

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.



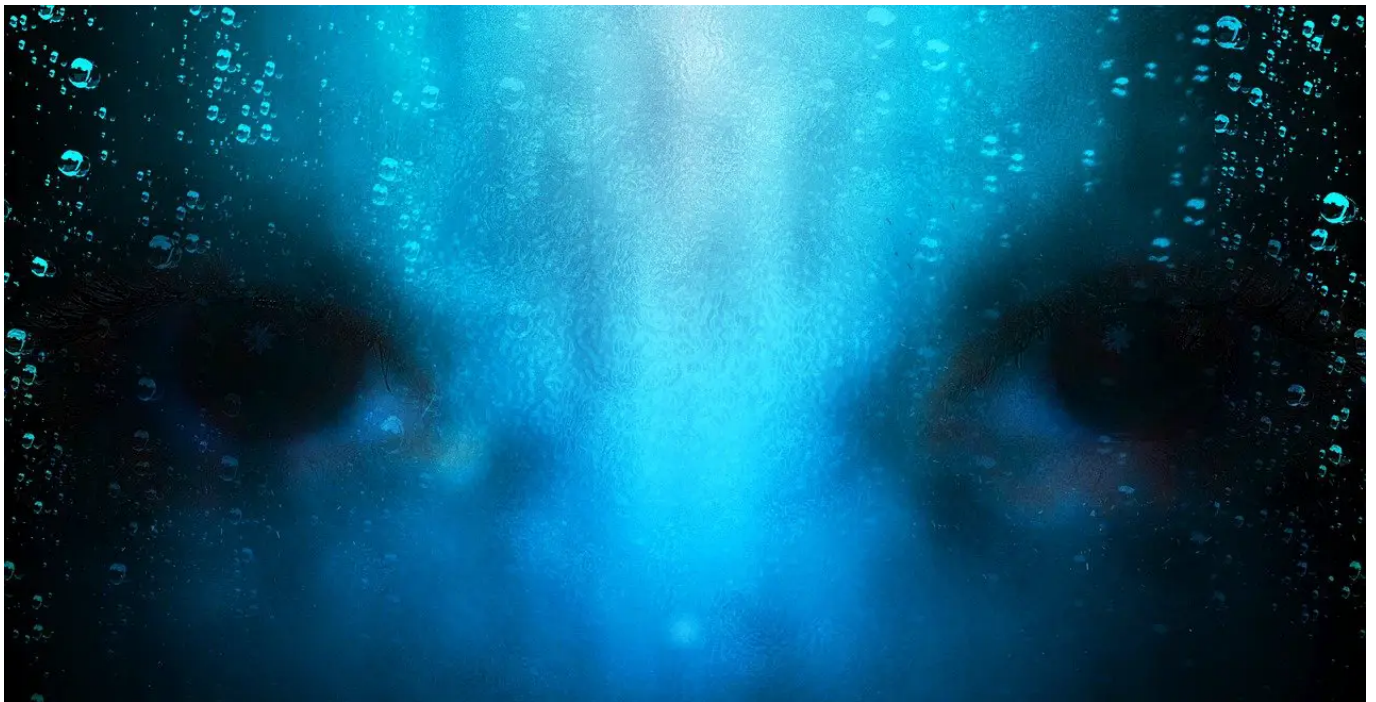
Possessive as an Adjective

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)

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

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



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. <i>Accusative</i> endings.
<u>acquisitive</u>	Eager to acquire and possess things especially material possessions or ideas. An <i>acquisitive</i> 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.
<u>avarice</u>	Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins). <i>He was rich beyond the dreams of avarice.</i>

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

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

