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adj.

1.

a. Characterized by openness and sincerity of expression; unreservedly straightforward: *In private, I gave them my candid opinion.* See Synonyms at [frank](#)¹.

b. Not obscuring or omitting anything unpleasant, embarrassing, or negative: "*Joyce's ... candid descriptions of normal bodily functions shocked his Anglo-American readers*" ([Belinda Rathbone](#)).

2. Not posed or rehearsed: *a candid snapshot.*

[Latin *candidus*, glowing, white, pure, guileless, from *candēre*, to shine; see **kand-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

can did·ly *adv.*

can did·ness *n.*

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