

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.*

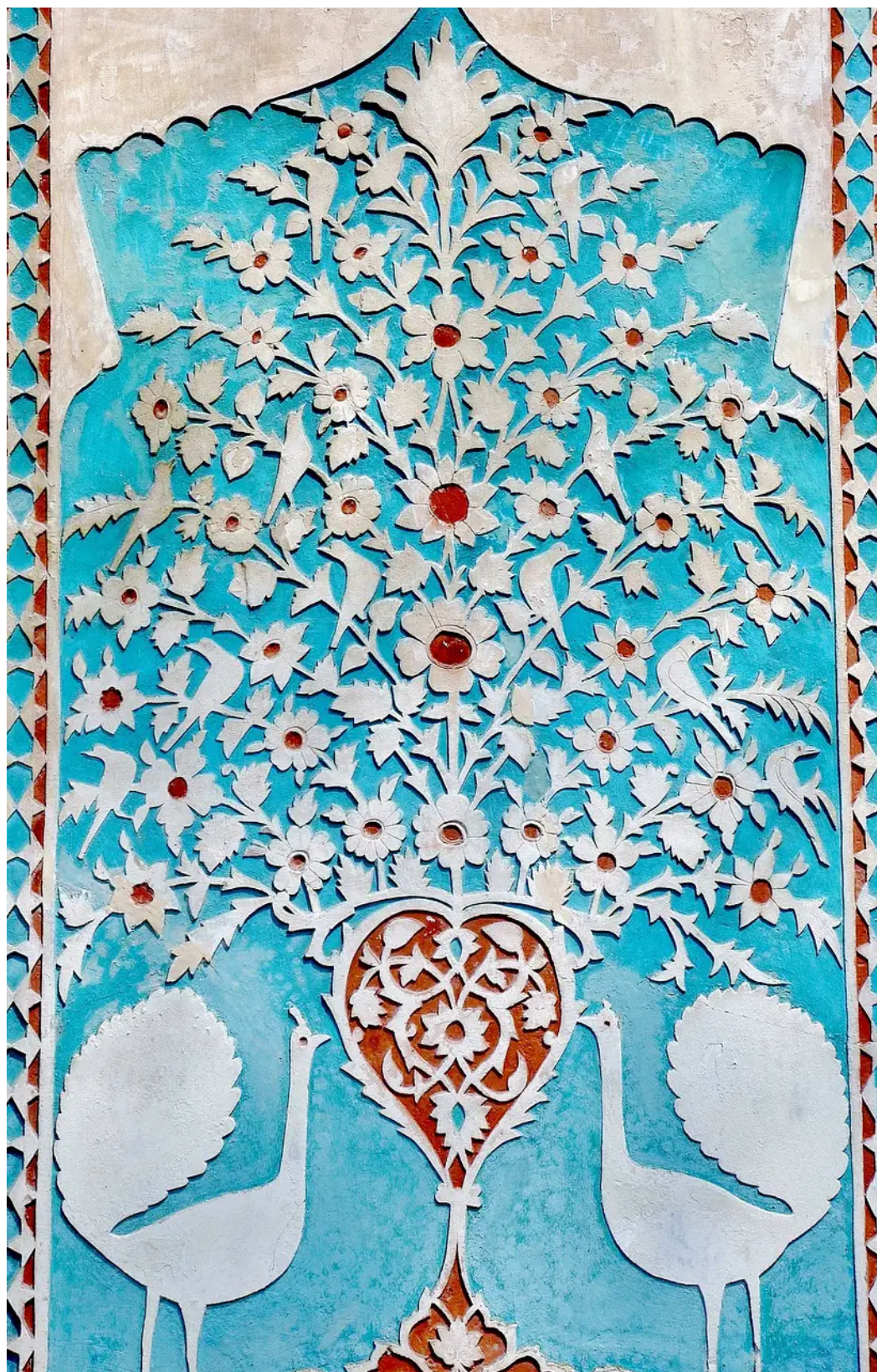


## Synonyms of "Abstraction" as a noun (31 Words)

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

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

