

## kind

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[kaɪnd] *n*

## 1. 1) сорт, класс, разряд

good [bad, remarkable, usual] kind - хороший [плохой, замечательный, обычный] сорт /вид, разряд/  
 a new kind of silk [paper, apples] - новый сорт шёлка [бумаги, яблок]  
 the wrong kind of paper - не такая бумага, как нужно  
 all [many, other] kinds of things - всякие [разные, другие] вещи  
 different kinds of animals [plants, fruits] - различные животные [растения, плоды]  
 what kind of car do you drive? - какой марки у вас машина?  
 this kind of things, things of this kind - такие вещи, вещи подобного рода  
 what kind of plant [man, paper, book] is this? - что это за растение [человек, бумага, книга]?  
 he is a strange kind of a hero - это весьма странный герой  
 a thing admirable in its kind - удивительная в своём роде вещь  
 something of the kind - что-нибудь в этом роде  
 nothing of the kind - ничего подобного

## 2) разновидность, вид

a kind of orange (different from the usual kind) - разновидность апельсина (отличная от обычного)  
 the wolf is an animal of the dog kind - волк относится к семейству псовых  
 the sardine is a fish of the herring kind - сардина - представитель сельдевых  
 a wind instrument of the trumpet kind - духовой инструмент типа трубы

## 3) сходные предметы; похожие люди

two of a kind - два предмета одного и того же сорта /вида, типа/  
 all of a kind - все одного сорта, все одинаковые

## 2. характер (человека); личность

she is not the kind to talk scandal - она не из тех, кто злословит

## 3. род, вид; племя

the bird kind - пернатые  
 the human kind - род человеческий  
 to be fond of one's (own) kind - любить своих близких, любить людей  
 to propagate one's kind - размножаться (о животных), приносить приплод

## 4. природа, характер, отличительные особенности

differences in kind - существенные различия  
 they differ in degree but not in kind - тут разница в степени, а не в существе

## 5. натура (как средство оплаты и т. п.)

payment in kind - платёж натурой; натуральная оплата  
 donations to the Red Cross in kind - пожертвования в пользу Красного Креста натурой (продовольствием, медикаментами и т. п.)  
 benefits in kind - дополнительное вознаграждение, оплата, выплачиваемая натурой (в дополнение к жалованию)

## 6. арх. манера, способ (присущий кому-л.)

to act after smb.'s kind - поступать подобно кому-л.  
 ◇ a kind of - почти, как бы; что-то вроде, нечто похожее /напоминающее/  
 a kind of suspicion - смутное подозрение  
 of a kind - а) в своём роде; нечто вроде; this box will make a table of a kind - этот ящик может в случае нужды заменить стол;  
 б) посредственный, так себе; неважный  
 coffee of a kind - что-то вроде кофе, скверный кофе  
 to repay /to pay back, to answer, to return/ in kind - отвечать тем же; ≅ отплачивать той же монетой  
 to repay insolence in kind - отвечать дерзостью на дерзость

II

[kaɪnd] *a*

## 1. 1) добрый, доброжелательный сердечный, ласковый

kind person [act, heart] - добрый человек [поступок, -ое сердце]  
 to be kind to smb. - а) хорошо относиться к кому-л., хорошо обращаться с кем-л.; б) быть добрым /любезным/ с кем-л.  
 to be kind about smth. - доброжелательно/сердечно/ отнестись к чему-л.  
 to be kind in smth. - проявлять доброту в чём-л.

## 2) любезный, внимательный

you are very kind - вы очень любезны, спасибо  
 it is very kind of you - с вашей стороны это очень любезно /мило/  
 will you be kind enough /so kind as/ to do that - будьте любезны /добры/ сделать это  
 be kind enough to hold your tongue - пожалуйста, попридержите язык

## 2. разг. приятный, мягкий

a soap kind to the skin - такое мыло не раздражает кожу

## 3. офиц. арх. любящий, нежный

with kind regards, yours ... - с сердечным приветом, ваш ... (в конце письма)

## 4. 1) редк. податливый, послушный

this horse is kind in harness - эта лошадь хороша в упряжке

## 2) тех. поддающийся обработке

this stone is kind for dressing - этот камень хорошо поддаётся обработке

## 3) горн. мягкий (о руде)

**kind** [kind kinds kinder kindest] **noun, adjective** BrE [kaɪnd] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [kaɪnd] <sup>ˈ</sup>**noun** countable, uncountable

a group of people or things that are the same in some way; a particular variety or type

- three kinds of cakes/cake
- music of **all/various/different kinds**
- Exercises of this kind are very popular.
- What kind of house do you live in?
- They sell all **kinds of things** .
- The school is the first **of its kind** in Britain.
- She isn't **that kind of** girl.
- The regions differ in size, but not **in kind** .
- I need to buy paper and pencils, that **kind of thing** .
- I'll never have **that kind of** money (= as much money as that) .
- (formal) Would you like a drink **of some kind** ?

