

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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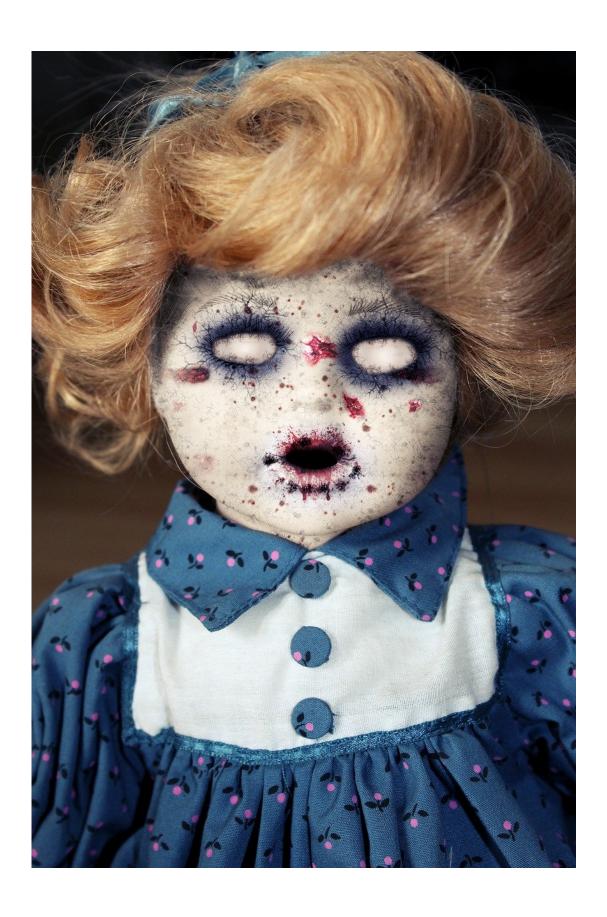
### Possessive as a Noun

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

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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

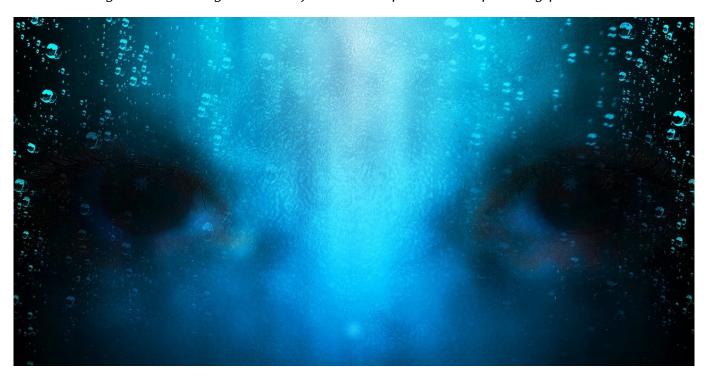
### Definitions of "Possessive" as an adjective

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)

**acquisitive** Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things.

We live in a competitive and **acquisitive** society.

clinging (of a garment) fitting closely to the body and showing its shape.

She wasn t the **clinging** type.

**controlling** Able to control or determine policy.

A **controlling** interest in the firm.

Having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to

someone else.

covetous

genitive

Jealous of his success and **covetous** of his possessions.

dominating Most powerful or important or influential.

Looked up at the castle **dominating** the countryside.

Relating to or denoting a case of nouns and pronouns (and words in

grammatical agreement with them) indicating possession or close

association.

The **genitive** endings.



Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth. grasping

**Grasping** commercialism.

Wanting to eat or drink more than one can reasonably consume. greedy

*He s scoffed the lot the greedy pig.* 

Feeling or showing a resentful suspicion that one's partner is attracted to

<u>jealous</u> or involved with someone else.

A **jealous** husband.

overprotective Overprotective parents.

Behaving as if one owned a particular thing or person; possessive. proprietorial

Louis draped his arm across her shoulders in a **proprietorial** way.

Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the

selfish exclusion of others- Maria Weston Chapman.

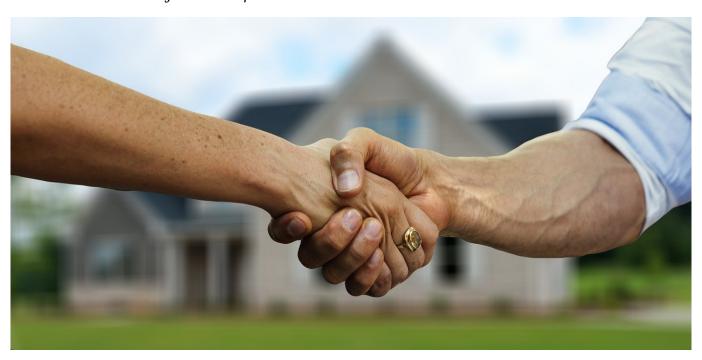
I joined them for **selfish** reasons.





### 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.

Eager to acquire and possess things especially material possessions or

acquisitive ideas.

An **acquisitive** mind.

A word or phrase that modifies or qualifies an adjective verb or other adverb adverb or a word group expressing a relation of place time circumstance manner cause degree etc e g gently quite then there.

Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as

avarice one of the deadly sins.

He was rich beyond the dreams of avarice.



**covetousness** An envious eagerness to possess something.

Greed for money or possessions.

**cupidity** New wealth however tainted by **cupidity** and egoism tends to be

favourable for the arts.

(psychoanalysis) the conscious mind.

He needed a boost to his **ego**.

egocentric An egocentric person.

**Egocentric** loners with an overinflated sense of self worth.

**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.

In his arrogance and **egotism** he underestimated Gill.

A person who is excessively conceited or absorbed in themselves; a self-

**egotist** seeker.

He is a self absorbed **egotist**.

**genitive** The genitive case.

The **genitive** endings.

**grasping** The act of gripping something firmly with the hands (or the tentacles.

They were regarded as **grasping** landlords.

Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as

**greed** one of the deadly sins.

Mercenaries who had allowed **greed** to overtake their principles.

greedy (often followed by `for') ardently or excessively desirous.

**Greedy** for money and power.

hubris Overbearing pride or presumption.

The self assured **hubris** among economists was shaken in the late 1980s.

lecherous Having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire.

A **lecherous** good for nothing.

**locative** The locative case.

The state of being obsessed with someone or something.

She cared for him with a devotion bordering on **obsession**.

Living by or given to victimizing others for personal gain.

She always felt at the mercy of **predatory** men.

prehensile (chiefly of an animal's limb or tail) capable of grasping.

**Prehensile** employers stingy with raises for their employees.

rapacious Excessively greedy and grasping.

**Rapacious** landlords.



raptorial Relating to or characteristic of birds of prey.

**Raptorial** birds.

ravening Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey.

They turned on each other like **ravening** wolves.

Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the exclusion

**selfish** of others- Maria Weston Chapman.

I joined them for **selfish** reasons.

Unethical or dishonest.

sordid

The sordid details of his orgies stank under his very nostrils.

Without scruples or principles.

*unscrupulous Unscrupulous* landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.

An exorbitant or unlawful rate of interest.

The medieval prohibition on **usury**.

The quality of being worthless or futile.

It flattered his **vanity** to think I was in love with him.

vocative A word in the vocative case.

**Vocative** verb endings.



