Need another word that means the same as “muse”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “muse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Muse” are: inspiration, stimulus, stimulation, chew over, contemplate, excogitate, meditate, mull, mull over, ponder, reflect, ruminate, speculate, think over

**Muse as a Noun**

Definitions of "Muse" as a noun

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, “muse” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- In ancient Greek mythology any of 9 daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne; protector of an art or science.
- A person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist.
- (in Greek and Roman mythology) each of nine goddesses, the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, who preside over the arts and sciences.
- The source of an artist's inspiration.
## Synonyms of "Muse" as a noun (3 Words)

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<td><strong>inspiration</strong></td>
<td>A sudden brilliant or timely idea. The Malvern Hills have provided <em>inspiration</em> for many artists.</td>
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<td><strong>stimulation</strong></td>
<td>The effect of a stimulus (on nerves or organs etc. The <em>stimulation</em> of a revolution in intelligence affairs.</td>
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<td><strong>stimulus</strong></td>
<td>A thing that arouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur or incentive. <em>She loved the stimulus of the job.</em></td>
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Usage Examples of "Muse" as a noun

- Yeats' muse, Maud Gonne.
- Euterpe was his muse.
- The landscape was Gorky's primary muse.
Muse as a Verb

Definitions of "Muse" as a verb

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, “muse” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- Reflect deeply on a subject.
Synonyms of "Muse" as a verb (11 Words)

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<td>chew over</td>
<td>Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.</td>
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<td>contemplate</td>
<td>Think deeply and at length. <em>Contemplate one's navel.</em></td>
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<td>excogitate</td>
<td>Reflect deeply on a subject. <em>The scientist must stop to observe and start to excogitate.</em></td>
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<td>meditate</td>
<td>Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes. <em>He went off to meditate on the new idea.</em></td>
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<td>mull</td>
<td>Heat with sugar and spices to make a hot drink. <em>She began to mull over the various possibilities.</em></td>
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| **ponder** | Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.  
*I pondered the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.* |
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| **reflect** | Be bright by reflecting or casting light.  
*He could see himself *reflected* in Keith's mirrored glasses.* |
| **ruminate** | (of a ruminant) chew the cud.  
*Cows *ruminate*. |
| **speculate** | Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss.  
*He didn't look as though he had the money to *speculate* in shares.* |
| **think over** | Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection. |
## Associations of "Muse" (30 Words)

| bethink | Consider or ponder something carefully.  
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|  | *He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.*  
| brood | Think deeply about something that makes one unhappy, angry, or worried.  
|  | *She was brought up as part of a brood of eight.*  
| careful | Unhurried and with care and dignity.  
|  | *Careful of the rights of others.*  
| cautious | People who are fearful and cautious.  
|  | *Reserved and cautious never making swift decisions.*  
| cogitate | Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one’s mind.  
|  | *He stroked his beard and retired to cogitate.*  
| consider | Take into consideration for exemplifying purposes.  
|  | *Each application is considered on its merits.*  
| considerate | Showing careful thought.  
|  | *Be considerate over your handwriting.*  
| contemplate | Have in view as a probable intention.  
|  | *Contemplate one’s navel.*  
| contemplative | A person devoted to the contemplative life.  
|  | *She regarded me with a contemplative eye.*  
| deliberate | Careful and unhurried.  
|  | *A deliberate attempt to provoke a response.*  
| designed | Done or made or performed with purpose and intent.  
|  | *Specially designed buildings.*  
| intend | Mean or intend to express or convey.  
|  | *This benefit is intended for people incapable of work.*  
| intentionality | The quality of mental states (e.g. thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) which consists in their being directed towards some object or state of affairs.  

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| **meditate** | Think deeply about (something).  
*He went off to meditate on the new idea.* |
| **meditative** | Deeply or seriously thoughtful.  
*Meditative techniques.* |
| **mirror** | Reflect as if in a mirror.  
*He checked his appearance in the mirror.* |
| **mirrored** | Fitted with a mirror or mirrors.  
*Mirrored sunglasses.* |
| **mull** | A term used in Scottish names of promontories.  
*Mulled cider.* |
| **pensive** | Showing pensive sadness.  
*A pensive mood.* |
| **ponder** | Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.  
*She sat pondering over her problem.* |
| **premeditated** | Characterized by deliberate purpose and some degree of planning.  
*A premeditated crime.* |
| **premeditation** | Planning or plotting in advance of acting.  
*The defendant said there was no planning or premeditation.* |
| **reconsider** | Consider (something) again, especially for a possible change of decision regarding it.  
*I beg you to reconsider.* |
| **reflect** | Reflect deeply on a subject.  
*Schools should reflect cultural differences.* |
| **reflective** | Deeply or seriously thoughtful.  
*A quiet reflective astute man.* |
| **ruminate** | Think deeply about something.  
*Cows ruminate.* |
| **speculate** | Invest at a risk.  
*My colleagues speculate about my private life.* |
| **think** | An instance of deliberate thinking.  
*She didn’t think to harm me.* |
| **thoughtful** | Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.  
*A thoughtful paper.* |
| **thoughtfully** | With consideration for the needs of other people.  
*He stared thoughtfully into the fire.* |