

Positive words that start with O

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

Adjectives

Objective adj.

Fair and guided by facts rather than personal preference.

An objective reviewer compared every proposal against the same criteria.

Obliging adj.

Willing and ready to offer help.

The obliging porter found a safe place for the family's bicycles.

Observant adj.

Quick to notice relevant details or changes.

The observant guide spotted fresh animal tracks beside the path.

Observational adj.

Based on careful watching and attention to detail.

Her observational skills helped the team identify the bird correctly.

Obtainable adj.

Possible to get or achieve with effort.

With steady practice, the certification felt obtainable.

Offbeat adj.

Appealingly unusual or unconventional.

The cafe's offbeat decorations gave every table its own character.

Okay adj.

Well enough, acceptable, or free from harm.

After resting and drinking water, the runner felt okay again.

Omnibenevolent adj.

Infinitely loving and good toward every being.

Theologians debated whether perfect goodness requires an omnibenevolent deity.

Omnicompetent adj.

Capable and skilled across every relevant area.

The novel's omnicompetent heroine could navigate, negotiate, and mend engines.

Omnific adj.

Able to create or accomplish anything.

Ancient hymns praised an omnific power behind the living world.

Omnilegent adj.

Exceptionally well read across many fields.

His omnilegent reputation grew from decades spent among books.

Omnipatient adj.

Patient enough to endure every difficulty calmly.

The children imagined an omnipatient guardian who never lost heart.

Omnipercipient adj.

Able to perceive and understand every perspective.

The story's omnipercipient narrator understood each character's hidden concern.

Omniscient adj.

Possessing complete knowledge and awareness.

An omniscient narrator reveals how each kindness changes the town.

On-budget adj.

Completed without exceeding the planned amount of money.

The careful renovation finished on-budget despite the rising timber costs.

On-point adj.

Exactly right, relevant, or stylish for the occasion.

Her on-point summary kept the meeting focused on the decision.

On-target adj.

Accurate and well matched to the intended goal.

Her on-target advice solved the scheduling problem.

On-the-ball adj.

Alert, capable, and quick to understand what matters.

Our on-the-ball coordinator caught the booking error before lunch.

On-time adj.

Happening or completed at the planned time.

Every on-time delivery helped the food bank plan its distributions.

On-track adj.

Progressing as planned toward a desired result.

The on-track restoration should reopen the footbridge by May.

On-trend adj.

In keeping with a current and appealing style.

Her on-trend jacket used recycled cloth from local mills.

One-of-a-kind adj.

Unique and especially distinctive.

The artist created a one-of-a-kind mosaic for the community garden.

Onside adj.

Supportive of and in agreement with someone.

Once the nurse understood the change, she was fully onside.

Opalescent adj.

Shimmering attractively with soft, changing colors.

An opalescent glaze made each handmade bowl shimmer softly.

Opaline adj.

Beautifully iridescent or milky like an opal.

Opaline tiles brightened the small fountain at the courtyard entrance.

Open adj.

Ready to consider ideas, people, or possibilities fairly.

The panel remained open to evidence that challenged its first conclusion.

Open-access adj.

Freely available without unnecessary cost or restriction.

The open-access archive lets anyone study the town's early maps.

Open-door adj.

Welcoming communication, questions, or reasonable access.

An open-door approach encouraged apprentices to raise concerns early.

Open-eyed adj.

Alert, watchful, and aware of what is happening.

The open-eyed reporter checked the flattering claim against public records.

Open-minded adj.

Willing to consider unfamiliar ideas without quick judgment.

An open-minded editor invited several different views on the issue.

Open-source adj.

Freely available for people to inspect, use, and improve.

Students improved the open-source tool for readers with low vision.

Openhanded adj.

Generous in giving or sharing.

The openhanded donor funded instruments for the youth orchestra.

Openhearted adj.

Sincere, generous, and willing to show care.

Their openhearted welcome helped the new family settle in.

Operable adj.

Able to function, be used, or be treated successfully.

The surgeon confirmed that the condition was safely operable.

Operational adj.

Functioning properly and ready for practical use.

All three water pumps were operational before the village festival.

Operative adj.

Working effectively and ready to serve its purpose.

The backup generator remained operative throughout the storm.

Opportune adj.

Well timed and favorable for a purpose.

The sunny weekend was an opportune time to repair the roof.

Optimal adj.

Best or most favorable for a particular purpose.

Morning shade provides optimal conditions for these young plants.

Optimistic adj.

Expecting a favorable outcome while recognizing what must be done.

The team is optimistic because the latest test addressed the main risk.

Opulent adj.

Richly luxurious, impressive, and abundant.

The opulent theater delighted visitors with gilded balconies and velvet seats.

