

Need another word that means the same as “reflective”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “reflective” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Reflective” are: brooding, broody, contemplative, meditative, musing, pensive, pondering, ruminative, regretful, nostalgic, yearning, longing**

## Reflective as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Reflective" as an adjective

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

- *Devoted to matters of the mind.*
- *Deeply or seriously thoughtful.*
- *Deeply or seriously thoughtful.*
- *Produced by reflection.*
- *Capable of physically reflecting light or sound.*
- *Providing a reflection; capable of reflecting light or other radiation.*
- *Relating to or characterized by deep thought; thoughtful.*



## Synonyms of "Reflective" as an adjective (12 Words)

- brooding**      Appearing darkly menacing.  
*He stared with **brooding** eyes.*
- broody**          (of a person) having a strong desire to have a baby.  
*His **broody** concern for the future.*
- contemplative**      Deeply or seriously thoughtful.  
***Contemplative** knowledge of God.*
- longing**          Having or showing a yearning desire.  
*Her **longing** eyes.*
- meditative**      Deeply or seriously thoughtful.  
***Meditative** techniques.*
- musings**          Deeply or seriously thoughtful.  
*The sad **musings** gaze.*
- nostalgic**          Feeling, evoking, or characterized by nostalgia.  
*A **nostalgic** account of an idyllic childhood.*

<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b>pondering</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful.
<b>regretful</b>	Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone. <i>He sounded <b>regretful</b> but pointed out that he had committed himself.</i>
<b>ruminative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>A deeply <b>ruminative</b> mysterious lament.</i>
<b>yearning</b>	Involving or expressing yearning. <i>A <b>yearning</b> hope.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Reflective" as an adjective

- *A quiet, reflective, astute man.*
- *Reflective clothing.*
- *The reflective type.*
- *Reflective glass.*

- *A reflective surface.*
- *A colourful reflective glow.*



## Associations of "Reflective" (30 Words)

<b>bethink</b>	Cause oneself to consider something. <i>He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.</i>
<b>brood</b>	A large family of children. <i>She had <b>brooded</b> over the subject a thousand times.</i>
<b>careful</b>	Anxious to protect (something) from harm or loss; solicitous. <i><b>Careful</b> about one's behavior.</i>
<b>cogitate</b>	Think deeply about something; meditate or reflect. <i>He stroked his beard and retired to <b>cogitate</b>.</i>
<b>consider</b>	Show consideration for take into account. <i>The old man <b>considered</b> his granddaughter thoughtfully.</i>



<b><u>considerate</u></b>	Showing careful thought. <i>Be <b>considerate</b> over your handwriting.</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	Look at thoughtfully; observe deep in thought. <i><b>Contemplate</b> one's navel.</i>
<b><u>contemplative</u></b>	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i><b>Contemplative</b> knowledge of God.</i>
<b><u>deliberate</u></b>	Fully considered; not impulsive. <i>A conscientious and <b>deliberate</b> worker.</i>
<b><u>gentle</u></b>	Make or become gentle. <i>A <b>gentle</b> embankment.</i>
<b><u>glistening</u></b>	Reflecting light. <i><b>Glistening</b> bodies of swimmers.</i>
<b>glossy</b>	A magazine printed on glossy paper containing many colour photographs and typically devoted to fashion beauty celebrities etc. <i>A <b>glossy</b> TV miniseries.</i>
<b>iridescence</b>	The visual property of something having a milky brightness and a play of colors from the surface.
<b>lustrous</b>	Having lustre; shining. <i>Set a <b>lustrous</b> example for others to follow.</i>
<b><u>meditate</u></b>	Think deeply about (something). <i>They had suffered severely and they began to <b>meditate</b> retreat.</i>
<b>meditative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>
<b>mull</b>	A term used in Scottish names of promontories. <i><b>Mulled</b> cider.</i>
<b><u>muse</u></b>	In ancient Greek mythology any of 9 daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne; protector of an art or science. <i>Yeats <b>muse</b> Maud Gonne.</i>
<b>opalescence</b>	The visual property of something having a milky brightness and a play of colors from the surface.
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b><u>polished</u></b>	To trim and smooth. <i>He was <b>polished</b> and charming.</i>
<b><u>ponder</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>

<b>premeditation</b>	(law) thought and intention to commit a crime well in advance of the crime; goes to show criminal intent. <i>The defendant said there was no planning or <b>premeditation</b>.</i>
<b>preoccupied</b>	Deeply absorbed in thought. <i>She seemed a bit <b>preoccupied</b>.</i>
<b>reflect</b>	Be bright by reflecting or casting light. <i>Schools should <b>reflect</b> cultural differences.</i>
<b>ruminare</b>	Think deeply about something. <i>Cows <b>ruminare</b>.</i>
<b>shiny</b>	Having a shiny surface or coating. <i>Saw the moon like a <b>shiny</b> dime on a deep blue velvet carpet.</i>
<b>sleek</b>	Having a smooth, gleaming surface reflecting light. <i>A <b>sleek</b> black cat.</i>
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>He was attentive and <b>thoughtful</b>.</i>
<b>wistful</b>	Having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing. <i>A <b>wistful</b> smile.</i>

