

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

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**The synonyms of “Preoccupation” are: preoccupancy, absorption, engrossment, pensiveness, concentration, self-absorption, musing, thinking, thinking of other things, deep thought, brown study, brooding, obsession, concern, fixation**

## Preoccupation as a Noun

### Definitions of "Preoccupation" as a noun

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

- *The act of taking occupancy before someone else does.*
- *An idea that preoccupies the mind and holds the attention.*
- *The mental state of being preoccupied by something.*
- *The state or condition of being preoccupied or engrossed with something.*
- *A subject or matter that engrosses someone.*



## Synonyms of "Preoccupation" as a noun (15 Words)

**absorption**

The process of absorbing nutrients into the body after digestion.  
*The country's **absorption** into the Ottoman Empire.*

**brooding**

The young of an animal cared for at one time.

**brown study**

A university in Rhode Island.

**concentration**

Strengthening the concentration as of a solute in a mixture by removing diluting material.

*The **concentration** of power in the hands of nobles.*

**concern**

Something or someone that causes anxiety; a source of unhappiness.

*New York traffic is a constant **concern**.*

**deep thought**

The central and most intense or profound part.

**engrossment**

Complete attention; intense mental effort.

**fixation**

(in Freudian theory) the arresting of part of the libido at an immature stage, causing an obsessive attachment.

*Biopsy specimens were placed in cassettes before **fixation** in formalin.*

**musings**

The source of an artist's inspiration.

*His **musings** were interrupted by the sound of the telephone.*

**obsession**

An idea or thought that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person's mind.

*He was in the grip of an **obsession** he was powerless to resist.*

**pensiveness**

Persistent morbid meditation on a problem.

**preoccupancy**

The action or fact of occupying previously; previous or earlier occupation.

**self-absorption**

Preoccupation with yourself to the exclusion of everything else.

**thinking**

The process of considering or reasoning about something.

*I am wrap d in dismal **thinkings**.*

**thinking of other things** The process of using your mind to consider something carefully.



## Usage Examples of "Preoccupation" as a noun

- *Their main preoccupation was how to feed their families.*
- *His preoccupation with politics.*

## Associations of "Preoccupation" (30 Words)

<b>absorb</b>	Take up the attention of (someone); interest greatly. <i>She sat in an armchair <b>absorbed</b> in a book.</i>
<b>absorption</b>	The mental state of being preoccupied by something. <i>Her <b>absorption</b> in the problems of the Third World.</i>
<b>assimilate</b>	Become similar in sound. <i>Immigrants often want to <b>assimilate</b> quickly.</i>
<b><u>assimilation</u></b>	The fact of a sound being made more like another in the same or next word. <i>The <b>assimilation</b> of Italians into American society.</i>
<b><u>blacksmith</u></b>	A person who makes and repairs things in iron by hand.
<b><u>compulsive</u></b>	A person with a compulsive disposition someone who feels compelled to do certain things. <i>This play is <b>compulsive</b> viewing.</i>
<b><u>concentration</u></b>	Strengthening the concentration as of a solute in a mixture by removing diluting material. <i>The <b>concentration</b> of power in the hands of nobles.</i>
<b>denseness</b>	The quality of being mentally slow and limited.
<b><u>enchantment</u></b>	A magical spell. <i>The <b>enchantment</b> of the mountains.</i>
<b>engross</b>	Absorb all the attention or interest of. <i>The notes totally <b>engrossed</b> him.</i>
<b><u>engulf</u></b>	Powerfully affect (someone); overwhelm. <i>The toad can <b>engulf</b> nestling birds.</i>
<b><u>fascination</u></b>	The power to fascinate someone; the quality of being fascinating. <i>He had a lifelong <b>fascination</b> with science.</i>
<b><u>fetish</u></b>	A charm superstitiously believed to embody magical powers. <i>Made a <b>fetish</b> of cleanliness.</i>
<b>headstrong</b>	Energetically wilful and determined. <i>The <b>headstrong</b> impulsiveness of youth.</i>

<b>immerse</b>	Cause to be immersed. <i><b>Immerse</b> the paper in water for twenty minutes.</i>
<b><u>immersion</u></b>	Complete attention; intense mental effort. <i>As a teacher she advocates learning by <b>immersion</b>.</i>
<b>incorporate</b>	Formed or united into a whole. <i>She <b>incorporated</b> his suggestions into her proposal.</i>
<b><u>ingest</u></b>	Absorb (information). <i>Lead will poison anyone if enough is <b>ingested</b>.</i>
<b>moisture</b>	Water or other liquid diffused in a small quantity as vapour, within a solid, or condensed on a surface. <i>In freshly felled wood the <b>moisture</b> content varies.</i>
<b><u>morbid</u></b>	Characterized by an abnormal and unhealthy interest in disturbing and unpleasant subjects, especially death and disease. <i><b>Morbid</b> curiosity.</i>
<b><u>obsession</u></b>	An unhealthy and compulsive preoccupation with something or someone. <i>She cared for him with a devotion bordering on <b>obsession</b>.</i>
<b><u>obsessive</u></b>	Affected by an obsession. <i><b>Obsessive</b> gambling.</i>
<b><u>overwhelm</u></b>	Charge someone with too many tasks. <i>The Stilton doesn't <b>overwhelm</b> the flavour of the trout.</i>
<b>pathological</b>	Involving or caused by a physical or mental disease. <i>A <b>pathological</b> urge to succeed.</i>
<b><u>plunge</u></b>	A swift and drastic fall in value or amount. <i>To peel fruit cover with boiling water and then <b>plunge</b> them into iced water.</i>
<b>pull</b>	In sport a pulling stroke. <i><b>Pull</b> a sled.</i>
<b><u>saturate</u></b>	A saturated fat. <i>Japan's electronics industry began to <b>saturate</b> the world markets.</i>
<b><u>soak</u></b>	Washing something by allowing it to soak. <i>VAT would not <b>soak</b> the rich it would <b>soak</b> the everyday guy struggling to stay afloat.</i>
<b><u>submerge</u></b>	Sink below the surface; go under or as if under water. <i><b>Submerge</b> your head completely.</i>
<b><u>surround</u></b>	The area encircling something surroundings. <i>He loves to <b>surround</b> himself with family and friends.</i>