

**sympathetic****1.** [ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk] *n*

1. человек, подверженный гипнозу
2. *редк.* сочувствующий
3. *анат.*
  - 1) симпатическая нервная система
  - 2) симпатический нерв

**2.** [ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk] *a*

1. 1) сочувственный; полный сочувствия; вызванный состраданием  
sympathetic smile [glance] - сочувственная улыбка [-ый взгляд]
- 2) благожелательный, одобрительный  
sympathetic audience - благожелательная аудитория  
to be sympathetic to /towards/ smth. - сочувственно /благожелательно одобрительно/ относиться к чему-л.  
I'm not sympathetic to the idea - этой мысли я не одобряю
2. близкий по духу; соответствующий вкусам, настроению *и т. п.*  
sympathetic surroundings [atmosphere] - благоприятная/располагающая/ обстановка [атмосфера]
3. симпатичный  
sympathetic face - симпатичное лицо
4. *анат.* симпатический  
sympathetic nerve [system] - симпатический нерв [-ая нервная система]
5. *физ.* вызванный, индуцированный  
sympathetic vibrations - индуцированные колебания

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**sym-pa-thet-ic** *BrE* [ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk] <sup>m</sup> **adjective****1.** ~ (to/towards sb) kind to sb who is hurt or sad; showing that you understand and care about their problems

- a sympathetic listener
- I did not feel at all sympathetic towards Kate.
- I'm here if you need a **sympathetic ear** (= sb to talk to about your problems) .
- a sympathetic response
- She was very sympathetic when I was sick.

**2.** ~ (to/towards sb/sth) showing that you approve of sb/sth or that you share their views and are willing to support them

- to be sympathetic to the party's aims
- Russian newspapers are largely sympathetic to the president.

**3.** (of a person) easy to like

- a **sympathetic character** in a novel
- I don't find her a very sympathetic person. This meaning is not very common and you should use **likeable** or **pleasant** instead.

**Opp:** ↑unsympatheticDerived Word ↑sympatheticallyWord Origin:[**sympathetic sympathetically**] mid 17th cent. (in the sense 'relating to an affinity or paranormal influence'): from ↑sympathy, on the pattern of pathetic.Example Bank:

- He was speaking to a highly sympathetic audience.
- He'd written a not entirely sympathetic article in the 'Globe'.
- Her aggressive attitude makes me less sympathetic to her plight.
- Her attitude to my situation was less than sympathetic.
- I did not feel sympathetic towards them.
- I found the doctors quite sympathetic.
- My boss is being very sympathetic about my problems.
- She made suitably sympathetic noises down the phone.
- The character's faults actually make him more sympathetic.
- The government is broadly sympathetic to our ideas.
- They were extremely sympathetic to my plight.
- a patient and deeply sympathetic man
- He was a sympathetic and supportive husband.
- I'm here if you need a sympathetic ear.
- The helpline provides a sympathetic listener on the end of the phone.
- a sympathetic friend/listener/employer

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**sym-pa-thet-ic** /ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective**[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑sympathy, ↑sympathizer; **verb:** ↑sympathize; **adverb:** ↑sympathetically; **adjective:** ↑sympathetic ≠ ↑unsympathetic]**1.** caring and feeling sorry about someone's problems:

- a sympathetic friend
- a sympathetic attitude

**sympathetic to/towards**

" I'm sympathetic to parents who are worried about what their children see on television.

" We hope always to provide a friendly sympathetic ear (=someone willing to listen to someone else's problems).

2. [not before noun] willing to give approval and support to an aim or plan

**sympathetic to/towards**

" Senator Capp is very sympathetic to environmental issues.

3. **sympathetic figure/character** *literary* someone in a book, play etc who most people like

4. providing the right conditions for someone **OPP hostile**:

" a sympathetic environment

**—sympathetically** /-kli/ *adverb*:

" Jill smiled sympathetically.

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- **sympathetic** kind to someone who is having problems: My friends were very sympathetic when I lost my job. | Jill was a very sympathetic listener. | a sympathetic attitude
- **compassionate** wanting to help people who are suffering or having problems: The doctor was a compassionate man who always acted in his patients' best interests.
- **understanding** not getting angry with someone or criticizing them, because you can see that they have problems: I have had a lot of time off work, but my boss is very understanding. | an understanding look
- **caring** caring about other people's feelings and wanting to help them: I have very caring parents. | Most of the nurses are very caring.

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