaii stationery made her study corner feel cheerful.

Keen adj.

Eager, perceptive, or strongly interested.

The keen volunteers learned the new process quickly.

Keen-eyed adj.

Quick to notice small but important details.

A keen-eyed ranger spotted the damaged trail marker.

Keen-minded adj.

Able to understand and reason quickly.

The keen-minded analyst found the flaw in the estimate.

Keen-sighted adj.

Highly perceptive and quick to recognize important details.

The keen-sighted mediator noticed where both proposals already agreed.

Keen-witted adj.

Quick to understand, reason, and respond intelligently.

The keen-witted guide solved the route problem before dusk.

Kempt adj.

Neat, tidy, and carefully maintained in appearance.

The kempt garden welcomed visitors with clipped paths and roses.

Key adj.

Especially important to achieving or understanding something.

Clear communication was key to the safe evacuation.

Kick-ass adj.

Exceptionally impressive, powerful, or effective.

The drummer delivered a kick-ass solo during the encore.

Kicky adj.

Lively, stylish, and exciting in an appealing way.

Her kicky new jacket brought color to the rainy morning.

Kid-friendly adj.

Safe, suitable, and enjoyable for children.

The museum created a kid-friendly trail through the main gallery.

Kidlike adj.

Showing the curiosity, openness, or playfulness of a child.

His kidlike delight in the fossils made the tour memorable.

Kind adj.

Considerate, helpful, and concerned for another's well-being.

A kind neighbor carried the heavy bags upstairs.

Kindhearted adj.

Naturally sympathetic and willing to help.

The kindhearted mechanic fixed the child's bicycle without charge.

Kindred adj.

Having similar values, interests, or character.

The two kindred groups joined forces to protect the wetland.

Kinetic adj.

Full of movement, energy, or active force.

The kinetic performance sent dancers across the entire stage.

Kingly adj.

Grand, dignified, or generous in a way associated with a good ruler.

The old cedar had a kingly presence at the center of the grove.

Kissable adj.

Attractive or endearing enough to invite an affectionate kiss.

The puppy's kissable face delighted everyone at the shelter.

Kittenish adj.

Playful, lively, and appealingly mischievous.

Her kittenish humor kept the long rehearsal lighthearted.

Knightly adj.

Brave, honorable, and courteous.

The knightly character protected the travelers and kept his word.

Knockout adj.

Exceptionally attractive, impressive, or effective.

The choir delivered a knockout performance in the final round.

Knowing adj.

Showing informed understanding or perceptive awareness.

They exchanged a knowing smile when the old song began.

Knowledgeable adj.

Having strong knowledge about a subject.

A knowledgeable volunteer explained the archive to new visitors.

Kosher adj.

Genuine, acceptable, and in proper or legitimate order.

The auditor confirmed that every reimbursement was completely kosher.

Nouns

Kairos n.

The right or most favorable moment for meaningful action.
The organizers recognized the kairos and opened the shelter early.

Kaitiaki n.

A guardian responsible for protecting the natural environment.
The river's kaitiaki coordinated habitat restoration with local schools.

Kaitiakitanga n.

Environmental guardianship practiced as a shared duty of care.
Their kaitiakitanga joined careful harvesting with long-term habitat protection.

Kaivalya n.

Self-directed spiritual liberation from worldly entanglements.
The lecture compared kaivalya with other traditions of liberation.

Kaizen n.

Continuous improvement through small, steady, practical changes.
Daily kaizen helped the workshop reduce waste without rushing.

Kalon n.

The ideal union of physical beauty and moral goodness.
The sculptor sought kalon in graceful form and generous purpose.

Karuna n.

Compassion that seeks to relieve another being's suffering.
Karuna guided the volunteers toward patient, practical service.

Keenness n.

Strong interest, enthusiasm, or sharp understanding.
Her keenness to learn impressed the workshop leaders.

Keeper n.

A person or thing considered valuable enough to retain.
That simple soup recipe is definitely a keeper.

Keepsake n.

An object treasured for the memories it preserves.
Rosa kept the pressed flower as a wedding keepsake.

