

Need another word that means the same as “guarded”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “guarded” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Guarded” are: restrained, cautious, careful, circumspect, wary, chary, reluctant, non-committal, reticent, reserved, controlled, moderate, discreet, unrevealing, vague, diplomatic, prudent, politic, tactful**

## Guarded as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Guarded" as an adjective

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

- *Cautious and having possible reservations.*
- *Prudent.*



## Synonyms of "Guarded" as an adjective (19 Words)

### [careful](#)

Full of cares or anxiety-Luke 10.41.  
*Be **careful** not to lose her address.*

### [cautious](#)

(of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers.  
*Reserved and **cautious** never making swift decisions.*

### [chary](#)

Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something.  
***Chary** of the risks involved.*

### **circumspect**

Wary and unwilling to take risks.  
*Physicians are now more **circumspect** about recommending its use.*

### **controlled**

Restrained or managed or kept within certain bounds.  
*The **controlled** release of water from reservoirs.*

### **diplomatic**

Using or marked by tact in dealing with sensitive matters or people.  
***Diplomatic** relations with Britain were broken.*

<b><u>discreet</u></b>	Careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment. A <b>discreet</b> cough.
<b>moderate</b>	Not extreme. <b>Moderate</b> success.
<b>non-committal</b>	Refusing to bind oneself to a particular course of action or view or the like.
<b>politic</b>	Smoothly agreeable and courteous with a degree of sophistication. I did not think it <b>politic</b> to express my reservations.
<b><u>prudent</u></b>	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. A <b>prudent</b> manager.
<b>reluctant</b>	Disinclined to become involved. Fresh from college and <b>reluctant</b> for the moment to marry him.
<b><u>reserved</u></b>	Marked by self-restraint and reticence. Was habitually <b>reserved</b> in speech withholding her opinion.
<b>restrained</b>	Cool and formal in manner. <b>Restrained</b> in his response.
<b><u>reticent</u></b>	Temperamentally disinclined to talk. She was extremely <b>reticent</b> about her personal affairs.
<b>tactful</b>	Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people. A <b>tactful</b> way of correcting someone.
<b>unrevealing</b>	(of an item of clothing) not exposing or emphasizing a person's figure; modest. A smartly tailored and <b>unrevealing</b> dress.
<b><u>vague</u></b>	Not clearly understood or expressed-Anatole Broyard- P.A.So. He had been very <b>vague</b> about his activities.
<b>wary</b>	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. Dogs which have been mistreated often remain very <b>wary</b> of strangers.



## Usage Examples of "Guarded" as an adjective

- *Guarded optimism.*
- *He has given a guarded welcome to the idea.*



## Associations of "Guarded" (30 Words)

**bodyguard** A group of men who escort and protect some important person.

**captor** A person that catches or confines another.  
*He managed to escape from his **captors** two nights later.*

**chaperone** Accompany as a chaperone.  
*She **chaperoned** the children at all times.*

**convoy** A group of ships or vehicles travelling together, typically one accompanied by armed troops, warships, or other vehicles for protection.  
*American destroyers helped to **convoy** much needed supplies to Britain in 1917 18.*

**defence** Protection from harm.  
*She came to the **defence** of the eccentric professor.*

**defend** Be the defense counsel for someone in a trial.  
*He won the party's nomination to **defend** the Welsh seat.*

<b>defense</b>	The federal department responsible for safeguarding national security of the United States; created in 1947. <i>He joined the <b>defense</b> against invasion.</i>
<b>defensible</b>	Justifiable by argument. <i>A morally <b>defensible</b> penal system.</i>
<b>escape</b>	Escape potentially unpleasant consequences get away with a forbidden action. <i>The canary <b>escaped</b> from its cage.</i>
<b><u>guardian</u></b>	A person who cares for persons or property. <i>Self appointed <b>guardians</b> of public morality.</i>
<b>guide</b>	Use as a guide. <i>His spiritual <b>guide</b>.</i>
<b>helmet</b>	A predatory mollusc with a squat heavy shell, which lives in tropical and temperate seas.
<b>preclusive</b>	Preventing something from happening; restrictive. <i>No <b>preclusive</b> action was taken.</i>
<b>preventive</b>	Tending to prevent or hinder. <i>Quinine was used as a malaria <b>preventive</b>.</i>
<b>probation</b>	A trial period during which an offender has time to redeem himself or herself. <i>I went to court and was put on <b>probation</b>.</i>
<b>protect</b>	Preserve or guarantee by means of formal or legal measures. <i>He tried to <b>protect</b> Kelly from the attack.</i>
<b><u>protective</u></b>	(usually followed by `of`) solicitously caring or mindful. <i>A <b>protective</b> covering.</i>
<b><u>protector</u></b>	A regent in charge of a kingdom during the minority, absence, or incapacity of the sovereign. <i>Ear <b>protectors</b>.</i>
<b>safeguard</b>	A measure taken to protect someone or something or to prevent something undesirable. <i>A framework which <b>safeguards</b> employees from exploitation.</i>
<b>safely</b>	With confidence through being based on good reasons or evidence. <i>All crews have returned <b>safely</b> from their missions.</i>
<b>safety</b>	A safe place. <i>A <b>safety</b> barrier.</i>
<b><u>secretive</u></b>	(of a person's expression or manner) having an enigmatic or conspiratorial quality. <i>A <b>secretive</b> smile.</i>

<b><u>security</u></b>	A department responsible for the security of the institution s property and workers. <i>Bankers are reluctant to lend without good <b>security</b>.</i>
<b>sentry</b>	A soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place. <i>Two men stood <b>sentry</b> on the door every evening.</i>
<b><u>shelter</u></b>	Provide shelter for. <i>He hung back in the <b>shelter</b> of a rock.</i>
<b>tenable</b>	Based on sound reasoning or evidence. <i>Such a simplistic approach is no longer <b>tenable</b>.</i>
<b>tutelar</b>	Providing protective supervision; watching over or safeguarding. <i><b>Tutelary</b> gods.</i>
<b><u>ward</u></b>	The grooves in the bit of a key that correspond to the wards in a lock. <i>I saw them keeping <b>ward</b> at one of those huge gates.</i>
<b>watchman</b>	A member of a body of people employed to keep watch in a town at night. <i>A night <b>watchman</b>.</i>

