

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

