

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)

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

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

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

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

<u>reflective</u>	Capable of physically reflecting light or sound. <i>The reflective type.</i>
resonate	Produce electrical or mechanical resonance. <i>The crystal resonates at 16 MHz.</i>
<u>retrospect</u>	A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time. <i>A full retrospect of the battle.</i>
<u>ruminate</u>	Chew the cud. <i>Goats ruminated nonchalantly around them.</i>
<u>speculate</u>	Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss. <i>Philosophers have speculated on the question of God for thousands of years.</i>
think	An instance of deliberate thinking. <i>Any writer who so rarely produces a book is not thinking deep thoughts.</i>
thoughtful	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>A thoughtful paper.</i>
<u>thoughtfully</u>	Showing consideration and thoughtfulness. <i>The government thoughtfully offered to foot part of the bill.</i>

