

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)

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

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