

Need another word that means the same as “abstraction”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “abstraction” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Abstraction” are: abstractedness, generalisation, generalization, abstract entity, abstract, concept, idea, notion, thought, generality, theory, theorem, formula, hypothesis, speculation, conjecture, supposition, presumption, distraction, preoccupation, daydreaming, dreaminess, inattentiveness, inattention, absence, heedlessness, obliviousness, extraction, removal, separation, detachment

Abstraction as a Noun

Definitions of "Abstraction" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “abstraction” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Freedom from representational qualities in art.*
- *A state of preoccupation.*
- *Preoccupation with something to the exclusion of all else.*
- *The act of withdrawing or removing something.*
- *Something which exists only as an idea.*
- *A general concept formed by extracting common features from specific examples.*
- *The process of formulating general concepts by abstracting common properties of instances.*
- *An abstract painting.*
- *An abstract work of art.*
- *The quality of dealing with ideas rather than events.*
- *The process of considering something independently of its associations or attributes.*
- *The process of removing something, especially water from a river or other source.*

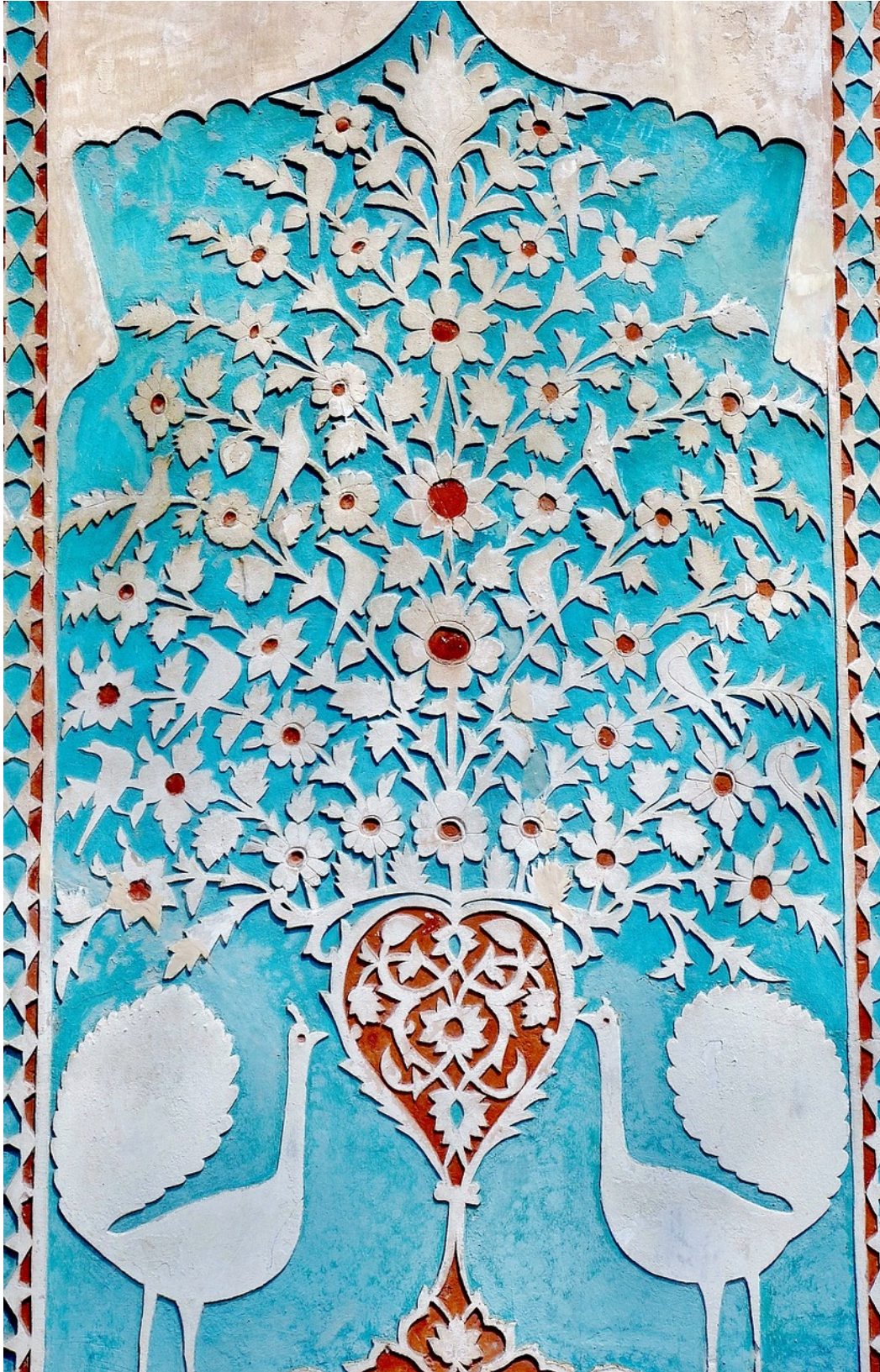
- *A concept or idea not associated with any specific instance.*



