

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



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>

