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adj.

1. Easy and pleasant to speak to; approachable.
2. Gentle and gracious: *an affable smile*.

[Middle English *affabil*, from Old French *affable*, from Latin *affābilis*, from *affārī*, to speak to : *ad-*, *ad-* + *fārī*, to speak; see *bhā*-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

af'fa·bil i·ty *n.*

af fa·bly *adv.*

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