Synonyms of "Abstraction" as a noun (31 Words)

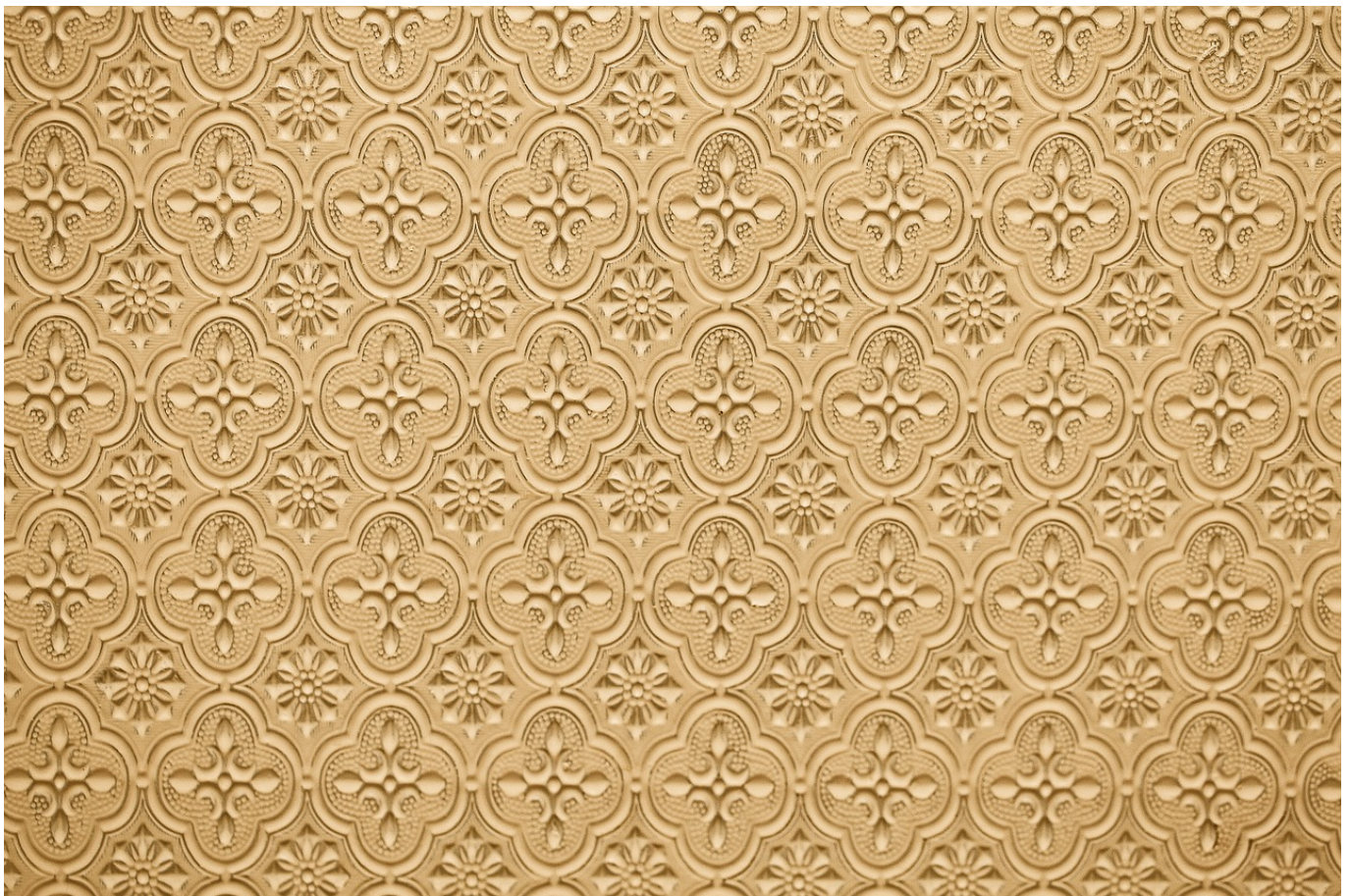
absence	The state of being absent. <i>Repeated absences from school.</i>
abstract	An abstract work of art. <i>A big unframed abstract.</i>
abstract entity	A concept or idea not associated with any specific instance.
abstractedness	Preoccupation with something to the exclusion of all else.
concept	An idea or invention to help sell or publicize a commodity. <i>Structuralism is a difficult concept.</i>
conjecture	An unproven mathematical or scientific theorem. <i>He dismissed it as mere conjecture.</i>
daydreaming	Absentminded dreaming while awake.
detachment	A small unit of troops of special composition. <i>Structural problems resulted in cracking and detachment of the wall.</i>
distraction	A diversion or recreation. <i>He roved the district in search of distraction.</i>
dreaminess	A relaxed comfortable feeling.
extraction	The action of extracting something, especially using effort or force. <i>A worker of Polish extraction.</i>
formula	A formulation. <i>The forlorn hope of finding a peace formula.</i>
generalisation	Reasoning from detailed facts to general principles.
generality	An idea or conclusion having general application. <i>Policy should be formulated at an appropriate level of generality.</i>
generalization	An idea or conclusion having general application. <i>Such anecdotes cannot be a basis for generalization.</i>
heedlessness	The trait of forgetting or ignoring your responsibilities.
hypothesis	A message expressing an opinion based on incomplete evidence. <i>The hypothesis that every event has a cause.</i>
