

Positive words that start with Q

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Adjectives

Quadrilingual adj.

Able to speak or use four different languages.

The quadrilingual guide welcomed visitors in all four official languages.

Quaffable adj.

Pleasant and easy to drink, especially in company.

The cafe serves a light, quaffable lemonade with fresh mint.

Quaint adj.

Attractively old-fashioned or unusual.

The quaint bookshop still wraps purchases in patterned paper.

Quaintish adj.

Somewhat quaint in an appealing or playful way.

A quaintish lamp gave the renovated studio a playful accent.

Quakeproof adj.

Able to withstand serious damage during an earthquake.

Engineers designed a quakeproof school with flexible steel supports.

Qualified adj.

Having the knowledge, skill, or experience needed for a role.

A qualified electrician inspected the damaged wiring.

Quality-assured adj.

Checked systematically to confirm a dependable standard.

Clinics received quality-assured medicine from the regional laboratory.

Quality-conscious adj.

Careful to maintain a high standard.

The quality-conscious baker checks every loaf before it reaches the counter.

Queenlike adj.

Regal, majestic, or dignified in a queen's manner.

Her queenlike composure steadied the cast before opening night.

Queenly adj.

Regal, dignified, and worthy of a queen.

The dancer crossed the stage with calm, queenly assurance.

Quemeful adj.

Kindly or merciful in manner or character.

The poem praises a quemeful ruler who spared her rivals.

Quenching adj.

Satisfying thirst or providing welcome refreshing relief.

A quenching rain refreshed the orchard after weeks of heat.

Questing adj.

Actively searching for knowledge, purpose, or improvement.

Her questing mind turned every walk into a lesson about nature.

Questioning adj.

Curious and willing to examine ideas rather than accept them blindly.

His questioning approach uncovered a safer way to run the test.

Quick adj.

Moving, understanding, or responding with useful speed.

Her quick response stopped the leak from spreading.

Quick-acting adj.

Taking effect promptly when help is needed.

A quick-acting valve stopped the overflow before damage spread.

Quick-drying adj.

Able to dry rapidly and return to use.

Quick-drying paint let the community hall reopen that evening.

Quick-eyed adj.

Keenly observant and prompt to notice important details.

The quick-eyed ranger spotted a loose rung before the climb.

Quick-footed adj.

Able to move rapidly and lightly.

The quick-footed defender reached the ball before it crossed the line.

Quick-learning adj.

Able to acquire new knowledge or skills rapidly.

The quick-learning apprentice mastered the safer cutting method by Friday.

Quick-minded adj.

Able to understand and respond rapidly.

The quick-minded technician traced the fault within minutes.

Quick-paced adj.

Moving briskly with lively and engaging energy.

The quick-paced workshop kept every participant alert and involved.

Quick-sighted adj.

Keenly perceptive and fast to notice what matters.

A quick-sighted editor noticed the contradiction before publication.

Quick-thinking adj.

Able to make a good decision rapidly.

A quick-thinking neighbor shut off the water before the room flooded.

Quick-witted adj.

Able to think and respond cleverly without much delay.

The quick-witted host found a kind reply to an awkward question.

Quiescent adj.

Quiet, still, and resting without disturbance.

The quiescent garden offered a restful pause between appointments.

Quiet adj.

Making little noise or offering a sense of calm.

The quiet room gave readers a place to concentrate.

Quiet-spoken adj.

Speaking gently, calmly, and without unnecessary volume.

The quiet-spoken mentor made room for every apprentice's questions.

Quieting adj.

Having a calming or soothing effect.

The quieting rhythm of rain helped everyone settle.

Quietive adj.

Tending to calm, soothe, or make peaceful.

The harp's quietive melody softened the ward's restless atmosphere.

Quietsome adj.

Calm, still, peaceful, and free from disturbance.

They found a quietsome clearing beyond the busy trail.

Quintessential adj.

Representing the clearest or most typical example of a quality.

The small public square is a quintessential gathering place.

Quippy adj.

Full of clever, playful, and concise remarks.

The quippy presenter kept the safety lesson lively and clear.

Quirky adj.

Appealingly unusual in character or style.

The quirky clock marks each hour with a different birdsong.

Quotable adj.

Expressed memorably enough to be worth repeating.

Her speech ended with a quotable reminder to stay curious.

Quoteworthy adj.

Memorable or insightful enough to deserve quotation.

Her quoteworthy observation captured the value of patient listening.

Nouns**Qi** n.

Vital energy believed to flow through living beings.

Slow breathing helped Mara focus on the flow of qi.

Qigong n.

A practice combining movement, breathing, and meditation for wellbeing.

The morning qigong class combined gentle movement with steady breathing.

Quaintness n.