Kef n.

A peaceful state of dreamy contentment and tranquility.
Soft music settled the reading room into a gentle kef.

Kernel n.

The central and most valuable part of an idea or subject.
Her suggestion contained the kernel of a workable plan.

Keystone n.

The central part that supports or holds a larger system together.
Public trust is the keystone of the health campaign.

Kilig n.

Fluttering exhilaration sparked by an exciting romantic moment.
The sweet proposal scene gave viewers an unmistakable sense of kilig.

Kin n.

Family or people connected by a strong shared bond.
Friends and kin gathered to rebuild the storm-damaged roof.

Kindheartedness n.

Natural warmth, sympathy, and willingness to help others.
His quiet kindheartedness made new residents feel immediately welcome.

Kindliness n.

A warm and helpful quality in one's treatment of others.
The nurse's kindliness put the anxious child at ease.

Kindness n.

The quality or act of treating others with care and consideration.
One small kindness changed the tone of the entire day.

Kindred spirit n.

A person sharing one's deepest interests, values, or outlook.
Leila found a kindred spirit in her new studio partner.

Kingliness n.

Majestic dignity, generosity, or bearing associated with royalty.
The actor gave the humble ruler warmth and kingliness.

Kinship n.

A feeling of connection based on shared qualities, experience, or family.
The two artists felt an immediate kinship through their love of color.

Kintsugi n.

The Japanese art of beautifully repairing visibly broken pottery.
She practiced kintsugi, tracing the repaired bowl with gold.

Kiss n.

A touch with the lips that expresses affection or greeting.
She placed a gentle kiss on the baby's forehead.

Kith n.

The friends and acquaintances who form a person's social circle.
The celebration brought her kith and kin together.

Knack n.

A natural or learned skill for doing something well.
Mina has a knack for making complex instructions simple.

Knee-slapper n.

A joke or story that provokes hearty laughter.
Grandpa saved his best knee-slapper for the family picnic.

Knees-up n.

A lively informal party filled with music and dancing.
The neighbors held a cheerful knees-up after the harvest.

Knighthood n.

The honored rank granted to a knight.

He accepted the knighthood as recognition of the entire orchestra.

Knightliness n.

Brave, honorable, and courteous conduct toward others.

Her knightliness showed in courage tempered by genuine courtesy.

Know-how n.

Practical knowledge and skill gained through doing something.

Cal's repair know-how saved the theater hundreds of dollars.

Knowledge n.

Facts, skills, and understanding gained through learning or experience.

Local knowledge helped the rescue team choose a safer route.

Knowledgeability n.

The quality of being well informed and capable.

The guide's knowledgeability reassured hikers before the mountain crossing.

Koinonia n.

Close fellowship and shared spiritual commitment within a community.

The retreat fostered koinonia through meals, reflection, and service.

Kudos n.

Praise and recognition for an achievement.

Kudos go to the maintenance team for preventing a larger failure.

Verbs**Keep** v.

To preserve, protect, or continue something valuable.

Careful storage will keep the seeds healthy until spring.

Kick-start v.

To give something the energy or help needed to begin.

The new equipment will kick-start the youth training program.

Kindle v.

To inspire or awaken a feeling, interest, or enthusiasm.

The workshop kindled her interest in astronomy.

Knight v.

To grant someone an honored rank for distinguished service.

The monarch will knight the scientist for her public service.

Kvell v.

To feel or express extraordinary pride and delight.

Parents will kvell when the young orchestra takes its bow.

Adverbs**Keenly** adv.

With strong interest, enthusiasm, or perception.

The apprentices listened keenly as the joiner explained the repair.

Kindheartedly adv.

In a naturally caring and helpful way.

She kindheartedly offered the stranded family a warm meal.

Kindly adv.

In a considerate, friendly, or gentle manner.

The receptionist kindly repeated the directions.

Knowingly adv.

With informed understanding or perceptive awareness.

The mentor smiled knowingly when the student found the answer.

Knowledgeably adv.

With strong knowledge and understanding of a subject.

She spoke knowledgeably about restoring native plants.