idea	A personal view. <i>The idea of linking pay to performance has caught on.</i>
inattention	Lack of attention; distraction. <i>His inattention to duty.</i>
inattentiveness	The trait of not being considerate and thoughtful of others.

notion	Small personal articles or clothing or sewing items. <i>She had a notion to ring her friend at work.</i>
obliviousness	Total forgetfulness.
<u>preoccupation</u>	The mental state of being preoccupied by something. <i>His preoccupation with politics.</i>
<u>presumption</u>	An assumption that is taken for granted. <i>The planning policy shows a general presumption in favour of development.</i>
removal	The dismissal of someone from a job. <i>The removal of all legal barriers to the free movement of goods.</i>
<u>separation</u>	Distinction or difference between the signals carried by the two channels of a stereophonic system. <i>The separation of wheat from chaff.</i>
speculation	A hypothesis that has been formed by speculating or conjecturing (usually with little hard evidence). <i>This is pure speculation on my part.</i>
supposition	A hypothesis that is taken for granted. <i>Their outrage was based on supposition and hearsay.</i>
theorem	A rule in algebra or other branches of mathematics expressed by symbols or formulae.
<u>theory</u>	A tentative insight into the natural world; a concept that is not yet verified but that if true would explain certain facts or phenomena. <i>The architect has a theory that more is less.</i>
thought	An idea or opinion produced by thinking, or occurring suddenly in the mind. <i>Mrs Oliver's first thought was to get help.</i>



