

Need another word that means the same as “obsession”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “obsession” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Obsession” are: compulsion, fixation, ruling passion, passion, mania, preoccupation, enthusiasm, infatuation, addiction, fetish, craze, hobby horse

Obsession as a Noun

Definitions of "Obsession" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “obsession” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An unhealthy and compulsive preoccupation with something or someone.*
- *The state of being obsessed with someone or something.*
- *An irrational motive for performing trivial or repetitive actions, even against your will.*
- *An idea or thought that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person's mind.*



Synonyms of "Obsession" as a noun (12 Words)

addiction	(Roman law) a formal award by a magistrate of a thing or person to another person (as the award of a debtor to his creditor); a surrender to a master. <i>Under Roman law addiction was the justification for slavery.</i>
<u>compulsion</u>	The action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint. <i>The payment was made under compulsion.</i>
craze	A fine crack in a glaze or other surface. <i>The new craze for step aerobics.</i>
enthusiasm	Something that arouses enthusiasm. <i>The three enthusiasms of his life were politics religion and books.</i>

fetish

An excessive and irrational devotion or commitment to a particular thing.
*The western **fetish** for all things North African.*

fixation

The action of concentrating the eyes directly on something.
*His work on nitrogen **fixation** in plants.*

hobby horse

Small Old World falcon formerly trained and flown at small birds.

infatuation

An object of extravagant short-lived passion.
*I hope this is merely a passing **infatuation**.*

mania

A mood disorder; an affective disorder in which the victim tends to respond excessively and sometimes violently.
*Many people suffering from **mania** do not think anything is wrong.*

passion

Something that is desired intensely.
*Modern furniture is a particular **passion** of Bill s.*

preoccupation

The mental state of being preoccupied by something.
*His **preoccupation** with politics.*

ruling passion The reason for a court's judgment (as opposed to the decision itself).



Usage Examples of "Obsession" as a noun

- *He was in the grip of an obsession he was powerless to resist.*
- *She cared for him with a devotion bordering on obsession.*



Associations of "Obsession" (30 Words)

abduction

The movement of a limb or other part away from the midline of the body, or from another part.

*They organized the **abduction** of Mr Cordes on his way to the airport.*

accusative

A word in the accusative case.

Accusative endings.

acquisitive

Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things.

*An **acquisitive** society in which the craving for material things seems never satisfied.*

coercion	The act of compelling by force of authority. <i>They didn't have to use coercion.</i>
<u>compulsion</u>	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>Though pressed into rugby under compulsion I began to enjoy the game.</i>
<u>compulsory</u>	Required by law or a rule; obligatory. Compulsory military service.
confinement	The act of restraining of a person's liberty by confining them. <i>He was immediately released from his confinement.</i>
control	Control others or oneself or influence skillfully usually to one's advantage. <i>They wanted to repeal all the legislation that imposed economic controls.</i>
disarmament	Act of reducing or depriving of arms. Disarmament treaties between America and the former Soviet Union.
dispossess	Deprive (someone) of land, property, or other possessions. <i>They were dispossessed of lands and properties during the Reformation.</i>
dotage	The period of life in which a person is old and weak. <i>You could live here and look after me in my dotage.</i>
<u>duress</u>	Forcible restraint or imprisonment. <i>Confessions extracted under duress.</i>
<u>fetish</u>	A form of sexual desire in which gratification is linked to an abnormal degree to a particular object, item of clothing, part of the body, etc. <i>A man with a fetish for surgical masks.</i>
<u>fixation</u>	An obsessive interest in or feeling about someone or something. <i>During the period of total blindness there was a complete absence of visual fixation.</i>
force	Urge or force a person to an action constrain or motivate. <i>She forced her diet fads on him.</i>
forcible	Done by force. Forcible entry.
genitive	A word in the genitive case. <i>The genitive endings.</i>
infatuation	An intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something. <i>The thrill of infatuation.</i>
infirmity	Physical or mental weakness. <i>Old age and infirmity come to men and women alike.</i>
<u>longing</u>	Having or showing a yearning desire. <i>Her longing eyes.</i>

<u>morbid</u>	Characterized by an abnormal and unhealthy interest in disturbing and unpleasant subjects, especially death and disease. <i>A morbid growth.</i>
pathological	Caused by or evidencing a mentally disturbed condition. <i>A pathological liar.</i>
<u>possessive</u>	The possessive case. <i>A possessive parent.</i>
<u>preoccupation</u>	The act of taking occupancy before someone else does. <i>His preoccupation with politics.</i>
selfish	Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the exclusion of others- Maria Weston Chapman. <i>I joined them for selfish reasons.</i>
<u>senile</u>	(of a condition) characteristic of or caused by old age. <i>She couldn't cope with her senile husband.</i>
senility	The condition of being senile. <i>The onset of senility.</i>
sickness	The feeling or fact of being affected with nausea or vomiting. <i>She felt a wave of sickness wash over her.</i>
<u>unrequited</u>	(of a feeling, especially love) not returned. <i>Unrequited unanswered love.</i>

