

Need another word that means the same as “busy”? Find 66 synonyms and 30 related words for “busy” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Busy” are: engaged, in use, busybodied, interfering, meddlesome, meddling, officious, fussy, occupied, occupied in, engaged in, involved in, employed in, working at, hard at work, hard at work on, strenuous, hectic, energetic, active, lively, exacting, tiring, full, eventful, crowded, bustling, swarming, teeming, astir, buzzing, thronged, vibrant, unavailable, otherwise engaged, over-embellished, overdecorated, overblown, overripe, overwrought, exaggerated, overdone, florid, cluttered, contrived, overworked, strained, laboured, baroque, rococo, occupy, involve, engage, concern, employ, absorb, engross, immerse, preoccupy, police officer, policeman, policewoman, pc, officer of the law, detective, dc**

## **Busy as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Busy" as a noun**

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

- *A police officer.*



## Synonyms of "Busy" as a noun (7 Words)

<b>dc</b>	The district occupied entirely by the city of Washington; chosen by George Washington as the site of the capital of the United States and created out of land ceded by Maryland and Virginia.
<b><u><a href="#">detective</a></u></b>	An investigator engaged or employed in obtaining information not easily available to the public. <i>Detective work.</i>
<b>officer of the law</b>	Any person in the armed services who holds a position of authority or command.
<b>pc</b>	A small digital computer based on a microprocessor and designed to be used by one person at a time.
<b>police officer</b>	The force of policemen and officers.
<b>policeman</b>	A member of a police force.
<b>policewoman</b>	A female member of a police force.



## Usage Examples of "Busy" as a noun

- *I was picked up by the busies for possession.*



## Busy as a Verb

### Definitions of "Busy" as a verb

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

- *Keep oneself occupied.*
- *Keep busy with.*



## Synonyms of "Busy" as a verb (9 Words)

- absorb** Take in, also metaphorically.  
*The work **absorbed** him and continued to make him happy.*
- concern** Regard it as important to do something.  
*It is not necessary for us to **concern** ourselves with this point.*
- employ** Put into service make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose.  
*The methods they have **employed** to collect the data.*
- engage** Keep engaged.  
*The teams needed to **engage** with local communities.*
- engross** Absorb all the attention or interest of.  
*They seemed to be **engrossed** in conversation.*
- immerse** Cause to be immersed.  
*She **immersed** herself in her work.*

**involve** Contain as a part.  
*An opportunity to **involve** as many people as possible in all aspects of music making.*

**occupy** Occupy the whole of.  
*The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.*

**preoccupy** (of a matter or subject) dominate or engross the mind of (someone) to the exclusion of other thoughts.  
*His mother was preoccupied with paying the bills.*



## Usage Examples of "Busy" as a verb

- *She busied herself with her new home.*



## Busy as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Busy" as an adjective

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

- *(of facilities such as telephones or lavatories) unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability; ('engaged' is a British term for a busy telephone line.*
- *Unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability; ('engaged' is a British term for a busy telephone line.*
- *Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner.*
- *Crowded with or characterized by much activity.*
- *Excessively detailed or decorated.*
- *Occupied with or concentrating on a particular activity or object of attention.*
- *(of a time or place) full of activity.*

- *Actively or fully engaged or occupied.*
- *(of a phone line) engaged.*
- *Having a great deal to do.*
- *Overcrowded or cluttered with detail.*



## Synonyms of "Busy" as an adjective (50 Words)

**active**

(of the sun) characterized by an increased occurrence of sunspots and flares and radio emissions.

*An **active** toddler.*

**astir**

In a state of excited movement.

