

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

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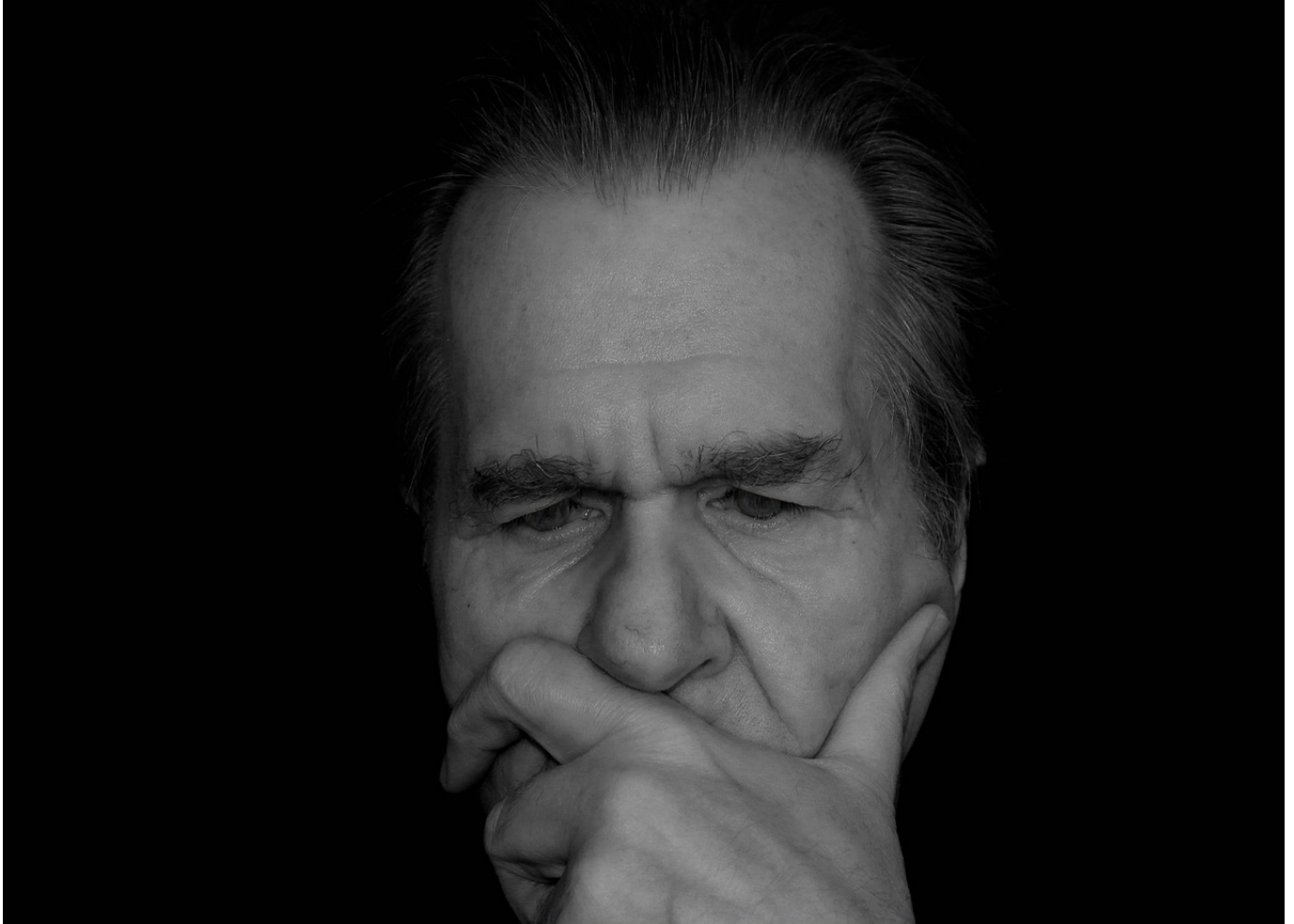
The synonyms of “Ponder” are: chew over, contemplate, excogitate, meditate, mull, mull over, muse, reflect, ruminate, speculate, think over, think about, give thought to, consider, review, reflect on, study, meditate on, muse on, deliberate about, cogitate on, dwell on, brood on, brood over, ruminate about, ruminate on, puzzle over, speculate about, weigh up, turn over in one's mind

Ponder as a Verb

Definitions of "Ponder" as a verb

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

- *Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.*
- *Reflect deeply on a subject.*



