

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)

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



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

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

