

Need another word that means the same as “captive”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “captive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Captive” are: prisoner, convict, detainee, inmate, absorbed, engrossed, enwrapped, intent, wrapped, confined, imprisoned, jailed, caged**

## Captive as a Noun

### Definitions of "Captive" as a noun

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

- *A person who is confined; especially a prisoner of war.*
- *An animal that is confined.*
- *A person who has been taken prisoner or an animal that has been confined.*
- *A person held in the grip of a strong emotion or passion.*



### Synonyms of "Captive" as a noun (4 Words)

- convict** A person who has been convicted of a criminal offense.  
*Two escaped **convicts** kidnapped them at gunpoint.*
- detainee** Some held in custody.  
*All political **detainees** were freed in August.*
- inmate** One of several occupants of a house.  
***Inmates** of the Louisiana State Penitentiary.*
- prisoner** A person who is confined especially a prisoner of war.  
*She may have been held **prisoner** before being killed.*





## Usage Examples of "Captive" as a noun

- *The policeman put a pair of handcuffs on the captive.*





## Captive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Captive" as an adjective

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

- *Giving or marked by complete attention to- Walter de la Mare.*
- *(of a facility or service) controlled by, and typically for the sole use of, an organization.*
- *Having no freedom to choose alternatives or to avoid something.*
- *Imprisoned or confined.*
- *Giving or marked by complete attention to.*
- *Being in captivity.*





## Synonyms of "Captive" as an adjective (9 Words)

**absorbed** (of energy or a liquid or other substance) taken in or soaked up.  
*The stones warm slowly throughout the day then radiate **absorbed** heat at night.*

<b>caged</b>	Confined in a cage. <i>A <b>caged</b> bird.</i>
<b>confined</b>	Being in captivity. <i>Her fear of <b>confined</b> spaces.</i>
<b>engrossed</b>	Giving or marked by complete attention to- Walter de la Mare. <i>That <b>engrossed</b> look or rapt delight.</i>
<b>enwrapped</b>	Giving or marked by complete attention to. <i><b>Enwrapped</b> in dreams.</i>
<b>imprisoned</b>	Being in captivity. <i>An <b>imprisoned</b> dissident.</i>
<b>intent</b>	(of a look or expression) showing earnest and eager attention. <i>A curiously <b>intent</b> look on her face.</i>
<b>jailed</b>	Being in captivity.
<b>wrapped</b>	Overjoyed; delighted. <i><b>Enwrapped</b> in dreams.</i>