Synonyms of "Ponder" as a verb (30 Words)

brood on	Be in a huff; be silent or sullen.
brood over	Be in a huff; be silent or sullen.
chew over	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
cogitate on	Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one's mind.
consider	Show consideration for take into account. <i>Each application is considered on its merits.</i>
contemplate	Consider as a possibility. Contemplate one's navel.
deliberate about	Think about carefully; weigh.
dwell on	Think moodily or anxiously about something.

excogitate	Come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort. <i>The scientist must stop to observe and start to excogitate.</i>
give thought to	Consent to engage in sexual intercourse with a man.
meditate	Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes. <i>I set aside time every day to write and meditate.</i>
meditate on	Reflect deeply on a subject.
mull	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>She began to mull over the various possibilities.</i>
mull over	Reflect deeply on a subject.
muse	Reflect deeply on a subject.
muse on	Reflect deeply on a subject.
puzzle over	Be uncertain about; think about without fully understanding or being able to decide.
reflect	Be bright by reflecting or casting light. <i>The main contract is progressing well which reflects great credit on those involved.</i>
reflect on	To throw or bend back (from a surface).
review	Hold a review of troops. <i>She reviews books for the New York Times.</i>
ruminate	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Goats ruminated nonchalantly around them.</i>
ruminate about	Chew the cud.
ruminate on	Reflect deeply on a subject.
speculate	Talk over conjecturally, or review in an idle or casual way and with an element of doubt or without sufficient reason to reach a conclusion. <i>Philosophers have speculated on the question of God for thousands of years.</i>
speculate about	Reflect deeply on a subject.
study	Apply oneself to study. <i>The people here don't make so much noise so the government don't have us to study.</i>
think about	Use or exercise the mind or one's power of reason in order to make inferences, decisions, or arrive at a solution or judgments.
think over	Expect, believe, or suppose.

turn over in one's mind Go sour or spoil.

weigh up To be oppressive or burdensome.



Usage Examples of "Ponder" as a verb

- *She sat pondering over her problem.*

- *I pondered the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.*



Associations of "Ponder" (30 Words)

bethink	Consider or ponder something carefully. <i>He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.</i>
brood	Think moodily or anxiously about something. <i>She was brought up as part of a brood of eight.</i>
cogitate	Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one's mind. <i>He stroked his beard and retired to cogitate.</i>
consider	Regard or treat with consideration respect and esteem. <i>I consider him irresponsible.</i>
considerate	Showing careful thought. <i>Be considerate over your handwriting.</i>
consideration	(in a contractual agreement) anything given or promised or forborne by one party in exchange for the promise or undertaking of another. <i>Consideration of the traffic problem took more than an hour.</i>
contemplate	Have in view as a probable intention. <i>He contemplated his image in the mirrors.</i>
contemplation	A form of Christian prayer or meditation in which a person seeks to pass beyond mental images and concepts to a direct experience of the divine. <i>He would retire to his room for study or contemplation.</i>
contemplative	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a contemplative eye.</i>

<u>deem</u>	Keep in mind or convey as a conviction or view. <i>The event was deemed a great success.</i>
<u>deliberate</u>	Unhurried and with care and dignity. <i>They deliberated what they should do with him.</i>
<u>deliberation</u>	Slow and careful movement or thought. <i>It was the deliberation of his act that was insulting.</i>
<u>intend</u>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>A series of questions intended as a checklist.</i>
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.
<u>meditate</u>	Think deeply about (something). <i>I set aside time every day to write and meditate.</i>
meditative	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>Meditative techniques.</i>
mirror	Reflect as if in a mirror. <i>The stage is supposed to be the mirror of life.</i>
mirrored	Fitted with a mirror or mirrors. <i>Mirrored sunglasses.</i>
mull	An island in western Scotland in the Inner Hebrides. <i>I mulled over the events of the afternoon.</i>
<u>muse</u>	A person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist. <i>Yeats muse Maud Gonne.</i>
pensive	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A pensive mood.</i>
<u>reconsider</u>	Consider again; give new consideration to; usually with a view to changing. <i>They called on the US government to reconsider its policy.</i>
<u>reflect</u>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Her sunglasses reflected his image.</i>
<u>reflective</u>	Capable of physically reflecting light or sound. <i>A quiet reflective astute man.</i>
resonate	Sound with resonance. <i>The judge's ruling resonated among many of the women.</i>
<u>ruminate</u>	Chew the cud. <i>Cows ruminate.</i>

<u>speculate</u>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. <i>He didn't look as though he had the money to speculate in shares.</i>
think	An act of thinking. <i>He was thinking about Colin.</i>
thoughtful	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>A thoughtful paper.</i>
<u>thoughtfully</u>	With consideration for the needs of other people. <i>The government thoughtfully offered to foot part of the bill.</i>