The appealing quality of being old-fashioned or unusual.
Visitors enjoyed the village's quaintness and narrow garden lanes.

Quaintrelle n.

A style-conscious woman who cultivates life's pleasures.
The local quaintrelle paired vintage tailoring with handmade silver jewelry.

Qualification n.

A skill, achievement, or experience that prepares someone for a role.
Her first-aid qualification allowed her to lead the safety team.

Qualifier n.

A person or team that earns advancement in competition.
The youngest qualifier earned her place with two steady performances.

Quality n.

A degree of excellence or a feature that gives something value.
Careful editing improved the quality of the final guide.

Quality of life n.

A person's overall level of health, comfort, and enjoyment.
Reliable buses improved quality of life across the rural district.

Quality time n.

Time devoted attentively and enjoyably to close relationships.
They protected Sunday afternoons as quality time with their children.

Queen n.

A preeminent or greatly admired woman in a group.
The jazz queen closed the festival with a radiant encore.

Queenhood n.

The rank, dignity, or condition of being a queen.
The portrait presents queenhood as service guided by courage.

Queenliness n.

The dignified and gracious quality associated with a queen.
Her queenliness appeared in gracious conduct, not jeweled clothing.

Quencher n.

Something that satisfies thirst or brings refreshing relief.
Watermelon proved a welcome quencher after the long garden shift.

Quest n.

A sustained search for something valuable or important.
Their quest for a safer material led to an unexpected discovery.

Quester n.

A person engaged in a determined search for something valuable.
The young quester kept exploring ways to make clean water affordable.

Questioner n.

A person who asks questions to understand or examine something.
A thoughtful questioner helped the panel explain its decision clearly.

Quick study n.

A person able to learn new material remarkably fast.

As a quick study, Arun learned the lighting desk overnight.

Quick-sightedness n.

The ability to perceive important details without delay.

Her quick-sightedness revealed a scheduling conflict during the first review.

Quick-wittedness n.

The quality of thinking and responding cleverly at speed.

Her quick-wittedness turned a tense delay into shared laughter.

Quickener n.

Someone or something that brings life, energy, or speed.

Fresh music became a quickener for the tired rehearsal.

Quickening n.

A revival or increase of life, energy, or activity.

The quickening of neighborhood trade brought three empty shops back.

Quickness n.

Useful speed in movement, understanding, or response.

The medic's quickness helped stabilize the injured cyclist.

Quiescence n.

A peaceful state of rest, stillness, or inactivity.

Evening quiescence returned after the last ferry departed.

Quietness n.

The peaceful quality of making little noise.

The quietness of the reading room helped everyone concentrate.

Quietude n.

A peaceful state of calm and stillness.

She found welcome quietude beside the lake at dawn.

Quinceañera n.

A celebration marking a girl's fifteenth birthday in Latin American cultures.

The family filled Elena's quinceañera with music, stories, and dancing.

Quintessence n.

The clearest or most perfect example of a quality.

For him, the shared harvest was the quintessence of community spirit.

Quip n.

A clever, brief remark that creates amusement.

His gentle quip drew smiles without making anyone the target.

Quirkiness n.

The appealing quality of being unusual or distinctive.

The cafe's cheerful quirkiness made it a favorite meeting place.

Quotability n.

The quality of being memorable and worth repeating.

The speech gained quotability through its clear closing sentence.

Verbs

Quaff v.

To drink deeply and with hearty enjoyment.
Festival guests quaffed cool cider beneath the flowering apple trees.

Qualify v.

To meet the required standard for a role, award, or opportunity.
Four young swimmers qualify for the regional final.

Quench v.

To satisfy thirst or relieve a pressing need.
Cold spring water quenched the hikers' thirst at midday.

Quicken v.

To make something faster, livelier, or more active.
The first warm days quicken growth in the garden.

Quieten v.

To make or become calmer or less noisy.
A soft melody helped quieten the restless audience.

Adverbs

Quaintly adv.

In an attractively old-fashioned or unusual way.
The cottage was quaintly furnished with hand-painted chairs.

Quick-wittedly adv.

With sharp understanding and a clever rapid response.
Sam quick-wittedly redirected the joke without embarrassing the nervous speaker.

Quickly adv.

With useful speed or without unnecessary delay.
The volunteers quickly sorted the supplies for morning delivery.

Quiescently adv.

In a quiet, still, and undisturbed manner.
The old dog rested quiescently beside the warm stove.

Quietly adv.

In a calm, unobtrusive, or low-noise manner.
She quietly replaced the empty water pitcher before the meeting began.

Quintessentially adv.

In a way that perfectly represents a particular quality or type.
The welcoming village fair was quintessentially a community celebration.

Quirkily adv.

In an appealingly unusual or playful manner.
The illustrator quirkily gave every cloud a tiny hat.