

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.*

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

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

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

premeditation (law) thought and intention to commit a crime well in advance of the crime; goes to show criminal intent.

*The defendant said there was no planning or **premeditation**.*

preoccupied

Deeply absorbed in thought.

*She seemed a bit **preoccupied**.*

reflect

Be bright by reflecting or casting light.

*Schools should **reflect** cultural differences.*

ruminare

Think deeply about something.

*Cows **ruminare**.*

shiny

Having a shiny surface or coating.

*Saw the moon like a **shiny** dime on a deep blue velvet carpet.*

sleek

Having a smooth, gleaming surface reflecting light.

*A **sleek** black cat.*

thoughtful

Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.

*He was attentive and **thoughtful**.*

wistful

Having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing.

*A **wistful** smile.*

