

Need another word that means the same as “careful”? Find 37 synonyms and 30 related words for “careful” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Careful” are: deliberate, measured, heedful, thrifty, cautious, alert, aware, attentive, watchful, vigilant, wary, chary, circumspect, prudent, mindful, guarded, protective, economical, economic, sparing, frugal, abstemious, canny, sensible, conscientious, painstaking, meticulous, diligent, assiduous, sedulous, scrupulous, punctilious, fastidious, methodical, orderly, judicious, perfectionist**

## Careful as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Careful" as an adjective

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

- *Prudent in the use of something, especially money.*
- *Full of cares or anxiety.*
- *Done with or showing thought and attention.*
- *Full of cares or anxiety-Luke 10.41.*
- *Making sure of avoiding potential danger, mishap, or harm; cautious.*
- *Unhurried and with care and dignity.*
- *Anxious to protect (something) from harm or loss; solicitous.*
- *Mindful of the future in spending money.*
- *Cautiously attentive.*
- *Exercising caution or showing care or attention.*



## Synonyms of "Careful" as an adjective (37 Words)

- abstemious**      Sparing in consumption of especially food and drink- John Galsworthy.  
*We only had a bottle Very **abstemious** of you.*
- alert**              Quick and energetic.  
*She remained active and **alert** until well into her eighties.*
- assiduous**        Marked by care and persistent effort.  
*Her **assiduous** attempts to learn French.*
- attentive**         Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention.  
*Never before had she had such an **attentive** audience.*
- aware**             Bearing in mind; attentive to.  
***Aware** that he had exceeded the speed limit.*
- canny**              Having or showing shrewdness and good judgement, especially in money or business matters.  
***Canny** investors will switch banks if they think they are getting a raw deal.*

<b><u>cautious</u></b>	(of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers. <i>Firms have been unusually <b>cautious</b> about hiring new workers.</i>
<b><u>chary</u></b>	Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something. <i>A <b>chary</b> investor.</i>
<b>circumspect</b>	Wary and unwilling to take risks. <i>Physicians are now more <b>circumspect</b> about recommending its use.</i>
<b>conscientious</b>	Relating to a person's conscience. <i>The individual is denied even the opportunity to break the law on <b>conscientious</b> grounds.</i>
<b><u>deliberate</u></b>	Carefully thought out in advance. <i>With all <b>deliberate</b> speed.</i>
<b>diligent</b>	Quietly and steadily persevering especially in detail or exactness. <i>A <b>diligent</b> detective investigates all clues.</i>
<b>economic</b>	Of or relating to the science of economics. <i>A modern <b>economical</b> heating system.</i>
<b>economical</b>	Giving good value or return in relation to the money, time, or effort expended. <i>An <b>economical</b> meal.</i>
<b><u>fastidious</u></b>	Very concerned about matters of cleanliness. <i>The child seemed <b>fastidious</b> about getting her fingers dirty.</i>
<b>frugal</b>	Avoiding waste. <i>A <b>frugal</b> farmer.</i>
<b><u>guarded</u></b>	Cautious and having possible reservations. <i><b>Guarded</b> optimism.</i>
<b>heedful</b>	Cautiously attentive. <i><b>Heedful</b> of his father s advice.</i>
<b>judicious</b>	Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense. <i><b>Judicious</b> use of one s money.</i>
<b>measured</b>	Unhurried and with care and dignity. <i>His <b>measured</b> prose.</i>
<b><u>methodical</u></b>	Characterized by method and orderliness. <i>A <b>methodical</b> man he assembled all the papers into a huge pile.</i>
<b><u>meticulous</u></b>	Marked by precise accordance with details. <i>He had always been so <b>meticulous</b> about his appearance.</i>
<b><u>mindful</u></b>	Conscious or aware of something. <i>Tune in to your body and be <b>mindful</b>.</i>

<b>orderly</b>	(of a person or group) well behaved. <i>An <b>orderly</b> arrangement of objects.</i>
<b><u>painstaking</u></b>	Done with or employing great care and thoroughness. <i><b>Painstaking</b> attention to detail.</i>
<b>perfectionist</b>	Refusing to accept any standard short of perfection.
<b><u>protective</u></b>	Relating to the protection of domestic industries from foreign competition. <i>I felt <b>protective</b> towards her.</i>
<b><u>prudent</u></b>	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. <i><b>Prudent</b> rulers.</i>
<b>punctilious</b>	Marked by precise accordance with details. <i><b>Punctilious</b> in his attention to rules of etiquette.</i>
<b>scrupulous</b>	Having scruples; arising from a sense of right and wrong; principled. <i><b>Scrupulous</b> attention to details.</i>
<b>sedulous</b>	Marked by care and persistent effort. <i><b>Sedulous</b> pursuit of legal and moral principles.</i>
<b>sensible</b>	Readily perceived; appreciable. <i><b>Sensible</b> that a good deal more is still to be done.</i>
<b>sparing</b>	Moderate; economical. <i><b>Sparing</b> in their use of heat and light.</i>
<b><u>thrifty</u></b>	Careful and diligent in the use of resources. <i>He had been brought up to be <b>thrifty</b> and careful.</i>
<b>vigilant</b>	Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties. <i>The <b>vigilant</b> eye of the town watch.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>Taught to be <b>wary</b> of strangers.</i>
<b>watchful</b>	Wakeful; sleepless. <i>They attended dances under the <b>watchful</b> eye of their father.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Careful" as an adjective

