

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

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The synonyms of “Preoccupied” are: bemused, lost, haunted, obsessed, lost in thought, deep in thought, in a brown study, pensive, brooding, distracted, abstracted, distraught, heedless, far away, oblivious

## Preoccupied as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Preoccupied" as an adjective

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

- *Engrossed in thought; distracted.*
- *Having or showing excessive or compulsive concern with something.*
- *Deeply absorbed in thought.*

### Synonyms of "Preoccupied" as an adjective (15 Words)

<b>abstracted</b>	Lost in thought; showing preoccupation. <i>An <b>abstracted</b> smile.</i>
<b><a href="#">bemused</a></b>	Puzzled, confused, or bewildered. <i>Obviously <b>bemused</b> by his questions.</i>
<b><a href="#">brooding</a></b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>The <b>brooding</b> moorland.</i>
<b>deep in thought</b>	Marked by depth of thinking.
<b>distracted</b>	Having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety. <i>Charlotte seemed too <b>distracted</b> to give him much attention.</i>

<b>distract</b>	Distracted or absent-minded. <i>He seemed oddly <b>distract</b>.</i>
<b>far away</b>	Beyond a norm in opinion or actions.
<b>haunted</b>	Showing signs of mental anguish or torment. <i>The hollow cheeks the <b>haunted</b> eyes.</i>
<b>heedless</b>	Characterized by careless unconcern- Edith Wharton. <i>The <b>heedless</b> generosity and the spasmodic extravagance of persons used to large fortunes.</i>
<b>in a brown study</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>lost</b>	Having lost your bearings confused as to time or place or personal identity. <i>A <b>lost</b> prize.</i>
<b>lost in thought</b>	No longer in your possession or control; unable to be found or recovered.
<b>oblivious</b>	Failing to keep in mind. <i><b>Oblivious</b> old age.</i>
<b>obsessed</b>	Influenced or controlled by a powerful force such as a strong emotion. <i>Was absolutely <b>obsessed</b> with the girl.</i>
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Preoccupied" as an adjective

- *She seemed a bit preoccupied.*
- *A preoccupied frown.*
- *Got no help from his wife who was preoccupied with the children.*

## Associations of "Preoccupied" (30 Words)

<b>absorbed</b>	Giving or marked by complete attention to. <i>He was gazing into the water with <b>absorbed</b> attention.</i>
<b>alarmed</b>	Experiencing a sudden sense of danger.
<b>anxious</b>	Eagerly desirous. <i>There were some <b>anxious</b> moments.</i>
<b>apprehensive</b>	Mentally upset over possible misfortune or danger etc. <i><b>Apprehensive</b> about her job.</i>

<u>attentive</u>	Paying close attention to something. <i>Ministers should be more <b>attentive</b> to the interests of taxpayers.</i>
<u>captive</u>	(of a facility or service) controlled by, and typically for the sole use of, an organization. <i>A <b>captive</b> power plant.</i>
<u>careful</u>	Done with or showing thought and attention. <i><b>Careful</b> of the rights of others.</i>
<u>cautious</u>	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>A <b>cautious</b> driver.</i>
concerned	Culpably involved. <i>A memorandum to those <b>concerned</b>.</i>
<u>considerate</u>	Careful not to inconvenience or harm others. <i>Be <b>considerate</b> over your handwriting.</i>
<u>contemplative</u>	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a <b>contemplative</b> eye.</i>
<u>deliberate</u>	Characterized by conscious design or purpose. <i>She <b>deliberated</b> over the menu.</i>
distracted	Having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety. <i>Charlotte seemed too <b>distracted</b> to give him much attention.</i>
distressed	(of property) offered for sale cheaply due to mortgage foreclosure or because it is part of an insolvent estate. <i>He dropped out of the race clearly <b>distressed</b> and having difficulty breathing.</i>
<u>engrossed</u>	Written formally in a large clear script, as a deed or other legal document. <i>That <b>engrossed</b> look or rapt delight.</i>
fraught	(of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable). <i>An incident <b>fraught</b> with danger.</i>
gravely	In a grave and sober manner. <i>Is <b>gravely</b> ill.</i>
harried	Feeling strained as a result of having demands persistently made on one; harassed. <i><b>Harried</b> detectives answer ringing phones.</i>
meditative	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>
<u>muse</u>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Euterpe was his <b>muse</b>.</i>

<b>neurotically</b>	In a neurotic manner.
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b><u>reflective</u></b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Reflective</b> clothing.</i>
<b>solicitous</b>	Showing hovering attentiveness. <i>Made <b>solicitous</b> inquiries about our family.</i>
<b>stressed</b>	Strengthened by the application of stress during manufacture prestressed. <i>An iambic foot consists of an <b>unstressed</b> syllable followed by a <b>stressed</b> syllable as in delay.</i>
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>He was attentive and <b>thoughtful</b>.</i>
<b><u>troubled</u></b>	Beset by problems or difficulties. <i>His <b>troubled</b> face.</i>
<b><u>uneasy</u></b>	Socially uncomfortable; unsure and constrained in manner. <i>An <b>uneasy</b> calm.</i>
<b>upset</b>	The act of upsetting something. <i>The foreign team <b>upset</b> the local team.</i>
<b>worried</b>	Mentally upset over possible misfortune or danger etc. <i><b>Worried</b> parents.</i>