

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

Table Of Contents:

- [Reticent as an Adjective](#)
- [Definitions of "Reticent" as an adjective](#)
- [Synonyms of "Reticent" as an adjective \(16 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Reticent" as an adjective](#)
- [Associations of "Reticent" \(30 Words\)](#)

The synonyms of “Reticent” are: untalkative, restrained, unemotional, retiring, self-effacing, reserved, withdrawn, introverted, inhibited, diffident, shy, modest, unassuming, shrinking, distant, undemonstrative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

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

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withdrawn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	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude.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When her husband died she became very withdrawn.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

Usage Examples of "Reticent" as an adjective

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

Associations of "Reticent" (30 Words)

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

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

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