Orderly adj.

Arranged or conducted in a clear, controlled sequence.

An orderly handover prevented important details from being lost.

Organic adj.

Natural, authentic, or developed through gradual healthy growth.

The partnership grew through organic trust between neighboring schools.

Organized adj.

Arranged well and able to manage tasks effectively.

The organized coordinator kept every delivery on schedule.

Original adj.

Created independently and not copied from another source.

Her original illustration made the instructions easier to remember.

Originative adj.

Creative and able to produce new ideas.

The originative student designed a folding desk for cramped rooms.

Ornamental adj.

Made or chosen to add beauty.

Ornamental grasses brought movement and color to the winter garden.

Ornate adj.

Decorated with attractive and detailed patterns.

An ornate wooden screen brightened the restored hall.

Other-regarding adj.

Concerned with the welfare and needs of other people.

Her other-regarding leadership protected both workers and nearby residents.

Outdoorsy adj.

Fond of and comfortable with outdoor activities.

The outdoorsy family spent Saturday exploring a nearby forest trail.

Outgoing adj.

Friendly, confident, and comfortable meeting people.

The outgoing host introduced newcomers to the whole group.

Outspoken adj.

Frank and confident in expressing honest views.

The outspoken advocate asked direct questions while remaining respectful.

Outstanding adj.

Exceptionally good or clearly distinguished from others.

The rescue crew did outstanding work under severe conditions.

Outward-looking adj.

Interested in other people, places, and new ideas.

An outward-looking curriculum connected local history with neighboring cultures.

Overjoyed adj.

Extremely happy and delighted.

Lena was overjoyed to hear that the missing dog was safe.

Nouns**Oasis** n.

A peaceful or refreshing place amid difficulty or activity.

The shaded library became an oasis during the noisy festival.

Objectivity n.

Fair judgment based on facts rather than personal preference.

Objectivity kept the hiring panel focused on evidence and clear criteria.

Obligingness n.

Willing readiness to help or accommodate other people.

His obligingness made the crowded volunteer kitchen easier to manage.

Observance n.

Respectful attention to a custom, rule, or special occasion.

The school held a quiet observance to honor its founders.

Observation n.

A careful notice or useful comment about what is seen.

His observation about the loose hinge prevented a larger repair.

Offering n.

Something helpful, valuable, or meaningful that is presented.

The museum's newest offering is a free workshop for children.

Old hand n.

An experienced person skilled in a particular activity.

As an old hand, Priya repaired the loom without fuss.

Old soul n.

A person showing unusual maturity and thoughtful understanding.

Everyone trusted the old soul's calm advice during disagreements.

Olive branch n.

A gesture offered to restore peace or goodwill.

Her sincere apology offered an olive branch after the dispute.

Olympian n.

An athlete who has earned a place at the Olympic Games.

The young Olympian thanked the coaches who supported her training.

Omnibenevolence n.

Perfect and unlimited goodwill toward every being.

The story imagines a ruler guided by complete omnibenevolence.

Omnicompetence n.

The ability to handle every area with skill.

Running the tiny theater demanded near omnicompetence from its director.

Omniscience n.

The state of knowing everything that can be known.

The novel treats omniscience as responsibility for every known consequence.

Oneness n.

A state of unity, harmony, or shared being.

Shared meals strengthened the oneness felt across the neighborhood.

Onwardness n.

Continued forward movement or progress.

Her quiet onwardness carried the project through repeated setbacks.

Oomph n.

Lively energy, force, or appealing impact.

A squeeze of lime gave the soup the extra oomph it needed.

Open-mindedness n.

Willingness to consider unfamiliar ideas fairly.

Her open-mindedness made honest discussion possible.

Openhandedness n.

Generosity in giving, sharing, or helping.

Her openhandedness supplied every child with paints and brushes.

Openheartedness n.

Warm, sincere generosity toward other people.

His openheartedness helped the shy guest feel included.

Openness n.

A readiness to share honestly or consider new ideas.

The group's openness allowed a better plan to emerge.

Opportuneness n.

The quality of being favorable and well timed.

The opportuneness of the cool morning made planting easier.

Opportunity n.

A favorable set of circumstances for action, learning, or progress.

The internship gave her an opportunity to test her ideas in practice.

Optimality n.

The state of being the best possible choice.

Engineers confirmed the design's optimality under the stated constraints.

Optimism n.

Hopeful confidence that good outcomes are possible.

Her optimism encouraged the team to try one more solution.

Optimist n.

A person who expects or looks for favorable possibilities.

Even after the delay, the optimist in our group saw a chance to improve the plan.

Optimization n.

Improvement toward the best possible performance or result.

Careful route optimization shortened each delivery without rushing drivers.

