

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)

dc	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.
<u>detective</u>	An investigator engaged or employed in obtaining information not easily available to the public. <i>Detective work.</i>
officer of the law	Any person in the armed services who holds a position of authority or command.
pc	A small digital computer based on a microprocessor and designed to be used by one person at a time.
police officer	The force of policemen and officers.
policeman	A member of a police force.
policewoman	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.*

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

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

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

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

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

