

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)

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

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



