

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

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The synonyms of “Dormant” are: abeyant, sleeping, hibernating, torpid, inactive, asleep, drowsing, comatose, supine

Dormant as an Adjective

Definitions of "Dormant" as an adjective

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

- *Inactive but capable of becoming active.*
- *(of e.g. volcanos) not erupting and not extinct.*
- *(of an animal) having normal physical functions suspended or slowed down for a period of time; in or as if in a deep sleep.*
- *(of a disease) causing no symptoms but not cured and liable to recur.*
- *(of an animal) depicted lying with its head on its paws.*
- *(of a plant or bud) alive but not actively growing.*
- *(of a volcano) temporarily inactive.*
- *Lying with head on paws as if sleeping.*
- *In a condition of biological rest or suspended animation.*
- *Not erupting and not extinct.*
- *Temporarily inactive or inoperative.*



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

abeyant	Inactive but capable of becoming active.
asleep	Lacking sensation. <i>She had been asleep for over three hours.</i>
comatose	In a state of deep and usually prolonged unconsciousness; unable to respond to external stimuli. <i>She lay comatose in the sun listening to a personal stereo.</i>
drowsing	Half asleep. <i>It seemed a pity to disturb the drowsing or dozing professor.</i>
hibernating	In a condition of biological rest or suspended animation. <i>A hibernating bear.</i>
inactive	Not active physically or mentally. <i>The inactive X chromosome.</i>
sleeping	Lying with head on paws as if sleeping. <i>He looked at the sleeping child.</i>

- supine** (of a person) lying face upwards.
*No other colony showed such **supine** selfish helplessness in allowing her own border citizens to be mercilessly harried.*
- torpid** (of an animal) dormant, especially during hibernation.
*A mind grown **torpid** in old age.*



Usage Examples of "Dormant" as an adjective

- *A dormant volcano.*
- *Dormant butterflies.*
- *The successful consortium included a dormant company.*
- *The event evoked memories that she would rather had lain dormant.*
- *Her feelings of affection are dormant but easily awakened.*
- *That dormant urge to write fiction has re-emerged.*
- *The disease may remain dormant and undetected until transmitted to other fish.*
- *Dormant buds.*



Associations of "Dormant" (30 Words)

abeyant	Inactive but capable of becoming active.
dilatory	Slow to act. <i>They resorted to dilatory tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.</i>
dormancy	Temporary inactivity in a volcano. <i>Some large volcanoes spend thousands of years in a state of dormancy.</i>
drowsiness	A very sleepy state. <i>This drug can cause drowsiness.</i>
<u>drowsy</u>	(of a place) peaceful and quiet. <i>A drowsy suburb called Surrey Hills.</i>
hibernation	The condition or period of an animal or plant spending the winter in a dormant state. <i>He emerged from his hibernation to make his first appearance in several years.</i>

idleness	A state of inaction; inactivity. <i>He was punished for his idleness at school.</i>
inactive	Lacking in energy or will. <i>The device remains inactive while the computer is started up.</i>
inactivity	A disposition to remain inactive or inert. <i>Don't suddenly take up violent exercise after years of inactivity.</i>
<u>inert</u>	Slow and apathetic. <i>She lay inert in her bed.</i>
languor	A feeling of lack of interest or energy. <i>Summer shows all the languor of a hot breezeless day as the dancer lazily brushes her hand over her brow.</i>
latent	(of a quality or state) existing but not yet developed or manifest; hidden or concealed. <i>Latent diabetes.</i>
<u>lazy</u>	Showing a lack of care. <i>A lazy lowland river.</i>
<u>lethargic</u>	Affected by lethargy; sluggish and apathetic. <i>I felt tired and a little lethargic.</i>
<u>lethargy</u>	A pathological state of sleepiness or deep unresponsiveness and inactivity. <i>There was an air of lethargy about him.</i>
<u>lifeless</u>	Devoid of living things. <i>His lifeless body was taken from the river.</i>
<u>listless</u>	(of a person or their manner) lacking energy or enthusiasm. <i>Bouts of listless depression.</i>
lull	Calm by deception. <i>Conversation lulled for an hour.</i>
nap	A short sleep, especially during the day. <i>There wasn't time for a nap.</i>
quiescence	A state of quiet (but possibly temporary) inaction. <i>This method has been shown to induce sleep like quiescence in adult animals.</i>
<u>retired</u>	Having left one's job and ceased to work. <i>A retired headmaster.</i>
sleeping	Lying with head on paws as if sleeping. <i>It was 30 degrees at 1 a.m. a few weeks ago and sleeping was near impossible.</i>

sluggish	Slow and apathetic. <i>The car had been sluggish all morning.</i>
somnolence	A very sleepy state.
<u>stagnant</u>	Showing no activity; dull and sluggish. <i>A stagnant ditch.</i>
<u>stasis</u>	A stoppage of flow of a body fluid. <i>Creative stasis.</i>
<u>stationary</u>	Not changing in quantity or condition. <i>A stationary population.</i>
tiredness	Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work. <i>Depression and tiredness caused by overwork.</i>
torpid	(of an animal) dormant, especially during hibernation. <i>A mind grown torpid in old age.</i>
unanimated	Lacking excitement or vitality; dull. <i>The backgrounds are simple unanimated and monochrome.</i>