Optimum n.

The best or most favorable condition possible.

Moderate shade created the optimum conditions for young ferns.

Option n.

A possible choice that gives room to decide or act.

Remote attendance gave parents another option for joining the meeting.

Opulence n.

Rich beauty, comfort, and impressive abundance.

Warm lighting gave the modest dining room a sense of opulence.

Oracle n.

A person valued as a wise and trusted adviser.

The team treated Amara as an oracle on native plants.

Oracy n.

The ability to speak and understand spoken language well.

Daily discussion gave every pupil more confidence in oracy.

Orator n.

A skilled and eloquent public speaker.

The gifted orator made a complex proposal easy to understand.

Oratory n.

Skillful, persuasive, and expressive public speaking.

Her clear oratory held the audience without needless drama.

Orchestration n.

Skillful coordination of many parts into a coherent whole.

Careful orchestration kept the festival welcoming, safe, and punctual.

Orchestrator n.

A person who coordinates complex parts into a successful whole.

The project orchestrator aligned builders, teachers, and accessibility advisers.

Order n.

A clear, organized, and peaceful arrangement.

A simple labeling system brought order to the busy workshop.

Orderliness n.

The quality of being neat, organized, and controlled.

The lab's orderliness made every safety check easier.

Organization n.

Orderly arrangement that makes people or materials effective.

Better organization gave the nurses more time with patients.

Organizer n.

A person who plans and coordinates people, tasks, or materials.

The organizer matched each volunteer with a suitable role.

Originality n.

The quality of being fresh, independent, and inventive.

The judges praised the originality of his low-cost water filter.

Originator n.

A person who creates or begins something new.

The originator of the seed library shared credit with volunteers.

Ornament n.

Something that adds beauty or distinction.

A carved bird served as the simple ornament above the doorway.

Ornamentation n.

Decorative detail that adds beauty or interest.

Subtle ornamentation made the handmade invitation feel celebratory.

Outdoorsmanship n.

Skill and sound judgment in outdoor activities.

Good outdoorsmanship kept the hiking group safe during changing weather.

Outgoingness n.

Friendly confidence and ease in social situations.

Her natural outgoingness helped new members join the conversation.

Outperformance n.

Results that exceed a benchmark or expected standard.

The fund's steady outperformance supported scholarships for another year.

Outperformer n.

A person or team that consistently exceeds expectations.

The quiet outperformer shared her study method with the whole class.

Outpouring n.

A large and heartfelt expression of support or feeling.

An outpouring of support supplied every family with winter coats.

Outreach n.

Organized effort to offer help, information, or services to people.

The clinic's outreach brought free screenings to remote villages.

Outstander n.

Something remarkably good that stands above its peers.

Among the finalists, the quiet documentary was the true outstander.

Ovation n.

Enthusiastic public applause for an achievement or performance.

The young musicians received an ovation after their final song.

Overachievement n.

Performance that exceeds the expected standard.

Her overachievement reflected months of focused practice.

Overachiever n.

A person who regularly performs beyond expectations.

The cheerful overachiever also helped classmates prepare for the exam.

Overcomer n.

A person who successfully moves through serious difficulty.

The memoir portrays her as an overcomer who rebuilt her life patiently.

Overperformance n.

Performance that exceeds the expected level or benchmark.

Sustained overperformance earned the workshop a larger community contract.

Overture n.

A friendly opening proposal intended to improve relations.

The shared meal was an overture toward cooperation between the two groups.

Ownership n.

Willing responsibility for a task, decision, or result.

Giving students ownership of the garden increased their care for it.

Verbs**Observe** v.

To watch or notice something carefully.

The trainees observe each demonstration before trying the technique.

Obtain v.

To gain or secure something through effort or request.

The clinic helped each family obtain clean drinking water.

Obviate v.

To remove a need, difficulty, or possible problem.

A covered walkway will obviate the need for rain delays.

Offer v.

To present help, an idea, or an opportunity for someone to accept.

The community center will offer free evening classes.

Optimize v.

To make something as effective or useful as possible.

The technician adjusted the controls to optimize energy use.

Orchestrate v.

To coordinate many parts into a coherent result.

Mina helped orchestrate a smooth move into the renovated library.

Organize v.

To arrange people or things into a clear, useful structure.

Volunteers will organize the donated books by reading level.

Originate v.

To create or begin something new.

The idea originated with students who used the garden every day.

Outbrave v.

To face or surpass a challenge through greater courage.

The smallest climber managed to outbrave everyone during the storm.

Outclass v.

To prove clearly superior in quality or skill.

Her final design managed to outclass every costlier alternative.

Outcompete v.

To succeed more effectively than a competitor.

