

Need another word that means the same as “possessive”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “possessive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Possessive” are: genitive, proprietorial, overprotective, clinging, controlling, dominating, jealous, grasping, greedy, acquisitive, covetous, selfish, genitive case, possessive case**

## **Possessive as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Possessive" as a noun**

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

- *The possessive case.*
- *A possessive word or form.*
- *The case expressing ownership.*





## Synonyms of "Possessive" as a noun (3 Words)

- genitive**            The genitive case.  
**genitive case**    The case expressing ownership.  
**possessive case** The case expressing ownership.



## Possessive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Possessive" as an adjective

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

- *Serving to express or indicate possession.*
- *Desirous of owning.*
- *Showing an unwillingness to share one's possessions.*

- *Demanding someone's total attention and love.*
- *Having or showing a desire to control or dominate.*
- *Relating to or denoting the case of nouns and pronouns expressing possession.*



## Synonyms of "Possessive" as an adjective (12 Words)

<b><u>acquisitive</u></b>	Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things. <i>We live in a competitive and <b>acquisitive</b> society.</i>
<b><u>clinging</u></b>	(of a garment) fitting closely to the body and showing its shape. <i>She wasn't the <b>clinging</b> type.</i>
<b>controlling</b>	Able to control or determine policy. <i>A <b>controlling</b> interest in the firm.</i>
<b>covetous</b>	Having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to someone else. <i>Jealous of his success and <b>covetous</b> of his possessions.</i>
<b><u>dominating</u></b>	Most powerful or important or influential. <i>Looked up at the castle <b>dominating</b> the countryside.</i>
<b>genitive</b>	Relating to or denoting a case of nouns and pronouns (and words in grammatical agreement with them) indicating possession or close association. <i>The <b>genitive</b> endings.</i>



- grasping** Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth.  
*Grasping commercialism.*
- greedy** Wanting to eat or drink more than one can reasonably consume.  
*He scoffed at the lot the **greedy** pig.*
- jealous** Feeling or showing a resentful suspicion that one's partner is attracted to or involved with someone else.  
*A **jealous** husband.*
- overprotective** Overly protective.  
*Overprotective parents.*
- proprietary** Behaving as if one owned a particular thing or person; possessive.  
*Louis draped his arm across her shoulders in a **proprietary** way.*
- selfish** Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the exclusion of others- Maria Weston Chapman.  
*I joined them for **selfish** reasons.*



## Usage Examples of "Possessive" as an adjective

- *A possessive parent.*
- *Possessive pronouns.*
- *Young children are proud and possessive of their own property.*
- *He placed a firm, possessive hand on her elbow.*
- *Small children are so possessive they will not let others play with their toys.*
- *Has he become jealous or possessive?*



## Associations of "Possessive" (30 Words)

- accusative** The accusative case.  
*Accusative endings.*
- acquisitive** Eager to acquire and possess things especially material possessions or ideas.  
*An **acquisitive** mind.*
- adverb** A word or phrase that modifies or qualifies an adjective verb or other adverb or a word group expressing a relation of place time circumstance manner cause degree etc e g gently quite then there.
- avarice** Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins).  
*He was rich beyond the dreams of **avarice**.*



<b>covetousness</b>	An envious eagerness to possess something.
<b>cupidity</b>	Greed for money or possessions. <i>New wealth however tainted by <b>cupidity</b> and egoism tends to be favourable for the arts.</i>
<b>ego</b>	(psychoanalysis) the conscious mind. <i>He needed a boost to his <b>ego</b>.</i>
<b>egocentric</b>	An egocentric person. <i><b>Egocentric</b> loners with an overinflated sense of self worth.</i>
<b>egoism</b>	The theory that the pursuit of your own welfare in the basis of morality.
<b>egotism</b>	The fact of being excessively conceited or absorbed in oneself. <i>In his arrogance and <b>egotism</b> he underestimated Gill.</i>
<b>egotist</b>	A person who is excessively conceited or absorbed in themselves; a self-seeker. <i>He is a self absorbed <b>egotist</b>.</i>
<b>genitive</b>	The genitive case. <i>The <b>genitive</b> endings.</i>
<b>grasping</b>	The act of gripping something firmly with the hands (or the tentacles). <i>They were regarded as <b>grasping</b> landlords.</i>
<b>greed</b>	Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins). <i>Mercenaries who had allowed <b>greed</b> to overtake their principles.</i>
<b>greedy</b>	(often followed by `for') ardently or excessively desirous. <i><b>Greedy</b> for money and power.</i>
<b>hubris</b>	Overbearing pride or presumption. <i>The self assured <b>hubris</b> among economists was shaken in the late 1980s.</i>
<b>lecherous</b>	Having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire. <i>A <b>lecherous</b> good for nothing.</i>
<b>locative</b>	The locative case.
<b>obsession</b>	The state of being obsessed with someone or something. <i>She cared for him with a devotion bordering on <b>obsession</b>.</i>
<b>predatory</b>	Living by or given to victimizing others for personal gain. <i>She always felt at the mercy of <b>predatory</b> men.</i>
<b>prehensile</b>	(chiefly of an animal's limb or tail) capable of grasping. <i><b>Prehensile</b> employers stingy with raises for their employees.</i>
<b>rapacious</b>	Excessively greedy and grasping. <i><b>Rapacious</b> landlords.</i>

<b>raptorial</b>	Relating to or characteristic of birds of prey. <b>Raptorial</b> birds.
<b>ravening</b>	Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey. <i>They turned on each other like <b>ravening</b> wolves.</i>
<b>selfish</b>	Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the exclusion of others- Maria Weston Chapman. <i>I joined them for <b>selfish</b> reasons.</i>
<b>sordid</b>	Unethical or dishonest. <i>The <b>sordid</b> details of his orgies stank under his very nostrils.</i>
<b>unscrupulous</b>	Without scruples or principles. <i><b>Unscrupulous</b> landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.</i>
<b>usury</b>	An exorbitant or unlawful rate of interest. <i>The medieval prohibition on <b>usury</b>.</i>
<b>vanity</b>	The quality of being worthless or futile. <i>It flattered his <b>vanity</b> to think I was in love with him.</i>
<b>vocative</b>	A word in the vocative case. <b>Vocative</b> verb endings.