Word Origin:

**n.** Old English cynd(e) gecynd(e) Germanic <sup>↑</sup>kin 'nature, the natural order' 'innate character, form, or condition' <sup>↑</sup>kind 'a class' 'race distinguished by innate characteristics'

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Thesaurus:**kind** **noun** C, U

- They play music of all kinds.

**type** • • **form** • • **variety** • • **style** • • **brand** • • **category** • • **class** • • **version** • • **nature** • |especially BrE **sort** • |formal **genre** •

a kind/type/form/variety/style/brand/category/class/version/sort/genre of sth

**a different/the same** kind/type/form/variety/style/brand/category/class/version/nature/sort/genre

**various** kinds/types/forms/styles/categories/versions/sorts/genres

a/the/that kind/type/sort **of thing**

**Kind, type or sort?** **Kind** is the most frequent word in this group; **sort** is used more in British English. **Type** is slightly more formal and used more in official, scientific or academic contexts.

Grammar Point:**kind / sort**

Use the singular (**kind/sort**) or plural (**kinds/sorts**) depending on the word you use before them: ▫ each/one/every kind of animal ◇  
 ▫ all/many/other sorts of animals.

**Kind/sort of** is followed by a singular or uncountable noun: ▫ This kind of question ▫ often appears in the exam. ◇ ▫ That sort of behaviour ▫ is not acceptable.

**Kinds/sorts of** is followed by a plural or uncountable noun: ▫ These kinds of questions ▫ often appear in the exam. ◇ ▫ These sorts of behaviour ▫ are not acceptable.

**Other variations are possible but less common:** ▫ These kinds of question ▫ often appear in the exam. ◇ ▫ These sort of things ▫ don't happen in real life. (This example is very informal and is considered incorrect by some people.)

**Note also that these examples are possible, especially in spoken English:** ▫ The shelf was full of ▫ the sort of books ▫ I like to read. ◇ ▫ He faced ▫ the same kind of problems ▫ as his predecessor. ◇ ▫ There are many ▫ different sorts of animal ▫ on the island. ◇ ▫ What kind of camera ▫ is this? ◇ ▫ What kind/kinds of cameras ▫ do you sell? ◇ ▫ There were ▫ three kinds of cakes/cake ▫ on the plate.

Example Bank:

- 'I was terrible!' 'You were nothing of the kind!'
- Be sure to eat enough of the right kind of food.
- Certain kinds of food are unsuitable for small children.
- Do you know the kind of thing I mean?
- I missed him, in a funny kind of way.
- I'm a fairly normal kind of guy.
- Musicals were her favourite/favorite kind of movie.
- Prostate cancer is the most common kind of cancer in men.
- She does the same kind of work as me.
- The new school was the first of its kind.
- The regions differ in size, but not in kind.
- They played a truly unique kind of punk rock.
- They sell all kinds of things.
- They're two of a kind= very like each other— both workaholics!
- This is the exact kind of thing I want.
- We stock various kinds of lawnmower.
- You need some kind of cover over it to protect it from the rain.
- a special kind of oil
- books of every kind
- music of different kinds

- the need for a new kind of leadership
- I need to buy paper and pencils and that kind of thing.
- I'll never have that kind of money.
- She isn't that kind of person.
- They play music of all kinds.
- We offer various kinds of educational courses.

Idioms: ↑in kind ▪ ↑kind of ▪ ↑nothing of the kind ▪ ↑of a kind ▪ ↑one of a kind ▪ ↑something of the kind

**adjective (kind-er, kind-est)**

**1. caring about others; gentle, friendly and generous**

- a very kind and helpful person
- a kind heart/face
- a kind action/gesture/comment
- You've been very kind.
- ~ **(to sb/sth)** kind to animals
- (figurative) Soft water is kinder to your hair.
- (figurative) The weather was very kind to us.
- ~ **(of sb) (to do sth)** It was really kind of you to help me.
- (formal) Thank you for your kind invitation.
- (formal) 'Do have another.' 'That's very kind of you (= thank you).'
- We need a kinder, gentler society.
- It would be kinder if we didn't mention his wife.
- If an animal is badly injured, often the kindest thing to do is to destroy it painlessly.

**Opp:** ↑unkind

**2. (formal) used to make a polite request or give an order**

- Would you be kind enough to close the window?

