

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

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**The synonyms of “Brood” are: offspring, young, progeny, spawn, family, household, ménage, clan, tribe, grizzle, stew, bulk large, hover, loom, dwell, cover, hatch, incubate, pout, sulk, worry about, fret about, agonize over, moon over, languish over, feel despondent about, grieve over, sulk about, eat one's heart out over, sit on**

## Brood as a Noun

### Definitions of "Brood" as a noun

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

- *Bee or wasp larvae.*
- *A family of birds or other young animals produced at one hatching or birth.*
- *A large family of children.*
- *The young of an animal cared for at one time.*



## Synonyms of "Brood" as a noun (9 Words)

- clan** A large family.  
*Civil strife has followed as rival **clans** jockey for power.*
- family** People descended from a common ancestor.  
*Friends and **family** can provide support.*
- household** The establishment and affairs of a royal household.  
*It was a good Christian **household**.*
- ménage** A social unit living together.
- offspring** An animal's young.  
*The **offspring** of middle class parents.*
- progeny** A descendant or the descendants of a person, animal, or plant; offspring.  
*Shorthorn cattle are highly effective in bestowing their characteristics on their **progeny**.*
- spawn** The process of producing spawn.  
*The **spawn** of Satan.*

**tribe**

Group of people related by blood or marriage.

*She made a stand against the social codes of her English middle class **tribe**.*

**young**

Young people collectively.

*Many grebes carry their **young** on their backs.*



**Usage Examples of "Brood" as a noun**

- *A brood of chicks.*
- *She was brought up as part of a brood of eight.*



## Brood as a Verb

### Definitions of "Brood" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "brood" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Be in a huff and display one's displeasure.*
- *Be in a huff; be silent or sullen.*
- *(of a fish, frog, or invertebrate) hold (developing eggs) within the body.*
- *Think moodily or anxiously about something.*
- *Sit on (eggs).*
- *(of a bird) sit on (eggs) to hatch them.*
- *Hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing.*
- *Think deeply about something that makes one unhappy, angry, or worried.*



## Synonyms of "Brood" as a verb (21 Words)

**agonize over**

Suffer agony or anguish.

**bulk large**

Stick out or up.

**cover**

Form a cover over.

*One reason doctors take temperatures is to **cover** themselves against negligence claims.*

**dwell**

Live in or at a specified place.

*The problems **dwell** in the social injustices in this country.*

**eat one's heart out over**

Take in food; used of animals only.

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| <b>feel despondent about</b> | Come to believe on the basis of emotion, intuitions, or indefinite grounds.  |
| <b>fret about</b>            | Carve a pattern into.  |
| <b>grieve over</b>           | Cause to feel sorrow.  |
| <b>grizzle</b>               | Be in a huff; be silent or sullen.   |
| <b>hatch</b>                 | Emergence from the eggs.<br><b>Hatch</b> the sheet.  |
| <b>hover</b>                 | Use a mouse or other device to position the cursor over a particular area of a computer screen so as to cause a program to respond (typically by displaying additional information or options), without clicking a button on the device.<br><i>You can <b>hover</b> your cursor over any button to see an explanation.</i> |
| <b>incubate</b>              | Grow under conditions that promote development.<br><i>The samples were <b>incubated</b> at 80 C for 3 minutes.</i>   |
| <b>languish over</b>         | Become feeble.   |
| <b>loom</b>                  | Weave on a loom.<br><i>Another air plane <b>loomed</b> into the sky.</i>   |
| <b>moon over</b>             | Have dreamlike musings or fantasies while awake.   |
| <b>pout</b>                  | Push one's lips or one's bottom lip forward as an expression of petulant annoyance or in order to make oneself look sexually attractive.<br><i>She lounged on the steps <b>pouting</b>.</i>  |
| <b>sit on</b>                | Assume a posture as for artistic purposes.   |
| <b>stew</b>                  | Cook slowly and for a long time in liquid.<br><i>James will be expecting us so we will let him <b>stew</b> a bit.</i>  |
| <b>sulk</b>                  | Be silent, morose, and bad-tempered out of annoyance or disappointment.<br><i>He was <b>sulking</b> over the break up of his band.</i>   |
| <b>sulk about</b>            | Be in a huff and display one's displeasure.  |
| <b>worry about</b>           | Lacerate by biting.  |