The cooperative learned to outcompete larger farms through exceptional freshness.

Outdistance v.

To move or progress well ahead of others.

The lead cyclist began to outdistance the field on the final climb.

Outdo v.

To perform better than a previous effort or rival.

Each apprentice tried to outdo the care shown in the previous repair.

Outgive v.

To surpass others in generosity or charitable giving.

No one could outgive the quiet donor during the winter appeal.

Outgrow v.

To develop beyond an earlier limit, need, or habit.

With practice, children often outgrow their fear of deep water.

Outlast v.

To remain strong or useful longer than a difficulty or rival.

The sturdy bridge should outlast many seasons of heavy rain.

Outlive v.

To live or remain useful longer than expected.

These well-made boots should outlive several cheaper pairs.

Outmaneuver v.

To gain an advantage through more skillful planning.

The small firm used careful timing to outmaneuver its larger rival.

Outmatch v.

To surpass someone or something in ability or quality.

The handmade lens continued to outmatch the imported model for clarity.

Outpace v.

To progress or perform faster than something else.

Solar installations began to outpace the yearly target.

Outperform v.

To achieve better results than a standard or comparison.

The repaired pump continued to outperform the older model.

Outplay v.

To perform more skillfully in a game or contest.

The home side began to outplay the champions after halftime.

Outrun v.

To run faster or escape through speed.

With steady training, Nia learned to outrun her earlier times.

Outscore v.

To earn more points in a game or contest.

Strong teamwork helped the visitors outscore a more experienced side.

Outshine v.

To be more impressive or successful through strong qualities.

Her thoughtful presentation managed to outshine the costly display.

Outsmart v.

To overcome a challenge through superior thinking.

The students used a simple checklist to outsmart the tricky puzzle.

Outstrip v.

To exceed others in progress, quality, or performance.

Her progress began to outstrip even her coach's hopeful forecast.

Outthink v.

To reach a better solution through stronger reasoning.

Mei paused long enough to outthink the problem instead of rushing.

Outwit v.

To overcome a challenge through clever thinking.

The gardener used netting to outwit the birds without harming them.

Outwork v.

To surpass others through sustained effort.

Consistent preparation allowed the smaller crew to outwork its rivals.

Overachieve v.

To perform better than the expected standard.

The small team continued to overachieve by focusing on its strongest service.

Overcome v.

To succeed in dealing with a problem, fear, or difficulty.

With patient practice, he began to overcome his fear of deep water.

Overdeliver v.

To provide more value or better results than promised.

The repair shop chose to overdeliver by cleaning every returned bicycle.

Overflow v.

To be filled beyond capacity with something abundant.

By June, the window boxes overflow with bright flowers.

Overhaul v.

To repair or improve something thoroughly.

The volunteers will overhaul the playground before school resumes.

Overjoy v.

To fill someone with great happiness.

The surprise reunion will overjoy their grandparents.

Overperform v.

To achieve better results than expected.

The revised battery continued to overperform in cold-weather tests.

Own v.

To accept responsibility for an action or decision.

A strong leader will own the mistake and make the correction.

Adverbs

Objectively adv.

With fair attention to facts rather than personal preference.

The judges objectively compared each garden against the published criteria.

Obligingly adv.

In a willing and helpful manner.

The neighbor obligingly moved her car so the van could pass.

Observantly adv.

With careful attention to details and changes.

Mira watched observantly and noticed that the seedlings needed more shade.

Onward adv.

Forward toward further progress.

After fixing the leak, the crew moved onward to the next repair.

Open-mindedly adv.

With fair consideration for unfamiliar ideas or views.

Jon listened open-mindedly when residents proposed a different route.

Openheartedly adv.

With sincere warmth, honesty, and generosity.

They spoke openheartedly and repaired a friendship strained by distance.

Openly adv.

In an honest and direct manner without concealment.

The manager spoke openly about the mistake and how it would be corrected.

Opportunely adv.

At a particularly helpful or favorable time.

A spare key appeared opportunely when the caretaker was delayed.

Optimally adv.

In the best or most effective way for the situation.

The desks were arranged optimally for conversation and clear sightlines.

Optimistically adv.

With hopeful confidence about what may happen.

They optimistically planted a second crop after repairing the greenhouse.

Opulently adv.

In a richly luxurious and impressive manner.

The restored salon was opulently furnished without feeling crowded.

Organically adv.

In a natural, authentic, or gradually developing way.

New friendships formed organically around the shared vegetable garden.

Ornately adv.

With attractive and elaborate decorative detail.

The ceiling was ornately painted with flowers and small stars.

Outstandingly adv.

In an exceptionally good or impressive manner.

The understudies performed outstandingly when the lead actors fell ill.