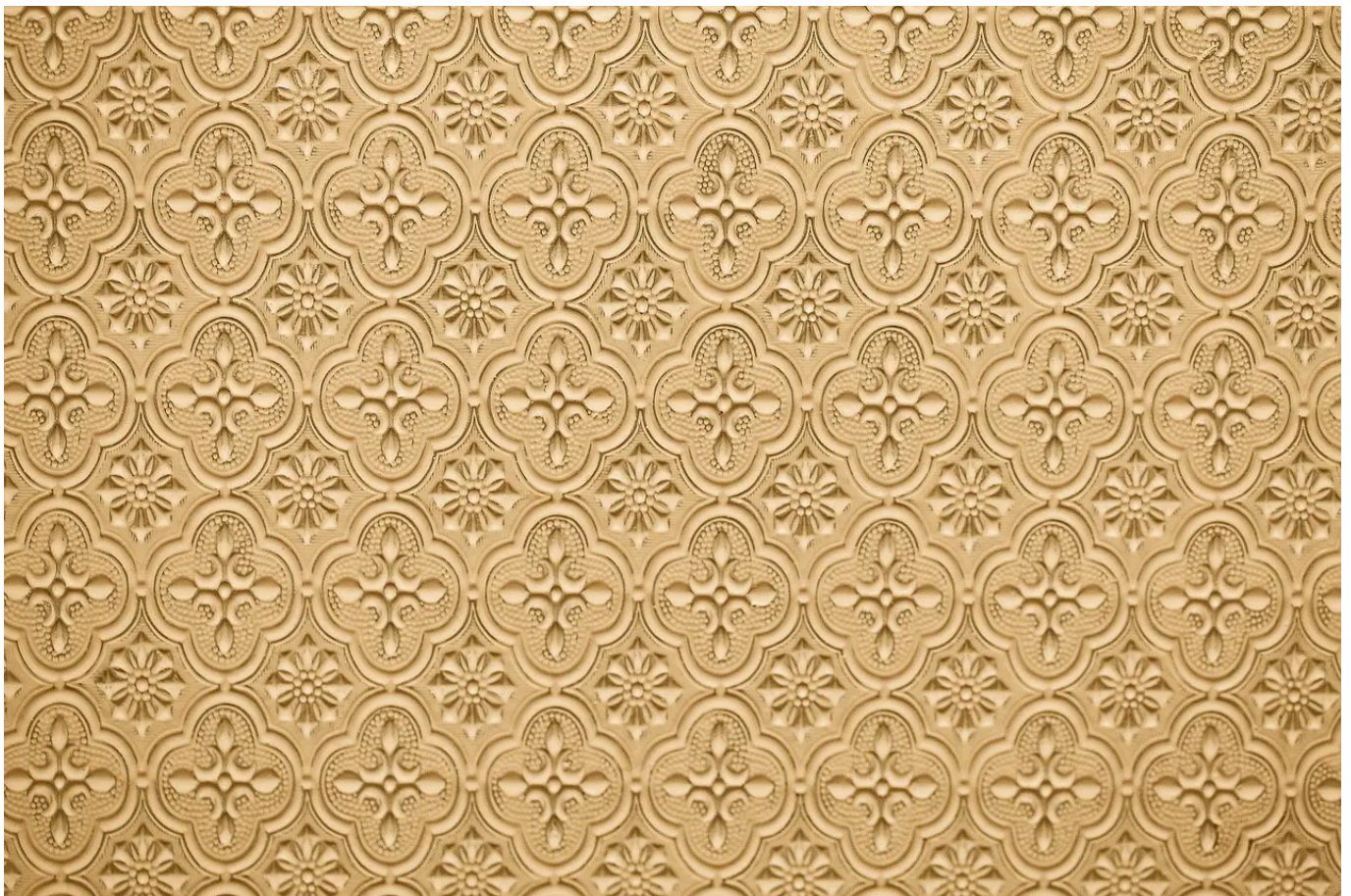






## Usage Examples of "Abstraction" as a noun

- *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)

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



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