**see also** ↑kindly, ↑kindness

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**kind adj.**

- It was kind of you to help.

**generous** • • **considerate** • • **thoughtful** • • **caring** • |especially spoken **good** • • **sweet** • • **nice** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **lovely** • |formal **benevolent** • • **benign** •

**Opp:** unkind, **Opp:** cruel

kind/generous/considerate/good/nice/benevolent **to sb**

be kind/generous/considerate/thoughtful/good/sweet/nice **of sb (to do sth)**

a kind/generous/considerate/thoughtful/caring/good/sweet/nice/lovely/benevolent **man/woman/person**

Example Bank:

- My boss has been extremely kind to me.
- She was endlessly kind and sympathetic.
- He's a kind and helpful person.
- She may seem quite stern at times, but she has a kind heart.
- Thanks for your card— it was a very kind thought.
- They were taught to be kind to animals.
- You've been very kind.

See also: ↑kinda

**kind**

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**I. kind**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /kaɪnd/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun**

[Language: Old English; Origin: cynd]

**1. [uncountable and countable]** one of the different types of a person or thing that belong to the same group **SYN sort, type**

**kind of**

- They sell all kinds of things.
- The flowers attract several different kinds of insects.
- Greg was working on some kind of deal in Italy.
- Get me a sandwich – any kind will do.

**2. the kind** used to describe a person with a particular character, feelings, opinions etc:

- Ted just isn't the marrying kind.
- Rob isn't the kind to worry.

**3. sb's kind of person/thing/place etc** the type of person, thing, place etc that someone usually likes:

- It's not my kind of place – it's too quiet.

4. **kind of (also kinda American English) spoken** slightly but not exactly, or in some ways **SYN sort of**:

" I'm kind of glad I didn't win.

" He's kinda dumb, isn't he?

5. **a kind of (a) something spoken** used to say that your description of something is not exact:

" a kind of reddish-brown color

6. **two/three etc of a kind** two, three etc people or things that are very similar:

" You and Joe are two of a kind.

7. **one of a kind** the only one of a particular type of thing:

" Each plate is handpainted and one of a kind.

8. **something of the/that kind spoken** something similar to what was expected or talked about:

" Rosa was shocked by the news, although she had suspected something of the kind might happen.

9. **nothing/anything of the kind spoken** used to emphasize that what has been said is not true:

" I never said anything of the kind!

10. **of a kind** used to say that something is not as good as it should be:

" Elections of a kind are held, but there is only one party to vote for.

11. **in kind** reacting to something someone has done by doing the same thing:

" After recent bombings, counter-terrorist forces could retaliate in kind.

⇒ **payment in kind** at ↑**payment**(3)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

▪ **all kinds/every kind** He's done all kinds of work.

▪ **the same kind** I'd like to see you make the same kind of effort in practice that you make in the game.

▪ **a different kind** Fossils of many different kinds have been found in this site.

▪ **the right/wrong kind** It wasn't the right kind of holiday for me.

▪ **the best/worst kind** Not knowing what had happened to her was the worst kind of torture.

▪ **some kind** Carved into the stone was some kind of design.

▪ **any kind** There was no television, no radio – no technology of any kind.

▪ **various kinds** The students had to read various kinds of academic materials.

▪ **a certain/particular kind** A 'besom' is a particular kind of broom.

### ■ phrases

▪ **of its/their kind** It is the biggest centre of its kind.

▪ **of this kind** How can we be sure a disaster of this kind will not happen again?

▪ **of the worst/best etc kind** This is hypocrisy of the worst kind.

▪ **what kind (of something)?** What kind of milk shake would you like?

▪ **that kind of thing** He usually wears trainers and jeans, that kind of thing.

▪ **in a funny/strange etc kind of way** In a funny kind of way, the bullying made me a stronger person.

### ■ adverbs

▪ **precisely/exactly the kind** This was precisely the kind of help that she needed.

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## THESAURUS

▪ **type/kind/sort** one member of a group of people or things that have similar features or qualities. **Type** is the usual word to use in scientific or technical contexts. In everyday English, people usually use **kind** or **sort** What type of fish is this? | There are two main personality types.

▪ **kind** a type of person or thing. **Kind** is less formal than **type**, and is used especially in everyday English: What kind of food do you like? | There were all kinds of people there. | The study is the first of its kind in Ireland.

▪ **sort especially British English** a type of person or thing. **Sort** is less formal than **type**, and is used especially in everyday British English: What sort of person is she? | I like all sorts of music.