Usage Examples of "Abstraction" as a noun

- *Abstractions from the Lowther in Cumbria.*
- *The question cannot be considered in abstraction from the historical context in which it was raised.*
- *A series of black-and-white abstractions.*
- *The question can no longer be treated as an academic abstraction.*
- *She sensed his momentary abstraction.*
- *Topics will vary in degrees of abstraction.*
- *Critics sought the meaning of O'Keeffe's abstractions.*
- *The abstraction of water from springs and wells.*
- *Geometric abstraction has been a mainstay in her work.*



Associations of "Abstraction" (30 Words)

<u>abstract</u>	Dealing with a subject in the abstract without practical purpose or intention. <i>His pockets contained all he had been able to abstract from the flat.</i>
chimerical	Produced by a wildly fanciful imagination- Douglas Bush. <i>His Utopia is not a chimerical commonwealth but a practical improvement on what already exists.</i>
<u>conceive</u>	Have the idea for. <i>The dam project was originally conceived in 1977.</i>
concept	An idea or mental image which corresponds to some distinct entity or class of entities, or to its essential features, or determines the application of a term (especially a predicate), and thus plays a part in the use of reason or language. <i>The concept of justice.</i>
conception	Ability to imagine; understanding. <i>An unfertilized egg before conception.</i>
creation	The creating of the universe, especially when regarded as an act of God. <i>Job creation.</i>
creative	A person whose job involves creative work. <i>Creative work.</i>
creativity	The ability to create.
design	Create designs. <i>Design a new sales strategy.</i>
fanciful	Indulging in or influenced by fancy. <i>A fanciful Art Nouveau bar.</i>
<u>fantasy</u>	Imagination unrestricted by reality. <i>The notion of being independent is a child's ultimate fantasy.</i>
fundamental	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>A fundamental incompatibility between them.</i>
hallucinatory	Of or resembling a hallucination. <i>A hallucinatory fantasy.</i>
idea	A mental impression. <i>He has an idea that we don't like him.</i>
ideational	Being of the nature of a notion or concept. <i>Policy has been shaped by both material and ideational factors.</i>
<u>image</u>	(in biblical use) an idol. <i>Voyager 2 sent back images of the planet Neptune.</i>

<u>imagery</u>	Visually descriptive or figurative language, especially in a literary work. <i>The impact of computer generated imagery on contemporary art.</i>
imaginable	Capable of being imagined. <i>The most spectacular views imaginable.</i>
<u>imaginary</u>	(of a number or quantity) expressed in terms of the square root of a negative number (usually the square root of -1 , represented by i or j). <i>Chris had imaginary conversations with her.</i>
<u>imagination</u>	The ability of the mind to be creative or resourceful. <i>She was set in her ways and lacked imagination.</i>
<u>imaginative</u>	Marked by independence and creativity in thought or action- Lewis Mumford. <i>He was imaginative beyond all other architects.</i>
<u>imagine</u>	Form a mental image or concept of. <i>I couldn't imagine what she expected to tell them.</i>
impalpable	Not perceptible to the touch. <i>As impalpable as a dream.</i>
innovation	A new method, idea, product, etc. <i>Technological innovations designed to save energy.</i>
innovative	(of a person) introducing new ideas; original and creative in thinking. <i>Innovative members of the artistic community.</i>
<u>invention</u>	The act of inventing. <i>Medieval inventions included spectacles for reading and the spinning wheel.</i>
mindset	A habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations. <i>The region seems stuck in a medieval mindset.</i>
notion	Items used in sewing, such as buttons, pins, and hooks. <i>She had a notion to ring her friend at work.</i>
<u>theoretical</u>	Concerned with theories rather than their practical applications. <i>The theoretical value of their work.</i>
universality	The quality of being universal; existing everywhere. <i>We affirm the universality of human rights.</i>