- *They were careful when crossing the busy street.*
- *Careful about one's behavior.*
- *He was very careful of his reputation.*
- *Careful with money.*
- *A careful consideration of the facts.*
- *Thou art careful and troubled about many things.*
- *Careful art restorers.*
- *Be careful to keep her shoes clean.*
- *Did very careful research.*
- *I begged him to be more careful.*
- *Careful of the rights of others.*
- *Be careful not to lose her address.*
- *Careful of her feelings.*
- *His mother had always been careful with money.*



## Associations of "Careful" (30 Words)

<b>alert</b>	A warning serves to make you more alert to danger. <i>An <b>alert</b> mind.</i>
<a href="#"><u>attentive</u></a>	Paying close attention to something. <i><b>Attentive</b> to details.</i>
<a href="#"><u>beware</u></a>	Be on one's guard; be cautious or wary about; be alert to. <i>We should <b>beware</b> the incompetence of legislators.</i>
<b>carefully</b>	Taking care or paying attention. <i>They must be <b>carefully</b> handled and stored.</i>
<b>carefulness</b>	The quality of being careful and painstaking. <i>I admired the <b>carefulness</b> of his work.</i>
<b>caution</b>	An amusing or surprising person. <i>They let him off with a <b>caution</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>cautious</u></a>	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>Reserved and <b>cautious</b> never making swift decisions.</i>
<a href="#"><u>chary</u></a>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i><b>Chary</b> of the risks involved.</i>

<b>circumspect</b>	Wary and unwilling to take risks. <i>The officials were very <b>circumspect</b> in their statements.</i>
<b>circumspection</b>	The quality of being wary and unwilling to take risks; prudence. <i><b>Circumspection</b> is required in the day to day exercise of administrative powers.</i>
<b>conscientious</b>	Characterized by extreme care and great effort. <i>The individual is denied even the opportunity to break the law on <b>conscientious</b> grounds.</i>
<b>deliberate</b>	Consider (a question) carefully. <i>A <b>deliberate</b> attempt to provoke conflict.</i>
<b>deliberation</b>	Slow and careful movement or thought. <i>He was a man of judicial <b>deliberation</b>.</i>
<b>discernment</b>	Delicate discrimination (especially of aesthetic values). <i>An astonishing lack of <b>discernment</b>.</i>
<b>discreetly</b>	With discretion; prudently and with wise self-restraint. <i>He <b>discreetly</b> inquired whether the position was still available.</i>
<b>discretion</b>	The freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation. <i>Honorary fellowships may be awarded at the <b>discretion</b> of the council.</i>
<b>forethought</b>	Careful consideration of what will be necessary or may happen in the future. <i>Jim had the <b>forethought</b> to book in advance.</i>
<b>heed</b>	Pay close attention to give heed to. <i>He should have <b>heeded</b> the warnings.</i>
<b>measured</b>	Unhurried and with care and dignity. <i>His <b>measured</b> prose.</i>
<b>meticulous</b>	Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise. <i>The designs are hand glazed with <b>meticulous</b> care.</i>
<b>modesty</b>	Freedom from vanity or conceit. <i>With typical <b>modesty</b> he insisted on sharing the credit with others.</i>
<b>muse</b>	(in Greek and Roman mythology) each of nine goddesses, the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, who preside over the arts and sciences. <i>Yeats <b>muse</b> Maud Gonne.</i>
<b>precaution</b>	A precautionary measure warding off impending danger or damage or injury etc. <i>We never took <b>precautions</b>.</i>
<b>precision</b>	Marked by or adapted for accuracy and exactness. <i>A technique which examines and identifies each character with the highest level of <b>precision</b>.</i>

<b>prudence</b>	Discretion in practical affairs. <i>We need to exercise <b>prudence</b> in such important matters.</i>
<b>scrupulous</b>	Characterized by extreme care and great effort. <i>She s too <b>scrupulous</b> to have an affair with a married man.</i>
<b>solicitous</b>	Full of anxiety and concern. <i><b>Solicitous</b> parents.</i>
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Her work is <b>thoughtful</b> and provocative.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Marked by keen caution and watchful prudence. <i>A <b>wary</b> glance at the black clouds.</i>
<b>watchful</b>	Watching someone or something closely; alert and vigilant. <i>They attended dances under the <b>watchful</b> eye of their father.</i>



