

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.*



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| <b>careful</b>     | Prudent in the use of something, especially money.<br><i>He was very <b>careful</b> of his reputation.</i>   |
| <b>carefulness</b> | The trait of being cautious; being attentive to possible danger.<br><i>I admired the <b>carefulness</b> of his work.</i>   |
| <b>cautious</b>    | People who are fearful and cautious.<br><i>A <b>cautious</b> driver.</i>   |
| <b>chary</b>       | Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something.<br><i><b>Chary</b> of the risks involved.</i>  |
| <b>circumspect</b> | Heedful of potential consequences.<br><i>The officials were very <b>circumspect</b> in their statements.</i>   |
| <b>discerning</b>  | Having or revealing keen insight and good judgment.<br><i>A <b>discerning</b> editor.</i>  |
| <b>discreetly</b>  | In an intentionally unobtrusive manner.<br><i>He <b>discreetly</b> inquired whether the position was still available.</i>  |
| <b>distinct</b>    | Recognizable; marked.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>The <b>judicious</b> use of public investment.</i>                             |
| <b>judiciously</b> | In a judicious manner.<br><i>His work has been carefully and <b>judiciously</b> edited.</i>  |
| <b>knack</b>       | A special way of doing something.<br><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.<br><i><b>Modesty</b> forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i> |
| <b>perfunctory</b> | Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough.<br><i>He gave a <b>perfunctory</b> nod.</i>   |
| <b>precaution</b>  | A precautionary measure warding off impending danger or damage or injury etc.<br><i>He put an ice pack on the injury as a <b>precaution</b>.</i>                   |
| <b>prudent</b>     | Careful and sensible; marked by sound judgment.<br><i>No <b>prudent</b> 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.*