*The whole town was **astir** over the incident.*



<b>baroque</b>	Relating to or denoting a style of European architecture music and art of the 17th and 18th centuries that followed Mannerism and is characterized by ornate detail In architecture the period is exemplified by the palace of Versailles and by the work of Wren in England Major composers include Vivaldi Bach and Handel Caravaggio and Rubens are important baroque artists. <i>The candles were positively <b>baroque</b>.</i>
<b><u>bustling</u></b>	Full of energetic and noisy activity. <i>The <b>bustling</b> little town.</i>
<b>busybodied</b>	Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner.
<b>buzzing</b>	Noisy like the sound of a bee. <i>The Latvian capital combines winter charm with <b>buzzing</b> nightlife.</i>
<b>cluttered</b>	Filled or scattered with a disorderly accumulation of objects or rubbish. <i>His library was a <b>cluttered</b> room with piles of books on every chair.</i>
<b>contrived</b>	Showing effects of planning or manipulation. <i>A novel with a <b>contrived</b> ending.</i>
<b><u>crowded</u></b>	(of a space) full of people, leaving little or no room for movement; packed. <i>A very <b>crowded</b> room.</i>
<b>employed in</b>	Having your services engaged for; or having a job especially one that pays wages or a salary.
<b><u>energetic</u></b>	Possessing or exerting or displaying energy. <i>Moderately <b>energetic</b> exercise.</i>
<b><u>engaged</u></b>	Having ones attention or mind or energy engaged. <i>She was <b>engaged</b> to a lecturer.</i>
<b>engaged in</b>	Unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability; ('engaged' is a British term for a busy telephone line.)
<b>eventful</b>	Full of events or incidents. <i>His long and <b>eventful</b> life.</i>
<b>exacting</b>	Severe and unremitting in making demands. <i>The <b>exacting</b> standards laid down by the organic food industry.</i>
<b>exaggerated</b>	Represented as greater than is true or reasonable. <i>Comic book characters are drawn with <b>exaggerated</b> features so you will remember them.</i>
<b>florid</b>	Elaborately or excessively ornamented. <i>His <b>florid</b> and exciting prose.</i>

<b>full</b>	Constituting the full quantity or extent complete. <i>A <b>full</b> report of the conference.</i>
<b>fussy</b>	Full of unnecessary detail or decoration. <i>I hate <b>fussy</b> clothes.</i>
<b>hard at work</b>	Not easy; requiring great physical or mental effort to accomplish or comprehend or endure.
<b>hard at work on</b>	Resisting weight or pressure.
<b><u>hectic</u></b>	Full of incessant or frantic activity. <i>A <b>hectic</b> business schedule.</i>
<b>in use</b>	Holding office.
<b>interfering</b>	Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner. <i>An <b>interfering</b> old woman.</i>
<b>involved in</b>	Enveloped.
<b>laboured</b>	Requiring or showing effort. <i>One of Alan s <b>laboured</b> jokes.</i>
<b>lively</b>	Intellectually stimulating or perceptive. <i>A <b>lively</b> and uninhibited girl.</i>
<b>meddlesome</b>	Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner. <i>Heaven rid him of <b>meddlesome</b> politicians.</i>
<b>meddling</b>	Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner.
<b><u>occupied</u></b>	Having ones attention or mind or energy engaged. <i>She keeps herself fully <b>occupied</b> with volunteer activities.</i>
<b>occupied in</b>	Having ones attention or mind or energy engaged.
<b>officious</b>	Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner. <i>The security people were very <b>officious</b>.</i>
<b>otherwise engaged</b>	Other than as supposed or expected.
<b>over-embellished</b>	Excessively elaborate or showily expressed.
<b>overblown</b>	Past the stage of full bloom. <i><b>Overblown</b> roses.</i>
<b>overdecorated</b>	Decorated in an excessively elaborate style. <i><b>Overdecorated</b> Victorian hallways.</i>
<b><u>overdone</u></b>	Cooked too long but still edible. <i>He sat there chewing his <b>overdone</b> steak.</i>
<b>overripe</b>	Too ripe and beginning to turn soft. <i>An <b>overripe</b> melodrama.</i>

<b><u>overworked</u></b>	Used to excess. <i>Tired <b>overworked</b> demoralized staff.</i>
<b>overwrought</b>	(of a piece of writing or a work of art) too elaborate or complicated in design or construction. <i>She was too <b>overwrought</b> to listen to reason.</i>
<b>rococo</b>	Having excessive asymmetrical ornamentation. <i>His labyrinthine sentences and <b>rococo</b> usages.</i>
<b><u>strained</u></b>	Of a mainly liquid substance having been strained to separate out any solid matter. <i>A <b>constrained</b> smile.</i>
<b>strenuous</b>	Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance. <i>The government made <b>strenuous</b> efforts to upgrade the quality of the teaching profession.</i>
<b>swarming</b>	Moving in or forming a large or dense group. <i><b>Swarming</b> locusts.</i>
<b><u>teeming</u></b>	Abundantly filled with especially living things. <i>She walked through the <b>teeming</b> streets.</i>
<b>thronged</b>	Filled with great numbers crowded together. <i>I try to avoid the <b>thronged</b> streets and stores just before Christmas.</i>
<b><u>tiring</u></b>	Causing one to need rest or sleep; fatiguing. <i>It had been a <b>tiring</b> day.</i>
<b>unavailable</b>	Not available or accessible or at hand. <i>The men were <b>unavailable</b> for work.</i>
<b><u>vibrant</u></b>	(of colour) bright and striking. <i>The men s <b>vibrant</b> voices.</i>
<b>working at</b>	Adopted as a temporary basis for further work.