## Usage Examples of "Brood" as a verb

- *She had brooded over the subject a thousand times.*
- *The male pheasant-tailed jacana takes over once the eggs are laid and broods them.*
- *Birds brood.*
- *The terrible vision brooded over her all day long.*



## Associations of "Brood" (30 Words)

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| <b>bethink</b>       | Consider or ponder something carefully.<br><i>He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.</i>                       |
| <b>cogitate</b>      | Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one's mind.<br><i>He stroked his beard and retired to <b>cogitate</b>.</i> |
| <b>consider</b>      | Show consideration for take into account.<br><i>The old man <b>considered</b> his granddaughter thoughtfully.</i>                    |
| <b>considerable</b>  | Notably large in size, amount, or extent.<br><i>Went to <b>considerable</b> trouble for us.</i>                                      |
| <b>contemplate</b>   | Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes.<br><i>She couldn't even begin to <b>contemplate</b> the future.</i>         |
| <b>contemplation</b> | A long and thoughtful observation.<br><i>The road is too busy for leisurely <b>contemplation</b> of the scenery.</i>                 |



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| <b>deep</b>                 | A deep part of the sea.<br><i><b>Deep</b> cuts in the budget.</i>   |
| <b><u>deliberate</u></b>    | Engage in long and careful consideration.<br>A <i><b>deliberate</b> attempt to provoke a response.</i>  |
| <b><u>flock</u></b>         | Of birds congregate in a flock.<br>A <i><b>flock</b> of paparazzi tailed them all over London.</i>  |
| <b>introspect</b>           | Examine one's own thoughts or feelings.<br><i>What they don't do is <b>introspect</b> much about the reasons for their plight.</i>  |
| <b><u>introspection</u></b> | The contemplation of your own thoughts and desires and conduct.<br><i>Quiet <b>introspection</b> can be extremely valuable.</i>   |
| <b><u>meditate</u></b>      | Focus one's mind for a period of time, in silence or with the aid of chanting, for religious or spiritual purposes or as a method of relaxation.<br><i>I set aside time every day to write and <b>meditate</b>.</i> |
| <b>meditative</b>           | Relating to or absorbed in meditation or considered thought.<br><i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>  |
| <b>mirror</b>               | Reflect as if in a mirror.<br><i>The clear water <b>mirrored</b> the sky.</i>   |
| <b>mirrored</b>             | Having a surface like a mirror; reflective.<br><i>The room has wall to wall <b>mirrored</b> wardrobes.</i>  |
| <b>mull</b>                 | Heat with sugar and spices to make a hot drink.<br><i>I <b>mulled</b> over the events of the afternoon.</i>   |
| <b><u>muse</u></b>          | Reflect deeply on a subject.<br><i>Yeats <b>muse</b> Maud Gonne.</i>  |
| <b>pensive</b>              | Showing pensive sadness.<br><i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>   |
| <b><u>ponder</u></b>        | Reflect deeply on a subject.<br><i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>   |
| <b>ponderable</b>           | Capable of being weighed or considered.<br><i>Something <b>ponderable</b> from the outer world something of which we can say that its weight is so and so.</i>  |
| <b><u>reconsider</u></b>    | Consider again; give new consideration to; usually with a view to changing.<br><i>They called on the US government to <b>reconsider</b> its policy.</i>   |
| <b><u>reflect</u></b>       | Be bright by reflecting or casting light.<br><i>Charles <b>reflected</b> that maybe there was hope for the family after all.</i>  |
| <b><u>reflective</u></b>    | Deeply or seriously thoughtful.<br><i><b>Reflective</b> glass.</i>  |

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| <b>resonate</b>            | Be received or understood.<br><i>The sound <b>resonates</b> well in this theater.</i>  |
| <b><u>retrospect</u></b>   | Look back upon (a period of time, sequence of events); remember.<br><i>In <b>retrospect</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>ruminate</u></b>     | Chew the cud.<br><i>Cows <b>ruminate</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>speculate</u></b>    | Form a theory or conjecture about a subject without firm evidence.<br><i>Observers <b>speculated</b> that the authorities wished to improve their image.</i> |
| <b>think</b>               | An instance of deliberate thinking.<br><i>Any writer who so rarely produces a book is not <b>thinking</b> deep thoughts.</i>                                 |
| <b>thoughtful</b>          | Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.<br><i>How very <b>thoughtful</b> of you.</i>  |
| <b><u>thoughtfully</u></b> | With consideration for the needs of other people.<br><i>He stared <b>thoughtfully</b> into the fire.</i>   |

