

Need another word that means the same as “protective”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “protective” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Protective” are: preservative, protecting, defensive, precautionary, preventive, preventative, covering, solicitous, caring, mindful, careful, wary, watchful, vigilant, warm, maternal, paternal, fatherly, motherly, gallant, chivalrous

Protective as an Adjective

Definitions of "Protective" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to the protection of domestic industries from foreign competition.*
- *Showing care.*
- *Intended or adapted to afford protection of some kind.*
- *Having or showing a strong wish to protect someone or something.*
- *Solicitously caring or mindful.*
- *Intended to protect someone or something.*
- *(usually followed by `of) solicitously caring or mindful.*



Synonyms of "Protective" as an adjective (21 Words)

- careful** Full of cares or anxiety-Luke 10.41.
Careful about one's behavior.
- caring** Feeling and exhibiting concern and empathy for others.
A caring and invaluable friend.
- chivalrous** Courteous and gallant, especially towards women (typically used of a man or his behaviour).
The concept of chivalrous combat.
- covering** (of shooting) carried out to protect an exposed person from an enemy.
We retreated behind spurts of covering fire.
- defensive** Used or intended to defend or protect.
A poor defensive record.
- fatherly** Like or befitting a father or fatherhood; kind and protective.
He gave me such a kind and fatherly look.

gallant	Lively and spirited. <i>Put up a gallant resistance to the attackers.</i>
maternal	Related through the mother's side of the family. <i>Maternal care.</i>
mindful	Focusing one's awareness on the present moment, especially as part of a therapeutic or meditative technique. <i>The judge said that he was not mindful to postpone the eviction again.</i>
motherly	Of, resembling, or characteristic of a mother, especially in being caring, protective, and kind. <i>She held both her arms wide in a gesture of motherly love.</i>
paternal	Characteristic of a father. <i>His father and paternal grandfather were porcelain painters.</i>
precautionary	Carried out as a precaution; preventive. <i>I would take precautionary steps to keep him away.</i>
preservative	Tending or having the power to preserve. <i>The preservative effects of freezing.</i>
preventative	Tending to prevent or hinder. <i>Preventative medicine.</i>
preventive	Preventing or contributing to the prevention of disease. <i>Preventive medicine.</i>
protecting	Shielding (or designed to shield) against harm or discomfort. <i>The protecting blanket of snow.</i>
solicitous	Characterized by or showing interest or concern. <i>A solicitous enquiry.</i>
vigilant	Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties. <i>The burglar was spotted by vigilant neighbours.</i>
warm	Having or displaying warmth or affection. <i>A warm winter coat.</i>
wary	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>Dogs which have been mistreated often remain very wary of strangers.</i>
watchful	Watching someone or something closely; alert and vigilant. <i>Twenty watchful weary tedious nights.</i>



Usage Examples of "Protective" as an adjective

- *Kept the drunken sailor in protective custody.*
- *A protective covering.*
- *Protective coatings.*
- *A protective mother.*
- *Protective gloves are worn to minimize injury.*
- *I felt protective towards her.*
- *Protective of his reputation.*
- *Animals with protective coloring.*
- *As adults we are naturally protective of children.*
- *The use of protective masks and equipment.*
- *Protective tariffs.*



Associations of "Protective" (30 Words)

- angel** A former English coin minted between the reigns of Edward IV and Charles I and bearing the figure of the archangel Michael killing a dragon.
*I miss you too **angel**.*
- aseptic** Free of or using methods to keep free of pathological microorganisms.
***Aseptic** surgical techniques.*
- contraceptive** (of a method or device) serving to prevent pregnancy.
*The **contraceptive** pill.*
- defence** The action of defending from or resisting attack.
*He spoke in **defence** of a disciplined approach.*
- defensive** An attitude of defensiveness especially in the phrase on the defensive.
***Defensive** weapons.*
- disinfectant** A chemical liquid that destroys bacteria.
*A cat won't use its litter box if it's cleaned with smelly **disinfectants**.*

enclosure	An area that is surrounded by a barrier. <i>One of the chief effects of enclosure was to increase the number of landless workers.</i>
fortification	Defensive structure consisting of walls or mounds built around a stronghold to strengthen it. <i>The building and maintenance of fortifications.</i>
fungicide	A chemical that destroys fungus. <i>Cut away any rotten parts before dusting with fungicide.</i>
guard	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>An insurance policy is a good safeguard.</i>
<u>guardian</u>	A person who is legally responsible for the care of someone who is unable to manage their own affairs, especially a child whose parents have died. <i>Self appointed guardians of public morality.</i>
helmet	A hard or padded protective hat, various types of which are worn by soldiers, police officers, motorcyclists, sports players, and others.
herbicide	A chemical agent that destroys plants or inhibits their growth. <i>Farmers sprayed a protected wildflower meadow with herbicide.</i>
hinderance	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.
insecticide	A chemical used to kill insects. <i>The timber can be treated with insecticide.</i>
munition	Military weapons ammunition equipment and stores. <i>It never had the defence industry necessary to equip or munition its forces.</i>
pesticide	A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals.
preclusive	Preventing something from happening; restrictive. <i>No preclusive action was taken.</i>
<u>preemptive</u>	Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or occurrence. <i>A preemptive business offer.</i>
preservative	Acting to preserve something. <i>Timbers should be treated with a preservative substance.</i>
prevent	Stop (someone) from doing something. <i>We must prevent the cancer from spreading.</i>
preventive	Remedy that prevents or slows the course of an illness or disease. <i>Preventive medicine.</i>
prohibitory	Tending to discourage (especially of prices).

prophylactic	A medicine or course of action used to prevent disease. <i>I took malaria prophylactics.</i>
<u>protector</u>	The title of the head of state in England during the later period of the Commonwealth between 1653 and 1659, first Oliver Cromwell (1653-8), then his son Richard (1658-9). <i>A man who became her protector adviser and friend.</i>
safe	Strongbox where valuables can be safely kept. <i>Eggs remain in the damp sand safe from marine predators.</i>
sweetener	A substance used to sweeten food or drink, especially one other than sugar. <i>A sweetener may persuade them to sell.</i>
tutelar	Providing protective supervision; watching over or safeguarding. <i>Tutelary gods.</i>
tutelary	Serving as a protector, guardian, or patron. <i>Tutelary gods.</i>

