

benevolent[biˈnev(ə)lənt] *a*

1. благожелательный, доброжелательный, благосклонный
2. 1) благотворительный
2) щедрый; великодушный

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be-nevo-lent *BrE* [bəˈnevələnt] ^ˈ *NAmE* [bəˈnevələnt] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. (formal) (especially of people in authority) kind, helpful and generous
 - a benevolent smile/attitude
 - belief in the existence of a benevolent god
 - a benevolent dictatorship

Opp: ↑ **malevolent**

2. used in the names of some organizations that give help and money to people in need
 - the RAF Benevolent Fund

Derived Words ↑ **benevolence** • ↑ **benevolently****Word Origin:**[**benevolence** **benevolent** **benevolently**] late Middle English: from Old French **benivolent**, from Latin **bene volent** 'well wishing', from **bene** 'well' + **velle** 'to wish'.**Example Bank:**

- He was met by an elderly priest with a benevolent smile.
- She took a benevolent interest in her nieces' education.
- The colonel was benivolent, but not stupid.
- They consider themselves to be benevolent employers, providing sick pay and pensions for all their workers.

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kind and generous:

- A benevolent uncle paid for her to have music lessons.
- a benevolent smile

— **benevolence** *noun* [uncountable]— **benevolently** *adverb*

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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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