

Need another word that means the same as “cautious”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “cautious” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Cautious” are: conservative, careful, wary, aware, heedful, attentive, alert, watchful, vigilant, circumspect, prudent, guarded, chary, mindful, timid**

## Cautious as a Noun

### Definitions of "Cautious" as a noun

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

- *People who are fearful and cautious.*



### Synonyms of "Cautious" as a noun (1 Word)

**timid** People who are fearful and cautious.  
*Whitewater rafting is not for the **timid**.*



## Cautious as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Cautious" as an adjective

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

- *(of an action) characterized by the desire to avoid potential problems or dangers.*
- *(of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers.*
- *Avoiding excess.*
- *Showing careful forethought.*



### Synonyms of "Cautious" as an adjective (14 Words)

**alert**

Engaged in or accustomed to close observation.  
***Alert*** enough to spot the opportunity when it came.

<b><u>attentive</u></b>	Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Ministers should be more <b>attentive</b> to the interests of taxpayers.</i>
<b>aware</b>	(sometimes followed by `of') having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or perception. <i><b>Aware</b> that he had exceeded the speed limit.</i>
<b><u>careful</u></b>	Cautiously attentive. <i>He was very <b>careful</b> of his reputation.</i>
<b><u>chary</u></b>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i>A <b>chary</b> investor.</i>
<b>circumspect</b>	Heedful of potential consequences. <i>Physicians are now more <b>circumspect</b> about recommending its use.</i>
<b><u>conservative</u></b>	(of surgery or medical treatment) intended to control rather than eliminate a condition, with existing tissue preserved as far as possible. <i>The film was not cheap 30 000 is a <b>conservative</b> estimate.</i>
<b><u>guarded</u></b>	Prudent. <i>He has given a <b>guarded</b> welcome to the idea.</i>
<b>heedful</b>	Giving attention. <i><b>Heedful</b> of the warnings.</i>
<b><u>mindful</u></b>	Inclined or willing to do something. <i>I arrived home for the summer ever <b>mindful</b> of my obligations to my parents.</i>
<b><u>prudent</u></b>	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. <i>A <b>prudent</b> manager.</i>
<b>vigilant</b>	Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties. <i>The burglar was spotted by <b>vigilant</b> neighbours.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>Taught to be <b>wary</b> of strangers.</i>
<b>watchful</b>	Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness. <i>Twenty <b>watchful</b> weary tedious nights.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Cautious" as an adjective

- *A cautious driver.*
- *The plan received a cautious welcome.*
- *Reserved and cautious; never making swift decisions.*
- *Firms have been unusually cautious about hiring new workers.*



## Associations of "Cautious" (30 Words)

<b>alert</b>	A warning serves to make you more alert to danger. <i>Police were <b>alerted</b> after three men drove away without paying.</i>
<u><a href="#">attentive</a></u>	(often followed by `to') giving care or attention. <i>The nurse was <b>attentive</b> to her patient.</i>
<u><a href="#">beware</a></u>	Be on one's guard; be cautious or wary about; be alert to. <i>We should <b>beware</b> the incompetence of legislators.</i>
<u><a href="#">careful</a></u>	Prudent in the use of something, especially money. <i><b>Careful</b> about one's behavior.</i>
<b>carefully</b>	Taking care or paying attention. <i>They must be <b>carefully</b> handled and stored.</i>
<b>carefulness</b>	The trait of being cautious; being attentive to possible danger. <i>I admired the <b>carefulness</b> of his work.</i>
<u><a href="#">chary</a></u>	Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something. <i>She had been <b>chary</b> of telling the whole truth.</i>
<b>circumspect</b>	Heedful of potential consequences. <i>Physicians are now more <b>circumspect</b> about recommending its use.</i>
<b>consider</b>	Regard or treat with consideration respect and esteem. <i>Each application is <b>considered</b> on its merits.</i>
<u><a href="#">considerate</a></u>	Showing careful thought. <i>She was unfailingly kind and <b>considerate</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">contemplative</a></u>	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a <b>contemplative</b> eye.</i>
<u><a href="#">deliberate</a></u>	Done consciously and intentionally. <i>Jurors <b>deliberated</b> the fate of those charged.</i>
<u><a href="#">discreet</a></u>	Careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment. <i>A <b>discreet</b> investor.</i>
<u><a href="#">discreetly</a></u>	In an intentionally unobtrusive manner. <i>She coughed <b>discreetly</b>.</i>
<b>heed</b>	Pay close attention to give heed to. <i>If he heard he paid no <b>heed</b>.</i>
<b>measured</b>	Carefully thought out in advance. <i>She set off with <b>measured</b> tread.</i>
<b>meditative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>



<b>modesty</b>	Behaviour, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency. <i><b>Modesty</b> forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
<b><u>muse</u></b>	A person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist. <i>Yeats <b>muse</b> Maud Gonne.</i>
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b><u>ponder</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</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>premeditated</b>	(of an action, especially a crime) thought out or planned beforehand. <i>A <b>premeditated</b> crime.</i>
<b><u>preoccupied</u></b>	Engrossed in thought; distracted. <i>She seemed a bit <b>preoccupied</b>.</i>
<b><u>prudent</u></b>	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. <i>More <b>prudent</b> to hide than to fight.</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>He was attentive and <b>thoughtful</b>.</i>
<b><u>warn</u></b>	Give (someone) cautionary advice about their actions or conduct. <i>The director <b>warned</b> him that he might be fired.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Marked by keen caution and watchful prudence. <i>Dogs which have been mistreated often remain very <b>wary</b> of strangers.</i>
<b>watchful</b>	Engaged in or accustomed to close observation. <i>They attended dances under the <b>watchful</b> eye of their father.</i>

