

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)

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| 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.
*They resorted to **dilatory** tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.*
- dormancy** Temporary inactivity in a volcano.
*Some large volcanoes spend thousands of years in a state of **dormancy**.*
- drowsiness** A very sleepy state.
*This drug can cause **drowsiness**.*
- drowsy** (of a place) peaceful and quiet.
*A **drowsy** suburb called Surrey Hills.*
- hibernation** The condition or period of an animal or plant spending the winter in a dormant state.
*He emerged from his **hibernation** to make his first appearance in several years.*

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

