

courteous

[ˈkɜːtiəs] *a*
 вежливый, учтивый, любезный, обходительный

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cour-te-ous *BrE* [ˈkɜːtiəs] *NAmE* [ˈkɜːrtiəs] **adjective**

polite, especially in a way that shows respect

- a courteous young man
- The hotel staff are friendly and courteous.

Opp: ↑discourteous

Derived Word ↑courteously

Word Origin:

[**courteous** **courteously**] Middle English (meaning ‘having manners fit for a royal court’): from Old French **corteis**, based on Latin **cohors** ‘**yard, retinue**’. The change in the ending in the 16th cent. was due to association with words ending in -eous.

Example Bank:

- She was unfailingly courteous and helpful.
- He was a gentle, courteous man.
- I wrote him a short letter and received a courteous reply.
- The hotel staff were friendly and courteous.

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[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** corteis, from court; ⇨ ↑court¹]

polite and showing respect for other people **OPP** discourteous:

- The staff are always courteous and helpful.
- a courteous reply
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- **polite** behaving or speaking in a way that is correct for the social situation you are in, and showing that you are careful to consider other people’s needs and feelings: He was too polite to ask how old she was. | ‘Excuse me, sir,’ she said in a polite voice.
- **well-mannered** having good manners and knowing the correct way to behave in social situations: She was beautifully dressed and very well-mannered.
- **well-behaved** polite and not causing any trouble – used about children or animals: The children were very well-behaved. | Well-behaved dogs are welcome at the hotel.
- **courteous** /ˈkɜːtiəs/ *BrE* *AmE* polite and respectful, and behaving rather formally: The hotel staff were very courteous and helpful. | a courteous reply
- **respectful** polite and treating someone with respect: He was very respectful towards all my relatives. | ‘Thank you,’ he said with a respectful bow.
- **civil** polite in a formal way, especially when you do not feel very friendly towards someone: She’d never liked her father-in-law, but she forced herself to be civil to him. | When you’ve stopped arguing, you might be able to have a civil conversation.
- **deferential** *formal* polite towards someone, especially because they are in a more important social position: In those days women were expected to be deferential to men.

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