

Need another word that means the same as "passive"? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for "passive" in this overview.

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## **Passive as a Noun**

#### Definitions of "Passive" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "passive" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A passive form of a verb.
- The passive voice.
- The voice used to indicate that the grammatical subject of the verb is the recipient (not the source) of the action denoted by the verb.





### Synonyms of "Passive" as a noun (1 Word)

**passive voice** The voice used to indicate that the grammatical subject of the verb is the recipient (not the source) of the action denoted by the verb.





#### Usage Examples of "Passive" as a noun

- `The ball was thrown by the boy' uses the passive voice.
- `The ball was thrown' is an abbreviated passive.





# **Passive as an Adjective**

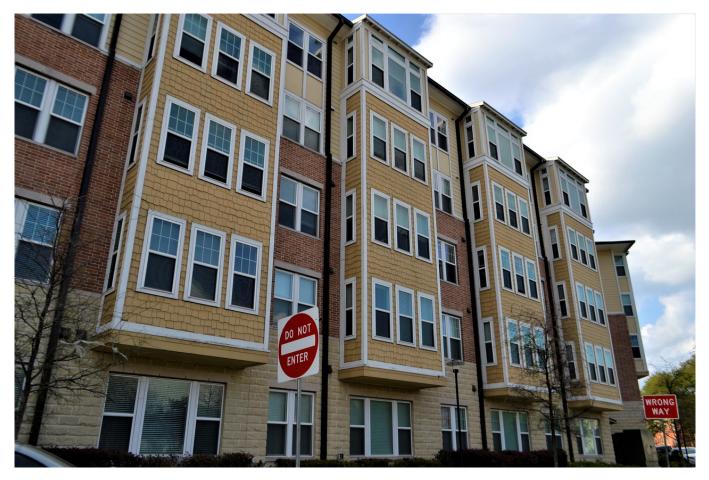
## Definitions of "Passive" as an adjective

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "passive" as an adjective can have the



following definitions:

- Lacking in energy or will- George Meredith.
- Accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without active response or resistance.
- (of radar or a satellite) receiving or reflecting radiation from a transmitter or target rather than generating its own signal.
- (of a heating system) making use of incident sunlight as an energy source.
- Expressing that the subject of the sentence is the patient of the action denoted by the verb.
- (of a circuit or device) containing no source of electromotive force.
- Peacefully resistant in response to injustice.
- Lacking in energy or will.
- Denoting a voice of verbs in which the subject undergoes the action of the verb (e.g. they were killed as opposed to the active form he killed them).
- (of a metal) made unreactive by a thin inert surface layer of oxide.





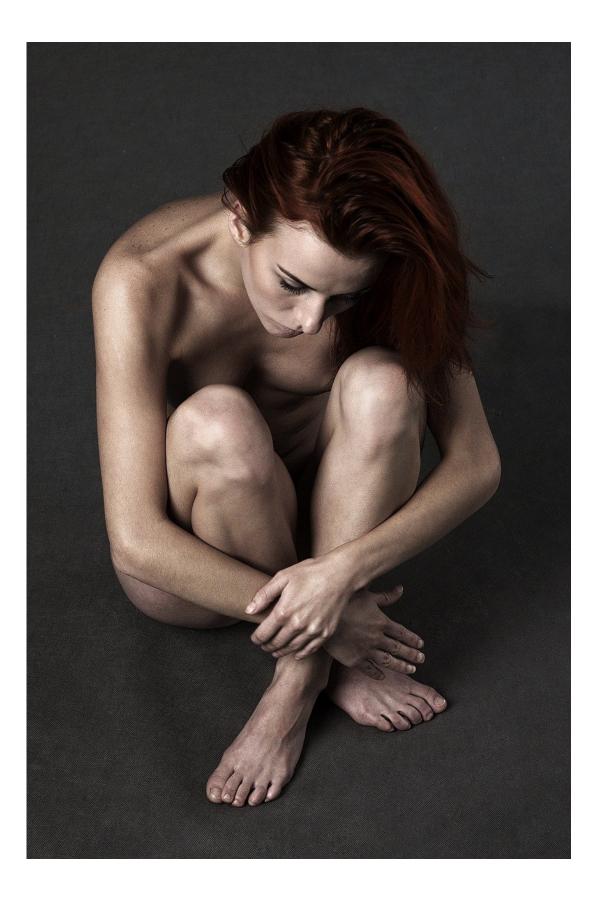
# Synonyms of "Passive" as an adjective (24 Words)