## Usage Examples of "Busy" as an adjective

- *A busy painting.*
- *A busy life.*
- *Too busy to eat lunch.*
- *Busy about other people's business.*
- *I've had a busy day.*
- *A very busy week.*
- *A busy man.*
- *Her line is busy.*
- *He had been too busy to enjoy himself.*
- *The busy city streets.*
- *Busy with her work.*
- *The lavish set designs are a little too busy.*
- *The team members are busy raising money.*
- *A busy street.*

- *Kept getting a busy signal.*
- *A busy seaport.*



## Associations of "Busy" (30 Words)

- actively** In an active manner.  
*The company is **actively** looking for a buyer.*
- bicker** (of water) flow or fall with a gentle repetitive noise; patter.  
*Against the glass the rain did beat and **bicker**.*
- briskly** In an active, quick, or energetic way.  
*She walked **briskly** into the building.*
- bustle** Cause to move hurriedly in a particular direction.  
*She **bustled** us into the kitchen.*
- bustling** (of a place) full of activity.  
*The **bustling** little town.*

<b>complex</b>	Make an atom or compound form a complex with another. <i>There s no point having a <b>complex</b> about losing your hair.</i>
<b>confuse</b>	Be confusing or perplexing to; cause to be unable to think clearly. <i>The constant attention of the young man <b>confused</b> her.</i>
<b>employed</b>	(of a person) having a paid job. <i>Up to 40 per cent of <b>employed</b> people are in part time jobs.</i>
<b>engaged</b>	Unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability engaged is a British term for a busy telephone line. <i>The newly <b>engaged</b> couple.</i>
<b>fastidious</b>	Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail. <i>She dressed with <b>fastidious</b> care.</i>
<b>finicky</b>	Exacting especially about details. <i>A <b>finicky</b> eater.</i>
<b>flurry</b>	A rapid active commotion. <i>A <b>flurry</b> of editorials hostile to the government.</i>
<b>fluster</b>	Be flustered behave in a confused manner. <i>The false start <b>flustered</b> me a bit.</i>
<b>frenetic</b>	Excessively agitated; distraught with fear or other violent emotion. <i><b>Frenetic</b> screams followed the accident.</i>
<b>fuss</b>	Treat (someone) with excessive attention or affection. <i>When she cries in her sleep try not to <b>fuss</b> her.</i>
<b>fussy</b>	Fastidious about one's needs or requirements; hard to please. <i>Eleanor patted her hair with quick <b>fussy</b> movements.</i>
<b>grumpy</b>	Annoyed and irritable. <i>He s <b>grumpy</b> because he hasn t heard from you.</i>
<b>hassle</b>	A disagreement or quarrel. <i>An election year <b>hassle</b> with farmers.</i>
<b>haste</b>	Overly eager speed (and possible carelessness). <i>Working with feverish <b>haste</b>.</i>
<b>intersection</b>	A point or set of points common to two or more geometric configurations. <i>The <b>intersection</b> of a plane and a cone.</i>
<b>meticulous</b>	Marked by extreme care in treatment of details. <i>A <b>meticulous</b> craftsman.</i>
<b>occupied</b>	(of a place, especially a country) taken control of by military conquest or settlement. <i>Not all the <b>occupied</b> or tenanted apartments were well kept up.</i>

<b>pedantic</b>	Marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects. <i>His analyses are careful and even painstaking but never <b>pedantic</b>.</i>
<b>picky</b>	Fussy and hard to please. <i>They are becoming increasingly <b>picky</b> about where they stay.</i>
<b>priggish</b>	Self-righteously moralistic and superior. <i>A <b>priggish</b> little pedant.</i>
<b>prissy</b>	Fussily and excessively respectable. <i>A middle class family with two <b>prissy</b> children.</i>
<b>spat</b>	Strike with a sound like that of falling rain. <i>Oysters <b>spat</b>.</i>
<b>stickle</b>	Dispute or argue stubbornly (especially minor points).
<b>stickler</b>	Someone who insists on something. <i>I m a <b>stickler</b> when it comes to timekeeping.</i>