▪ **form** one type of something from all the ones that are possible – used especially when things have different physical characteristics, or in certain fixed phrases: There are many forms of heart disease. | Melanoma is a form of skin cancer. | The first primitive life forms consumed various materials, including hydrogen sulfide, and released oxygen. | In those days, horses were the commonest form of transport. | We need to use alternative forms of energy. | a popular form of entertainment

▪ **variety** a type that is slightly different from others in the same group: The French make many varieties of cheese. | This is a new variety of apple.

▪ **species** a type of plant or animal, which can breed together to produce plants or animals of the same type: These forests contain many species of trees. | The giant panda is an endangered species.

▪ **of a ... nature formal** used when talking about a particular type of thing: Many people find it embarrassing to discuss problems of a sexual nature. | Minor incidents of this nature normally occur about once a month.

▪ **category** a group of people or things that are all of the same type – used when there is a clear system for deciding which group something belongs to: The three major categories of rock are: igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary. | She won the best actress category at the Oscars.

▪ **brand** used when talking about the particular way that someone does something or thinks about something, when this is very different from that of other people: She has her own special brand of humour. | He has called for a more positive brand of politics.

▪ **genre formal** a type of art, music, literature etc. that has a particular style or feature: He has written novels in several genres, most notably science fiction.

II. **kind**<sup>2</sup> **S3 W3 BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> **adjective** (comparative **kinder**, superlative **kindest**)

[Word Family: adjective: ↑kind ≠ ↑unkind, ↑kindly; noun: ↑kindness ≠ ↑unkindness; adverb: ↑kindly ≠ ↑unkindly]

[Language: Old English; Origin: gecynde 'natural']

1. saying or doing things that show that you care about other people and want to help them or make them happy **OPP unkind** ⇒

## kindly, kindness

### kind to

- " They've been very kind to me.
- " It wasn't a very kind thing to say.
- " She's a very kind and generous person.

### it's kind of somebody (to do something)

- " It's kind of you to say that.
- " It's really kind of them to let us use their pool.
- " We thanked the priest for his kind words.
- " Thank you for your help. You've been most kind (=said when thanking someone very politely).

### thank you for your kind invitation/offer (=said when thanking someone very politely for their invitation or offer)

- " Ms Jarvis is unable to accept your kind invitation.

## 2. not causing harm or suffering

### kind to

- " Life has been very kind to me.
- " I need a soap that's kinder to my skin.
- " Let's hope the weather's kind tomorrow.

## 3. would you be kind enough to do something/be so kind as to do something formal used to make a polite request:

- " Would you be kind enough to close the door, please?

## REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **please could you ...?** or **would you mind ...?** because the expressions with **kind** can sound too formal and unfriendly:

- Would you mind closing the door?

## 4. kind regards written used to end a formal but fairly friendly letter

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- **kind** someone who is kind tries to help people and make them happy or comfortable, and shows that they care about them: They were very kind to us and let us stay in their house as long as we liked. | a kind old lady | a kind thing to say
- **nice especially spoken** friendly and kind. **Nice** is very common in everyday spoken English and is often used instead of **kind**: Everyone has been so nice to me. | It's nice of you to invite me here. | He seems such a nice man.
- **generous** kind because you give people money, presents etc: 'I'll pay for the meal.' 'That's very generous of you.' | a generous gift
- **considerate** thinking about other people's feelings, and careful not to do anything that will upset them: Our neighbours are very considerate and always keep their TV turned down. | a considerate driver | He's always very polite and considerate to his guests.
- **thoughtful** thinking of things you can do to make other people happy or feel good – used especially when someone does something such as giving someone a present or helping someone: It was thoughtful of you to send him a card. | Some thoughtful person had taken her bag to the lost property office.
- **caring** kind and wanting to help and look after people: She's lucky to have such a loving and caring husband. | The British are well-known for their caring attitude toward animals.
- **sympathetic** saying kind things to someone who has problems and behaving in a way that shows you care about them: My boss was very sympathetic and said I should take some time off work. | She gave him a sympathetic smile.
- **good** kind and showing that you want to help – used especially in the following phrases: It was good of you to come and see me. | She's always been very good to us.
- **sweet informal** very kind – used especially when you like someone very much, or you are very pleased because of something they have done: I was given the flowers by a sweet little old lady who lived next door. | It's sweet of you to ask. | a sweet thing to say
- **kind-hearted/warm-hearted especially written** having a kind and friendly character, which makes other people like you: He was a wonderful father, kind-hearted and always laughing. | The town is full of warm-hearted, helpful people.
- **benevolent formal** kind and wanting to help people – often used about someone who is important or who people respect: a benevolent ruler | They believe in the existence of a benevolent God who will save mankind. | He listened politely, like some benevolent uncle.

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