

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

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**The synonyms of “Obsessive” are: obsessional, consuming, compulsive, dominating, controlling, addictive, fanatical, fanatic, neurotic, excessive, gripping, haunting, tormenting, inescapable, preoccupied by, preoccupied with, obsessive about, single-minded about, in the grip of**

## Obsessive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Obsessive" as an adjective

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

- *Affected by an obsession.*
- *Of the nature of an obsession.*
- *Characterized by or constituting an obsession.*



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

<b>addictive</b>	(of a substance or activity) causing or likely to cause someone to become addicted. <i><b>Addictive</b> drugs.</i>
<b><u>compulsive</u></b>	(of a person) acting as a result of an irresistible urge. <i>This play is <b>compulsive</b> viewing.</i>
<b>consuming</b>	(of a feeling) completely filling one's mind and attention; absorbing. <i>Politics is his <b>consuming</b> passion.</i>
<b>controlling</b>	Able to control or determine policy. <i>A <b>controlling</b> interest in the firm.</i>
<b><u>dominating</u></b>	Used of a height or viewpoint. <i>D day is considered the <b>dominating</b> event of the war in Europe.</i>
<b>excessive</b>	Unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings. <i>He was drinking <b>excessive</b> amounts of brandy.</i>

<b>fanatic</b>	Marked by excessive enthusiasm for and intense devotion to a cause or idea. <i>His eyes had a <b>fanatic</b> iciness.</i>
<b>fanatical</b>	Obsessively concerned with something. <i><b>Fanatical</b> revolutionaries.</i>
<b><u>gripping</u></b>	Capable of arousing and holding the attention. <i>A <b>gripping</b> TV thriller.</i>
<b><u>haunting</u></b>	Having a deeply disquieting or disturbing effect-Charles Lee. <i><b>Haunting</b> memories.</i>
<b>in the grip of</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b><u>inescapable</u></b>	Impossible to avoid or evade. <i>Political reform was <b>inescapable</b>.</i>
<b><u>neurotic</u></b>	Having, caused by, or relating to neurosis. <i>He seemed a <b>neurotic</b> self obsessed character.</i>
<b>obsessional</b>	Characterized by or constituting an obsession. <i>People with chronic <b>obsessional</b> behaviour.</i>
<b>obsessive about</b>	Characterized by or constituting an obsession.
<b>preoccupied by</b>	Having or showing excessive or compulsive concern with something.
<b>preoccupied with</b>	Deeply absorbed in thought.
<b>single-minded about</b>	On the move.
<b>tormenting</b>	Inflicting severe physical or mental suffering. <i>Peace from his <b>tormenting</b> thoughts.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Obsessive" as an adjective

- *People dogged by obsessive jealousy.*
- *She became obsessive about her school work.*
- *Obsessive gambling.*



## Associations of "Obsessive" (30 Words)

<b><u>compulsive</u></b>	A person with a compulsive disposition someone who feels compelled to do certain things. <i><b>Compulsive</b> eating.</i>
<b>crotchety</b>	Having a difficult and contrary disposition- Dorothy Sayers. <i>He was tired and <b>crotchety</b>.</i>
<b>determined</b>	Determined or decided upon as by an authority. <i>A struggle against a <b>determined</b> enemy.</i>
<b><u>disobedient</u></b>	Unwilling to submit to authority. <i>Larry was stern with <b>disobedient</b> employees.</i>
<b><u>dogged</u></b>	Stubbornly unyielding- T.S.Eliot. <i>Success required <b>dogged</b> determination.</i>
<b><u>enchantment</u></b>	The state of being under a spell; magic. <i>The <b>enchantment</b> of the mountains.</i>
<b><u>fascination</u></b>	The state of being fascinated. <i>Television has always held a <b>fascination</b> for me.</i>
<b><u>fetish</u></b>	Excessive or irrational devotion to some activity. <i>Common male <b>fetishes</b> are breasts legs hair shoes and underwear.</i>
<b>froward</b>	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.
<b>headstrong</b>	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition. <i>The <b>headstrong</b> impulsiveness of youth.</i>

<b>hidebound</b>	Unwilling or unable to change because of tradition or convention. <i>They are working to change <b>hidebound</b> corporate cultures.</i>
<b>intransigence</b>	The trait of being intransigent; stubbornly refusing to compromise. <i>In the face of government <b>intransigence</b> he resigned in disgust.</i>
<b>intransigent</b>	An intransigent person. <i>An <b>intransigent</b> conservative opposed to every liberal tendency.</i>
<b>obduracy</b>	Resoluteness by virtue of being unyielding and inflexible.
<b>obdurate</b>	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action. <i>The child's misery would move even the most <b>obdurate</b> heart.</i>
<b>obstinate</b>	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so. <i>Her <b>obstinate</b> determination to pursue a career in radio.</i>
<b><u>ornery</u></b>	Bad-tempered or difficult to deal with. <i>An <b>ornery</b> old military man.</i>
<b>persistence</b>	The continued or prolonged existence of something. <i>The <b>persistence</b> of huge environmental problems.</i>
<b>persistent</b>	Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition. <i><b>Persistent</b> rain will affect many areas.</i>
<b>pertinacious</b>	Stubbornly unyielding- T.S.Eliot. <i>He worked with a <b>pertinacious</b> resistance to interruptions.</i>
<b>pertinacity</b>	Persistent determination.
<b>pigheaded</b>	Obstinate and stupid.
<b><u>preoccupation</u></b>	The act of taking occupancy before someone else does. <i>Their main <b>preoccupation</b> was how to feed their families.</i>
<b>recalcitrant</b>	A person with an obstinately uncooperative attitude. <i>A stiff necked <b>recalcitrant</b> and troublemaker.</i>
<b><u>relentless</u></b>	Harsh or inflexible. <i>A patient but <b>relentless</b> taskmaster.</i>
<b>stubborn</b>	Difficult to move, remove, or cure. <i>The removal of <b>stubborn</b> screws.</i>
<b>tenacious</b>	Good at remembering. <i>A <b>tenacious</b> local legend.</i>
<b><u>unrelenting</u></b>	Punishingly harsh. <i>The heat was <b>unrelenting</b>.</i>

- unrepentant** Showing no regret for one's wrongdoings.  
*He was **unrepentant** and said that his comments were completely accurate.*
- unyielding** Stubbornly unyielding.  
*An **unyielding** head support.*

