

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.*

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

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

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