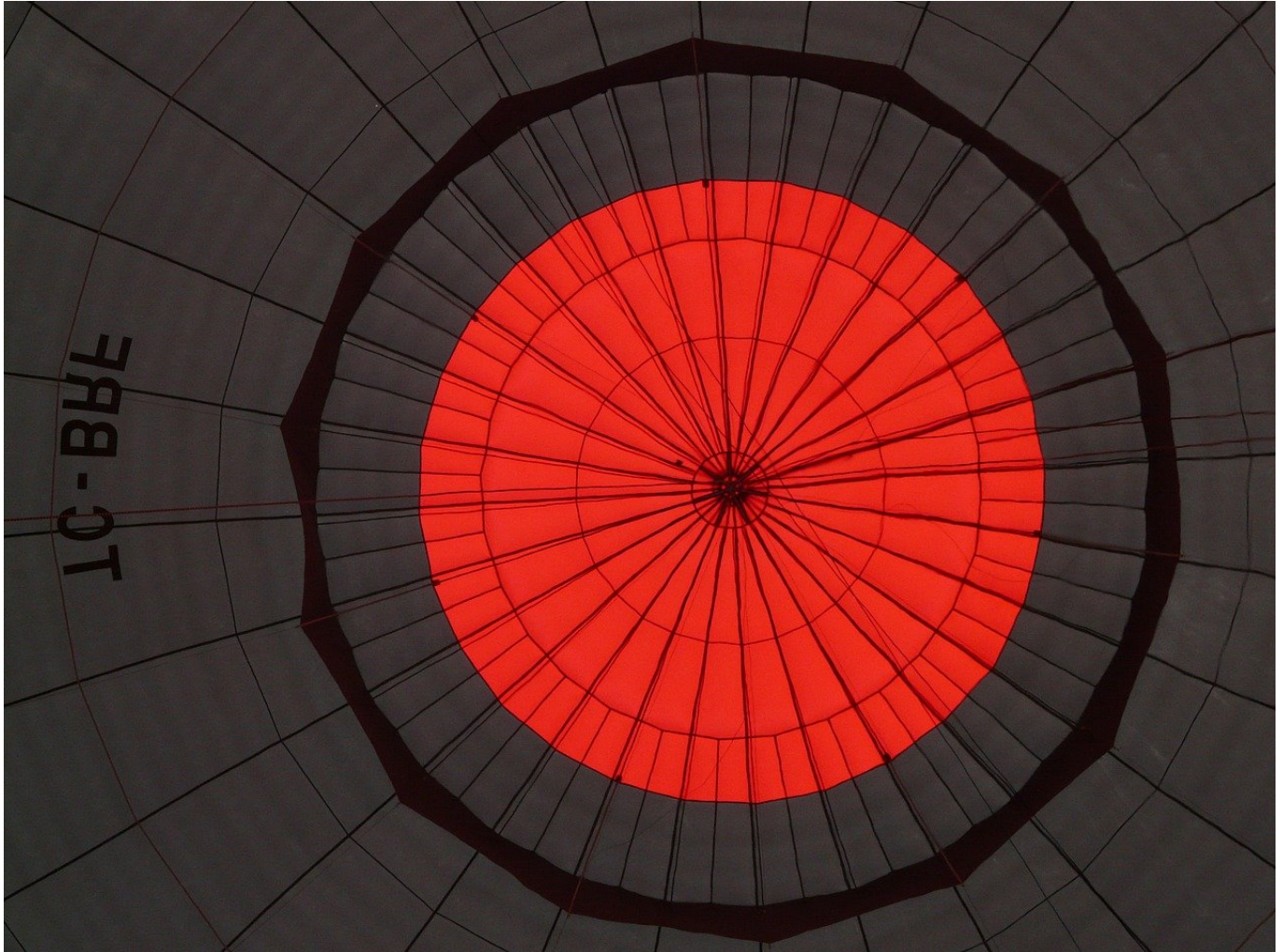




## Usage Examples of "Captive" as an adjective

- *Advertisements at the cinema reach a captive audience.*
- *A captive animal.*
- *The farm was used to hold prisoners of war captive.*
- *A captive power plant.*





## Associations of "Captive" (30 Words)

<b>absorbed</b>	Having one's attention fully engaged; greatly interested. <i>The stones warm slowly throughout the day then radiate <b>absorbed</b> heat at night.</i>
<b>arrest</b>	Hold back, as of a danger or an enemy; check the expansion or influence of. <i>They got <b>arrested</b> during a police raid.</i>
<b>captivity</b>	The state of being imprisoned. <i>He was released after 865 days in <b>captivity</b>.</i>
<b>capture</b>	The action of capturing or of being captured. <i>The militia <b>captured</b> the castle.</i>



<b>committal</b>	The official act of consigning a person to confinement (as in a prison or mental hospital). <i>His <b>committal</b> to prison.</i>
<b>confined</b>	Being in captivity. <i>Her fear of <b>confined</b> spaces.</i>
<b>confinement</b>	Concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child. <i>The pros and cons of home versus hospital <b>confinement</b>.</i>
<b>constraint</b>	A device that retards something's motion. <i>The availability of water is the main <b>constraint</b> on food production.</i>
<u><b>convict</b></u>	A person who has been convicted of a criminal offense. <i>The thieves were <b>convicted</b> of the robbery.</i>
<u><b>conviction</b></u>	The quality of showing that one is firmly convinced of what one believes or says. <i>She had a previous <b>conviction</b> for a similar offence.</i>
<u><b>cramped</b></u>	(of handwriting) small and difficult to read. <i>Trying to bring children up in <b>cramped</b> high rise apartments.</i>
<u><b>culprit</b></u>	A person who is responsible for a crime or other misdeed. <i>Low level ozone pollution is the real <b>culprit</b>.</i>
<b>detention</b>	A state of being confined (usually for a short time). <i>The <b>detention</b> of tardy pupils.</i>
<u><b>duress</b></u>	Constraint illegally exercised to force someone to perform an act. <i>Confessions extracted under <b>duress</b>.</i>
<u><b>engrossed</b></u>	Written formally in a large clear script, as a deed or other legal document. <i>That <b>engrossed</b> look or rapt delight.</i>
<u><b>imprisonment</b></u>	The state of being imprisoned. <i>The <b>imprisonment</b> of captured soldiers.</i>
<b>incarcerate</b>	Imprison or confine. <i>The murderer was <b>incarcerated</b> for the rest of his life.</i>
<b>inmate</b>	A patient who is residing in the hospital where he is being treated. <i><b>Inmates</b> of the Louisiana State Penitentiary.</i>
<b>intent</b>	Intention or purpose. <i>A curiously <b>intent</b> look on her face.</i>
<b>jail</b>	Put someone in jail. <i>A <b>jail</b> sentence.</i>
<b>parole</b>	Release a prisoner on parole. <i>The prisoner was <b>paroled</b> after serving 10 years in prison.</i>

<b>penitentiary</b>	Used for punishment or reform of criminals or wrongdoers. <i><b>Penitentiary</b> institutions.</i>
<b><u>perpetrator</u></b>	Someone who perpetrates wrongdoing. <i>The <b>perpetrators</b> of this horrific crime must be brought to justice.</i>
<b><u>preoccupied</u></b>	Having or showing excessive or compulsive concern with something. <i>She seemed a bit <b>preoccupied</b>.</i>
<b><u>prison</u></b>	Imprison. <i>He died in <b>prison</b>.</i>
<b><u>prisoner</u></b>	A person who is confined especially a prisoner of war. <i>He s become a <b>prisoner</b> of the publicity he s generated.</i>
<b>repatriate</b>	A person who has been repatriated. <i>Foreign firms would be permitted to <b>repatriate</b> all profits.</i>
<b>restraint</b>	The action of keeping someone or something under control. <i>The unlawful <b>restraint</b> of trade.</i>
<b><u>restricted</u></b>	Restricted in meaning as e g man in a tall man. <i>Western scientists had only <b>restricted</b> access to the site.</i>
<b><u>trapped</u></b>	Forced to turn and face attackers. <i>Like a <b>trapped</b> animal.</i>



