

Need another word that means the same as “discreet”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “discreet” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Discreet” are: circumspect, discerning, careful, cautious, wary, chary, guarded, unobtrusive, inconspicuous

Discreet as an Adjective

Definitions of "Discreet" as an adjective

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

- *Careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment.*
- *Heedful of potential consequences.*
- *Intentionally unobtrusive.*
- *Unobtrusively perceptive and sympathetic.*
- *Marked by prudence or modesty and wise self-restraint.*



Synonyms of "Discreet" as an adjective (9 Words)

careful

Prudent in the use of something, especially money.
Careful of the rights of others.

cautious

(of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers.
*The plan received a **cautious** welcome.*

chary

Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something.
*She had been **chary** of telling the whole truth.*

circumspect

Wary and unwilling to take risks.
*Physicians are now more **circumspect** about recommending its use.*

discerning

Able to make or detect effects of great subtlety; sensitive.
*The brasserie attracts **discerning** customers.*

guarded

Prudent.
***Guarded** optimism.*

inconspicuous

Not clearly visible or attracting attention.
*He pushed the string through an **inconspicuous** hole.*

unobtrusive

Not conspicuous or attracting attention.
*The service was **unobtrusive** and efficient.*

wary

Marked by keen caution and watchful prudence.
*They were **wary** in their movements.*



Usage Examples of "Discreet" as an adjective

- *A discreet investor.*
- *We made some discreet inquiries.*
- *A discreet cough.*
- *A discreet silence.*



Associations of "Discreet" (30 Words)

- [advisable](#)** (of a course of action) to be recommended; sensible.
*It is **advisable** to carry one of the major credit cards.*
- advised** Having received information.
*Be kept **advised**.*
- alert** A warning serves to make you more alert to danger.
***Alert** to the problems.*
- [attentive](#)** Paying close attention to something.
*An **attentive** suitor.*
- aware** Concerned and well informed about a particular situation or development.
*Became **aware** of her surroundings.*
- [beware](#)** Be cautious and alert to risks or dangers.
*Shoppers were warned to **beware** of cut price fakes.*

<u>careful</u>	Prudent in the use of something, especially money. <i>He was very careful of his reputation.</i>
carefulness	The trait of being cautious; being attentive to possible danger. <i>I admired the carefulness of his work.</i>
<u>cautious</u>	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>A cautious driver.</i>
<u>chary</u>	Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something. <i>Chary of the risks involved.</i>
circumspect	Heedful of potential consequences. <i>The officials were very circumspect in their statements.</i>
discerning	Having or revealing keen insight and good judgment. <i>A discerning editor.</i>
<u>discreetly</u>	In an intentionally unobtrusive manner. <i>He discreetly inquired whether the position was still available.</i>
distinct	Recognizable; marked. <i>The word nationalism is used in at least two distinct senses.</i>
forethought	Planning or plotting in advance of acting. <i>Jim had the forethought to book in advance.</i>
judicious	Marked by the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical matters. <i>The judicious use of public investment.</i>
judiciously	In a judicious manner. <i>His work has been carefully and judiciously edited.</i>
knack	A special way of doing something. <i>He had a knack for communicating.</i>
modesty	The quality of being relatively moderate, limited, or small in amount, rate, or level. <i>Modesty forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
<u>perfunctory</u>	Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. <i>He gave a perfunctory nod.</i>
precaution	A precautionary measure warding off impending danger or damage or injury etc. <i>He put an ice pack on the injury as a precaution.</i>
<u>prudent</u>	Careful and sensible; marked by sound judgment. <i>No prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose.</i>

- sensible** (of an object) practical and functional rather than decorative.
*It will effect a **sensible** reduction in these figures.*
- tact** Consideration in dealing with others and avoiding giving offense.
*The inspector broke the news to me with **tact** and consideration.*
- tactful** Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people.
*A **tactful** remark eased her embarrassment.*
- thoughtful** Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.
*Her work is **thoughtful** and provocative.*
- vigilant** Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.
*The burglar was spotted by **vigilant** neighbours.*
- wary** Marked by keen caution and watchful prudence.
*They were **wary** in their movements.*
- watchful** Watching someone or something closely; alert and vigilant.
*Twenty **watchful** weary tedious nights.*
- wise** Sensible or prudent.
*It would be **wise** to discuss the matter with the chairman.*

