

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.

<u>attentive</u>	Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Ministers should be more attentive to the interests of taxpayers.</i>
aware	(sometimes followed by `of') having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or perception. <i>Aware that he had exceeded the speed limit.</i>
<u>careful</u>	Cautiously attentive. <i>He was very careful of his reputation.</i>
<u>chary</u>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i>A chary investor.</i>
circumspect	Heedful of potential consequences. <i>Physicians are now more circumspect about recommending its use.</i>
<u>conservative</u>	(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 conservative estimate.</i>
<u>guarded</u>	Prudent. <i>He has given a guarded welcome to the idea.</i>
heedful	Giving attention. <i>Heedful of the warnings.</i>
<u>mindful</u>	Inclined or willing to do something. <i>I arrived home for the summer ever mindful of my obligations to my parents.</i>
<u>prudent</u>	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. <i>A prudent manager.</i>
vigilant	Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties. <i>The burglar was spotted by vigilant neighbours.</i>
wary	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>Taught to be wary of strangers.</i>
watchful	Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness. <i>Twenty watchful 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)

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

modesty	Behaviour, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency. <i>Modesty forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
<u>muse</u>	A person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist. <i>Yeats muse Maud Gonne.</i>
pensive	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A pensive mood.</i>
<u>ponder</u>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>I pondered the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>
precaution	A precautionary measure warding off impending danger or damage or injury etc. <i>We never took precautions.</i>
premeditated	(of an action, especially a crime) thought out or planned beforehand. <i>A premeditated crime.</i>
<u>preoccupied</u>	Engrossed in thought; distracted. <i>She seemed a bit preoccupied.</i>
<u>prudent</u>	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. <i>More prudent to hide than to fight.</i>
solicitous	Full of anxiety and concern. <i>Solicitous parents.</i>
thoughtful	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>He was attentive and thoughtful.</i>
<u>warn</u>	Give (someone) cautionary advice about their actions or conduct. <i>The director warned him that he might be fired.</i>
wary	Marked by keen caution and watchful prudence. <i>Dogs which have been mistreated often remain very wary of strangers.</i>
watchful	Engaged in or accustomed to close observation. <i>They attended dances under the watchful eye of their father.</i>