acquiescent	Ready to accept something without protest, or to do what someone else wants.
	His <b>acquiescent</b> mood.
complaisant	Willing to please others or to accept what they do or say without protest. <i>To close one s eyes like a complaisant husband whose wife has taken a lover.</i>
compliant	Inclined to comply. The conversion of the gel to a much less <b>compliant</b> rigid glass.
deferential	Showing deference. People were always <b>deferential</b> to him.
<u>docile</u>	Easily handled or managed. <i>Docile</i> pupils eager for instruction.
forbearing	Showing patient and unruffled self-control and restraint under adversity; slow to retaliate or express resentment. Seemly and <b>forbearing</b> yet strong enough to resist aggression.
inactive	Not in physical motion. <i>Inactive</i> machinery.
lamblike	Like a lamb in meekness and gentleness.
long-suffering	Patiently bearing continual wrongs or trouble.
<u>malleable</u>	Easily influenced; pliable. Malleable metals such as gold.
<u>meek</u>	Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant- Orville Prescott. <b>Meek</b> as a mouse.
<u>obedient</u>	Complying or willing to comply with an order or request; submissive to another's authority. A docile and <b>obedient</b> dog.
patient	Enduring trying circumstances with even temper or characterized by such endurance. <i>A patient smile.</i>
peaceful	Peacefully resistant in response to injustice. Everything was so quiet and <b>peaceful</b> in the early morning.
<u>pliable</u>	Susceptible to being led or directed. <i>Pliable teenage minds</i> .
pliant	Capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without breaking. <i>Pliant</i> willow stems.



resigned	Having accepted something unpleasant that one cannot do anything about. <i>My response is a <b>resigned</b> shrug of the shoulders.</i>
subdued	(of a person or their manner) quiet and rather reflective or depressed. A <b>subdued</b> whisper.
submissive	Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant. Replacing troublemakers with more <b>submissive</b> people.
supine	Passive as a result of indolence or indifference. The government was <b>supine</b> in the face of racial injustice.
tractable	Readily reacting to suggestions and influences. The natives being of an intelligent <b>tractable</b> disposition.
unassertive	Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence. A shy <b>unassertive</b> person.
unresisting	Offering no resistance. She took the box from his <b>unresisting</b> hand.
yielding	Tending to give in or surrender or agree. A deep <b>yielding</b> layer of foam rubber.







#### Usage Examples of "Passive" as an adjective

- A passive optical network is to be installed in 2000 homes.
- The women were portrayed as passive victims.
- Passive sensors detect the emissions from enemy radar.
- Passive resistance.
- Much benevolence of the passive order may be traced to a disinclination to inflict pain upon oneself.
- Academics seem to favor passive sentences.
- Bananas can be grown at the highest altitude using passive solar heating alone.



# Associations of "Passive" (30 Words)

#### acquiescence

The reluctant acceptance of something without protest. *In silent* **acquiescence** *she rose to her feet.* 



bashful	Disposed to avoid notice blate is a Scottish term for bashful. Don t be <b>bashful</b> about telling folk how you feel.
<u>coy</u>	Showing marked and often playful or irritating evasiveness or reluctance to make a definite or committing statement. Like a wild young colt very inquisitive but very <b>coy</b> and not to be easily cajoled.
demure	Reserved, modest, and shy (typically used of a woman. A <b>demure</b> knee length skirt.
diffident	Lacking self-confidence. A <b>diffident</b> youth.
disinclined	Unwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval. The rural community was <b>disinclined</b> to abandon the old ways.
eschew	Deliberately avoid using; abstain from. <i>He appealed to the crowd to <b>eschew</b> violence.</i>
inactive	(of e.g. volcanos) not erupting and not extinct. <i>Inactive Crohn s disease.</i>
<u>introvert</u>	(psychology) a person who tends to shrink from social contacts and to become preoccupied with their own thoughts. <i>He</i> <b>introvert</b> ed his feelings.
introverted	(of an organ or other body part) turned or pushed inward on itself.
loath	(usually followed by `to') strongly opposed. Loath to admit a mistake.
negatively	In a negative way. Traffic congestion had impacted <b>negatively</b> on their business.
passivity	The trait of remaining inactive; a lack of initiative. Nickel increases the overall <b>passivity</b> of the iron.
prissy	Excessively fastidious and easily disgusted. A middle class family with two <b>prissy</b> children.
prudish	Exaggeratedly proper. The <b>prudish</b> moral climate of the late 19th century.
quiet	With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly. <i>We wanted a <b>quiet</b> wedding.</i>
reserved	Kept specially for a particular person. Was habitually <b>reserved</b> in speech withholding her opinion.
<u>reticent</u>	Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily. She was extremely <b>reticent</b> about her personal affairs.



<u>retired</u>	(of a place) quiet and secluded. A <b>retired</b> headmaster.
retiring	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. A <b>retiring</b> member of the board.
shy	Slow or reluctant to do (something. The wealthy have become less <b>shy</b> of displaying their privilege.
silence	Stop or suppress (a sound or noise); cause to become silent. An eerie <b>silence</b> descended over the house.
<u>silent</u>	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements. A <b>silent</b> prayer.
<u>taciturn</u>	Habitually reserved and uncommunicative. <i>After such gatherings she would be <b>taciturn</b> and morose.</i>
<u>timid</u>	Showing fear and lack of confidence. I was too <b>timid</b> to ask for what I wanted.
timorous	Timid by nature or revealing timidity. A <b>timorous</b> voice.
unassertive	(of a person) not having or showing a confident and forceful personality. <i>His bland and <b>unassertive</b> personal style.</i>
uncommunicative	Unwilling to talk or impart information. <i>He had always been quiet and <b>uncommunicative</b> having few friends.</i>
withdrawn	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude. When her husband died she became very <b>withdrawn</b> .



