

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)

 $\textbf{passive voice} \ \ \frac{\text{The voice used to indicate that the grammatical subject of the verb is the recipient (not the source) of the action denoted by the verb.}$





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

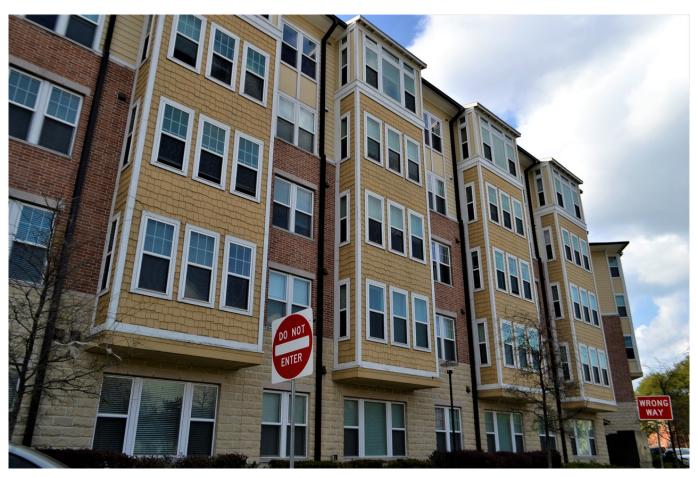
Definitions of "Passive" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "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)

Ready to accept something without protest, or to do what someone else

acquiescent wants.

His **acquiescent** mood.

Willing to please others or to accept what they do or say without protest.

complaisant To close one s eyes like a **complaisant** husband whose wife has taken a

lover.

Inclined to comply. compliant

The conversion of the gel to a much less **compliant** rigid glass.

Showing deference. deferential

People were always **deferential** to him.

Easily handled or managed. docile

Docile pupils eager for instruction.

Showing patient and unruffled self-control and restraint under adversity;

forbearing slow to retaliate or express resentment.

Seemly and **forbearing** yet strong enough to resist aggression.

Not in physical motion.

Inactive machinery.

lamblike Like a lamb in meekness and gentleness.

long-suffering Patiently bearing continual wrongs or trouble.

Easily influenced; pliable. malleable

Malleable metals such as gold.

Evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant- Orville

Prescott. meek

inactive

Meek as a mouse.

Complying or willing to comply with an order or request; submissive to

obedient another's authority.

A docile and **obedient** dog.

Enduring trying circumstances with even temper or characterized by such

endurance. patient

A **patient** smile.

Peacefully resistant in response to injustice.

peaceful Everything was so quiet and **peaceful** in the early morning.

Susceptible to being led or directed. pliable

Pliable teenage minds.

Capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without breaking. pliant

Pliant willow stems.



resigned Having accepted something unpleasant that one cannot do anything about.

My response is a **resigned** shrug of the shoulders.

subdued (of a person or their manner) quiet and rather reflective or depressed.

A **subdued** whisper.

submissive Abjectly submissive characteristic of a slave or servant.

Replacing troublemakers with more **submissive** people.

Passive as a result of indolence or indifference.

The government was **supine** in the face of racial injustice.

tractableReadily reacting to suggestions and influences.

The natives being of an intelligent **tractable** disposition.

unassertive Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence.

A shy **unassertive** person.

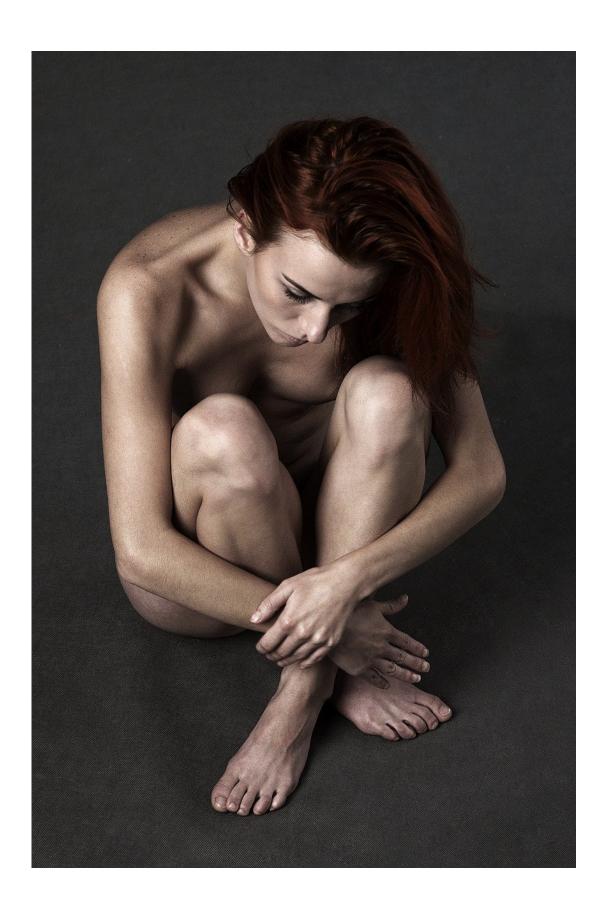
unresisting Offering no resistance.

She took the box from his unresisting hand.

vielding Tending to give in or surrender or agree.

A deep **yielding** 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.



introvert

bashful Disposed to avoid notice blate is a Scottish term for bashful.

Don t be **bashful** about telling folk how you feel.

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 **coy** and not to be easily

cajoled.

demure Reserved, modest, and shy (typically used of a woman.

A **demure** knee length skirt.

diffident Lacking self-confidence.

A **diffident** youth.

disinclinedUnwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval.

The rural community was **disinclined** to abandon the old ways.

eschew Deliberately avoid using; abstain from.

He appealed to the crowd to **eschew** violence.

inactive (of e.g. volcanos) not erupting and not extinct.

Inactive Crohn s disease.

(psychology) a person who tends to shrink from social contacts and to

become preoccupied with their own thoughts.

He **introvert**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 **negatively** on their business.

passivityThe trait of remaining inactive; a lack of initiative.

Nickel increases the overall **passivity** of the iron.

prissy Excessively fastidious and easily disgusted.

A middle class family with two **prissy** children.

Exaggeratedly proper.

prudishThe **prudish** moral climate of the late 19th century.

With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant

quiet for quietly.

We wanted a **quiet** wedding.

Kept specially for a particular person.

reservedWas habitually **reserved** in speech withholding her opinion.

reticent Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.

She was extremely **reticent** about her personal affairs.



retired (of a place) quiet and secluded.

A **retired** headmaster.

retiring Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.

A **retiring** member of the board.

shy Slow or reluctant to do (something.

The wealthy have become less **shy** of displaying their privilege.

silence Stop or suppress (a sound or noise); cause to become silent.

An eerie **silence** descended over the house.

silent Implied by or inferred from actions or statements.

A **silent** prayer.

tacitum Habitually reserved and uncommunicative.

After such gatherings she would be **taciturn** and morose.

Showing fear and lack of confidence.

Limid

Limid to ask for what Limite

I was too **timid** to ask for what I wanted.

timorous Timid by nature or revealing timidity.

A **timorous** voice.

(of a person) not having or showing a confident and forceful

unassertive personality.

His bland and **unassertive** personal style.

uncommunicative Unwilling to talk or impart information.

uncommunicative He had always been quiet and uncommunicative having few friends.

Withdrawn from society seeking solitude.

withdrawn
When her husband died she became very withdrawn.



