

Need another word that means the same as “reticent”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “reticent” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Reticent” are: untalkative, restrained, unemotional, retiring, self-effacing, reserved, withdrawn, introverted, inhibited, diffident, shy, modest, unassuming, shrinking, distant, undemonstrative

## Reticent as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Reticent" as an adjective

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

- *Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.*
- *Cool and formal in manner.*
- *Reluctant to draw attention to yourself.*
- *Temperamentally disinclined to talk.*

### Synonyms of "Reticent" as an adjective (16 Words)

<b>diffident</b>	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence. <i>Stood in the doorway <b>diffident</b> and abashed.</i>
<b><u>distant</u></b>	Located far away spatially. <i><b>Distant</b> villages.</i>
<b>inhibited</b>	Held back or restrained or prevented. <i>In certain conditions previously <b>inhibited</b> conditioned reactions can reappear.</i>
<b>introverted</b>	Of, denoting, or typical of an introvert.

<b><u>modest</u></b>	Limited in size or scope. <i>It was a nice wedding necessarily <b>modest</b>.</i>
<b><u>reserved</u></b>	Slow to reveal emotion or opinions. <i>Was habitually <b>reserved</b> in speech withholding her opinion.</i>
<b>restrained</b>	Not showy or obtrusive. <i><b>Restrained</b> in his response.</i>
<b>retiring</b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>A shy <b>retiring</b> girl.</i>
<b>self-effacing</b>	Reluctant to draw attention to yourself.
<b>shrinking</b>	Becoming smaller in size or amount. <i>The <b>shrinking</b> market has provoked a massive price war.</i>
<b>shy</b>	(of a plant) not bearing flowers or fruit well or prolifically. <i>He left school just <b>shy</b> of his fourteenth birthday.</i>
<b><u>unassuming</u></b>	Not pretentious or arrogant; modest. <i>He was an <b>unassuming</b> and kindly man.</i>
<b>undemonstrative</b>	(of a person) not tending to express feelings, especially of affection, openly. <i>The English are an <b>undemonstrative</b> lot.</i>
<b><u>unemotional</u></b>	Not having or showing strong feelings. <i>A flat <b>unemotional</b> voice.</i>
<b>untalkative</b>	Temperamentally disinclined to talk. <i>Joe was shy and <b>untalkative</b>.</i>
<b><u>withdrawn</u></b>	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude. <i>When her husband died she became very <b>withdrawn</b>.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Reticent" as an adjective

- *She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.*

## Associations of "Reticent" (30 Words)

<b>aloof</b>	In an aloof manner. <i>He stayed <b>aloof</b> from the bickering.</i>
<b>bashful</b>	Disposed to avoid notice blate is a Scottish term for bashful. <i>Everything you need to know but have been too <b>bashful</b> to ask.</i>
<b>cagey</b>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i>A <b>cagey</b> lawyer.</i>

<b>contained</b>	Gotten under control. <i>The oil spill is <b>contained</b>.</i>
<b>coy</b>	Making a pretence of shyness or modesty that is intended to be alluring (typically used of a woman). <i>A politician <b>coy</b> about his intentions.</i>
<b>demure</b>	(of clothing) giving a modest appearance. <i>A <b>demure</b> knee length skirt.</i>
<b>diffident</b>	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence. <i>She was <b>diffident</b> when offering a comment on the professor s lecture.</i>
<b>inarticulate</b>	Unable to express one's ideas or feelings clearly or easily. <i>Mention of her mother filled her with <b>inarticulate</b> irritation.</i>
<b>introversion</b>	(psychology) an introverted disposition; concern with one's own thoughts and feelings. <i>The tongue tied <b>introversion</b> of the self conscious artist.</i>
<b>introvert</b>	A shy, reticent person. <i>He <b>introverted</b> his feelings.</i>
<b>introverted</b>	Given to examining own sensory and perceptual experiences.
<b>modesty</b>	Formality and propriety of manner. <i>The <b>modesty</b> of his political aspirations.</i>
<b>muted</b>	(of a sound or voice) quiet and soft. <i>A dress in <b>muted</b> tones of powder blue and dusty pink.</i>
<b>passive</b>	A passive form of a verb. <i>The ball was thrown is an abbreviated <b>passive</b>.</i>
<b>prissy</b>	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>A middle class family with two <b>prissy</b> children.</i>
<b>quiet</b>	With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly. <i>Molly spoke with <b>quiet</b> confidence.</i>
<b>reclusive</b>	Avoiding the company of other people; solitary. <i>Sitting under the <b>reclusive</b> calm of a shade tree.</i>
<b>reserved</b>	Marked by self-restraint and reticence. <i>A <b>reserved</b> seat.</i>
<b>restrained</b>	Cool and formal in manner. <i>His <b>restrained</b> gentlemanly voice.</i>
<b>retiring</b>	Shy and fond of being on one's own. <i>A shy <b>retiring</b> girl.</i>

<b>shy</b>	Slow or reluctant to do (something). <i>He left school just <b>shy</b> of his fourteenth birthday.</i>
<b><u>silent</u></b>	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements. <i>The poems are <b>silent</b> on the question of marriage.</i>
<b>subdued</b>	(of colour or lighting) soft and restrained. <i>A <b>subdued</b> glow came through the curtains.</i>
<b><u>taciturn</u></b>	(of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little. <i>After such gatherings she would be <b>taciturn</b> and morose.</i>
<b><u>timid</u></b>	Showing fear and lack of confidence. <i>Problems that call for bold not <b>timid</b> responses.</i>
<b>unassertive</b>	Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence. <i>His bland and <b>unassertive</b> personal style.</i>
<b>uncommunicative</b>	Unwilling to talk or impart information. <i>He had always been quiet and <b>uncommunicative</b> having few friends.</i>
<b><u>unobtrusive</u></b>	Not obtrusive or undesirably noticeable. <i>The service was <b>unobtrusive</b> and efficient.</i>
<b>unutterable</b>	Defying expression or description. <i><b>Unutterable</b> consonant clusters.</i>
<b><u>withdrawn</u></b>	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude. <i>When her husband died she became very <b>withdrawn</b>.</i>