

Need another word that means the same as “brooding”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “brooding” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Brooding” are: broody, contemplative, meditative, musing, pensive, pondering, reflective, ruminative, threatening, ominous, black, thunderous, glowering, sinister, intimidating, frightening, terrifying, fearsome, alarming, forbidding, baleful, warning, incubation, pensiveness**

## Brooding as a Noun

### Definitions of "Brooding" as a noun

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

- *Persistent morbid meditation on a problem.*
- *Sitting on eggs so as to hatch them by the warmth of the body.*
- *The young of an animal cared for at one time.*



## Synonyms of "Brooding" as a noun (2 Words)

- incubation** Sitting on eggs so as to hatch them by the warmth of the body.  
*The chick hatches after a month s **incubation**.*
- pensiveness** Deep serious thoughtfulness.



## Brooding as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Brooding" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "brooding" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Appearing darkly menacing.*
- *Deeply or seriously thoughtful.*
- *Engaged in or showing deep thought about something that makes one sad, angry, or worried.*



## Synonyms of "Brooding" as an adjective (22 Words)

<b>alarming</b>	Worrying or disturbing. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>baleful</b>	Deadly or sinister. <i>The Florida eagles have a fierce <b>baleful</b> look.</i>
<b>black</b>	Made black especially as with suffused blood. <i>Doyle took his coffee <b>black</b>.</i>
<b>broody</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>My sister had a baby and I suddenly realized what it is to feel <b>broody</b>.</i>
<b>contemplative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>She regarded me with a <b>contemplative</b> eye.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b>forbidding</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A <b>forbidding</b> scowl.</i>

<b>frightening</b>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. A <b>frightening</b> experience.
<b>glowering</b>	Showing a brooding ill humor.
<b>intimidating</b>	Discouraging through fear. The <b>intimidating</b> defence barrister.
<b>meditative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <b>Meditative</b> techniques.
<b>musings</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. The sad <b>musings</b> gaze.
<b>ominous</b>	Presaging ill fortune. A dead and <b>ominous</b> silence prevailed.
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. A <b>pensive</b> mood.
<b>pondering</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful.
<b>reflective</b>	Capable of physically reflecting light or sound. A <b>reflective</b> surface.
<b>ruminative</b>	Expressing or involving deep thought. A deeply <b>ruminative</b> mysterious lament.
<b>sinister</b>	Evil or criminal. There was something <b>sinister</b> about that murmuring voice.
<b>terrifying</b>	Causing extreme terror. A <b>terrifying</b> wail.
<b>threatening</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. She was a type he found <b>threatening</b> .
<b>thunderous</b>	Very powerful or intense. A <b>thunderous</b> grey cloud.
<b>warning</b>	Serving to warn.



## Usage Examples of "Brooding" as an adjective

- *He stared with brooding eyes.*
- *The brooding moorland.*
- *Byron lives on not only in his poetry, but also in his creation of the 'Byronic hero' - the persona of a brooding melancholy young man.*



## Associations of "Brooding" (30 Words)

<b>bethink</b>	Come to think. <i>He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.</i>
<b>cogitate</b>	Use or exercise the mind or one's power of reason in order to make inferences, decisions, or arrive at a solution or judgments. <i>He stroked his beard and retired to <b>cogitate</b>.</i>
<b>consider</b>	Show consideration for take into account. <i>The judge <b>considered</b> the offender's youth and was lenient.</i>
<b>considerable</b>	Large or relatively large in number or amount or extent or degree. <i>Spent a <b>considerable</b> amount of time on the problem.</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes. <i><b>Contemplate</b> one's navel.</i>
<b>contemplation</b>	Deep reflective thought. <i>Substantial fitting work is in <b>contemplation</b>.</i>

<b>deep</b>	A deep part of the sea. <i><b>Deep</b> concentration.</i>
<b><u>deliberate</u></b>	Unhurried and with care and dignity. <i>She <b>deliberated</b> over the menu.</i>
<b><u>flock</u></b>	Of birds congregate in a flock. <i>A <b>flock</b> of gulls.</i>
<b>introspect</b>	Examine one's own thoughts or feelings. <i>What they don't do is <b>introspect</b> much about the reasons for their plight.</i>
<b><u>introspection</u></b>	The examination or observation of one's own mental and emotional processes. <i>Quiet <b>introspection</b> can be extremely valuable.</i>
<b><u>meditate</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>He went off to <b>meditate</b> on the new idea.</i>
<b>meditative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>
<b>mirror</b>	Reflect as if in a mirror. <i>His own views <b>mirrored</b> those of his followers.</i>
<b>mirrored</b>	Having a surface like a mirror; reflective. <i>The room has wall to wall <b>mirrored</b> wardrobes.</i>
<b>mull</b>	An island in western Scotland in the Inner Hebrides. <i>I <b>mulled</b> over the events of the afternoon.</i>
<b><u>muse</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Euterpe was his <b>muse</b>.</i>
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b><u>ponder</u></b>	Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion. <i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>
<b>ponderable</b>	Capable of being thought about. <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 (a bill) that had been voted upon before, with a view to altering it. <i>Won't you <b>reconsider</b> your decision.</i>
<b><u>reflect</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>The mess in his dorm room <b>reflects</b> on the student.</i>



<b><u>reflective</u></b>	Capable of physically reflecting light or sound. <i>The <b>reflective</b> type.</i>
<b>resonate</b>	Produce electrical or mechanical resonance. <i>The crystal <b>resonates</b> at 16 MHz.</i>
<b><u>retrospect</u></b>	A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time. <i>A full <b>retrospect</b> of the battle.</i>
<b><u>ruminate</u></b>	Chew the cud. <i>Goats <b>ruminated</b> nonchalantly around them.</i>
<b><u>speculate</u></b>	Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss. <i>Philosophers have <b>speculated</b> on the question of God for thousands of years.</i>
<b>think</b>	An instance of deliberate thinking. <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. <i>A <b>thoughtful</b> paper.</i>
<b><u>thoughtfully</u></b>	Showing consideration and thoughtfulness. <i>The government <b>thoughtfully</b> offered to foot part of the bill.</i>

