

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)

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

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

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

<u>attentive</u>	Paying close attention to something. <i>Ministers should be more attentive 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 captive power plant.</i>
<u>careful</u>	Done with or showing thought and attention. <i>Careful of the rights of others.</i>
<u>cautious</u>	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>A cautious driver.</i>
concerned	Culpably involved. <i>A memorandum to those concerned.</i>
<u>considerate</u>	Careful not to inconvenience or harm others. <i>Be considerate over your handwriting.</i>
<u>contemplative</u>	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a contemplative eye.</i>
<u>deliberate</u>	Characterized by conscious design or purpose. <i>She deliberated over the menu.</i>
distracted	Having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety. <i>Charlotte seemed too distracted 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 distressed and having difficulty breathing.</i>
<u>engrossed</u>	Written formally in a large clear script, as a deed or other legal document. <i>That engrossed 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 fraught with danger.</i>
gravely	In a grave and sober manner. <i>Is gravely ill.</i>
harried	Feeling strained as a result of having demands persistently made on one; harassed. <i>Harried detectives answer ringing phones.</i>
meditative	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>Meditative techniques.</i>
<u>muse</u>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Euterpe was his muse.</i>

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