

Need another word that means the same as “discretion”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “discretion” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Discretion” are: free will, discernment, circumspection, discreetness, prudence, delicacy, care, carefulness, caution, wariness, chariness, choice, option, judgement, preference, disposition, volition**

## Discretion as a Noun

### Definitions of "Discretion" as a noun

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

- *The power of making free choices unconstrained by external agencies.*
- *The trait of judging wisely and objectively.*
- *Refined taste; tact.*
- *The quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offence or revealing confidential information.*
- *Freedom to act or judge on one's own.*
- *The freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation.*
- *Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress.*



## Synonyms of "Discretion" as a noun (17 Words)

**care**

An object of concern or attention.  
*He is in the **care** of a bodyguard.*

<b>carefulness</b>	The quality of being careful and painstaking. <i>I admired the <b>carefulness</b> of his work.</i>
<b>caution</b>	Warning. <i>Business advisers have sounded a note of <b>caution</b>.</i>
<b>chariness</b>	The trait of being cautious and watchful.
<b>choice</b>	One of a number of things from which only one can be chosen. <i>This disk drive is the perfect <b>choice</b> for your computer.</i>
<b>circumspection</b>	Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i><b>Circumspection</b> is required in the day to day exercise of administrative powers.</i>
<b>delicacy</b>	Smallness of stature. <i>Miniature pearls of exquisite <b>delicacy</b>.</i>
<b><u>discernment</u></b>	The cognitive condition of someone who understands. <i>An astonishing lack of <b>discernment</b>.</i>
<b>discreetness</b>	Subtly skillful handling of a situation.
<b><u>disposition</u></b>	The distribution or transfer of property or money to someone, especially by bequest. <i>If Napoleon had had railways at his <b>disposition</b> he would have been invincible.</i>
<b>free will</b>	People who are free.
<b>judgement</b>	The mental ability to understand and discriminate between relations. <i>The events of last week are a <b>judgement</b> on us for our sinful ways.</i>
<b>option</b>	One of a number of things from which only one can be chosen. <i>He has no <b>option</b> but to pay up.</i>
<b>preference</b>	A prior right or precedence, especially in connection with the payment of debts. <i>His sexual <b>preferences</b>.</i>
<b>prudence</b>	Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i>We need to exercise <b>prudence</b> in such important matters.</i>
<b><u>volition</u></b>	The faculty or power of using one's will. <i>Without conscious <b>volition</b> she backed into her office.</i>
<b>wariness</b>	The trait of being cautious and watchful. <i>Her mother s <b>wariness</b> of computers.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Discretion" as a noun

- *She knew she could rely on his discretion.*
- *The servants showed great tact and discretion.*
- *Local authorities should use their discretion in setting the charges.*
- *Honorary fellowships may be awarded at the discretion of the council.*
- *I'll be the soul of discretion.*





## Associations of "Discretion" (30 Words)

[attentive](#)

Giving care or attention.

*The nurse was **attentive** to her patient.*

<b>beware</b>	Be cautious and alert to risks or dangers. <i>We should <b>beware</b> the incompetence of legislators.</i>
<b>cagey</b>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i>A spokesman was <b>cagey</b> about the arrangements his company had struck.</i>
<b>careful</b>	Making sure of avoiding potential danger, mishap, or harm; cautious. <i>Be <b>careful</b> to keep her shoes clean.</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>caution</b>	Warn strongly; put on guard. <i>Having <b>cautioned</b> her the police were ready to take her away for questioning.</i>
<b>cautious</b>	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>Reserved and <b>cautious</b> never making swift decisions.</i>
<b>chary</b>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i>She had been <b>chary</b> of telling the whole truth.</i>
<b>choice</b>	A thing or person which is chosen. <i>He picked some <b>choice</b> early plums.</i>
<b>circumspect</b>	Heedful of potential consequences. <i><b>Circumspect</b> actions.</i>
<b>circumspection</b>	Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i><b>Circumspection</b> is required in the day to day exercise of administrative powers.</i>
<b>consideration</b>	Information that should be kept in mind when making a decision. <i>You can buy the books for a small <b>consideration</b>.</i>
<b>deliberation</b>	Careful consideration. <i>It was the <b>deliberation</b> of his act that was insulting.</i>
<b>discernment</b>	The mental ability to understand and discriminate between relations. <i>A man of <b>discernment</b>.</i>
<b>discreet</b>	Unobtrusively perceptive and sympathetic. <i>A <b>discreet</b> investor.</i>
<b>discreetly</b>	With discretion; prudently and with wise self-restraint. <i>She coughed <b>discreetly</b>.</i>
<b>forethought</b>	Planning or plotting in advance of acting. <i>Jim had the <b>forethought</b> to book in advance.</i>
<b>free</b>	Free or remove obstruction from. <i>We are <b>freeing</b> management time for alternative work.</i>

<b>judiciously</b>	In a judicious manner. <i>His work has been carefully and <b>judiciously</b> edited.</i>
<b>modesty</b>	Formality and propriety of manner. <i>With typical <b>modesty</b> he insisted on sharing the credit with others.</i>
<b>observant</b>	Adhering strictly to the rules of a particular religion, especially Judaism. <b>Observant</b> of the speed limit.
<b>perfunctory</b>	As a formality only. <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 had taken the <b>precaution</b> of seeking legal advice.</i>
<b>provident</b>	Providing carefully for the future. <i>Wild squirrels are <b>provident</b>.</i>
<b>prudence</b>	Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i>We need to exercise <b>prudence</b> in such important matters.</i>
<b>prudent</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>rakish</b>	Marked by a carefree unconventionality or disreputableness. <i>He had a <b>rakish</b> debonair look.</i>
<b>warn</b>	Notify of danger, potential harm, or risk. <i>I <b>warned</b> you that I would ask some difficult questions.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>They were <b>wary</b> in their movements.</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>



