

Definitions:

1. willing to understand and respect other people's behaviour, opinions, etc., especially when they are different from your own; believing people should be able to choose how they behave
2. having or relating to political and social beliefs that support individual freedom and rights, democracy and free enterprise

liberal

Used in a sentence:

- *He is relatively liberal on social issues.*
- *His attitudes are fairly liberal.*
- *Her parents are very liberal and allow her a lot of freedom.*
- *His later films reflect the more liberal values of the 1960s.*
- *In some countries there is a more liberal attitude to euthanasia*
- *She was a very liberal politician*

Etymology and historical meaning of the term **liberal**:

Mid-14c., "generous," also "nobly born, noble, free;" from Old French *liberal* "befitting free people; noble, generous; willing, zealous" (12c.), and directly from Latin *liberalis* "noble, gracious, munificent, generous," literally "of freedom, pertaining to or befitting a free person," from *liber* "free, unrestricted, unimpeded; unbridled, unchecked, licentious."

Collocations:

Verb: be (To be liberal)
Adverb: extremely , fairly, very

Questions:

- How does this link with the theme of the week: **'Individual liberty'**
- Can you think of any synonyms for the word
- Could you use words of the same family (verbs, nouns) in sentences?
- In which subjects could you use this word?