

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.*

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

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

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| judiciously | In a judicious manner. <i>His work has been carefully and judiciously edited.</i> |
| modesty | Formality and propriety of manner. <i>With typical modesty he insisted on sharing the credit with others.</i> |
| observant | Adhering strictly to the rules of a particular religion, especially Judaism. <i>Observant of the speed limit.</i> |
| perfunctory | As a formality only. <i>He gave a perfunctory nod.</i> |
| precaution | A precautionary measure warding off impending danger or damage or injury etc. <i>He had taken the precaution of seeking legal advice.</i> |
| provident | Providing carefully for the future. <i>Wild squirrels are provident.</i> |
| prudence | Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i>We need to exercise prudence in such important matters.</i> |
| prudent | Careful and sensible; marked by sound judgment. <i>No prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose.</i> |
| rakish | Marked by a carefree unconventionality or disreputableness. <i>He had a rakish debonaire look.</i> |
| warn | Notify of danger, potential harm, or risk. <i>I warned you that I would ask some difficult questions.</i> |
| wary | Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>They were wary in their movements.</i> |
| watchful | Engaged in or accustomed to close observation. <i>They attended dances under the watchful eye of their father.</i> |

