

Need another word that means the same as “sensitive”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “sensitive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sensitive” are: raw, sore, tender, sensible, responsive to, quick to respond to, reactive to, sentient of, delicate, fragile, tactful, careful, thoughtful, diplomatic, subtle, kid-glove, thin-skinned, touchy, oversensitive, hypersensitive, defensive, private, personal, intimate, privileged, quiet, medium, spiritualist**

## Sensitive as a Noun

### Definitions of "Sensitive" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sensitive” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Someone who serves as an intermediary between the living and the dead.*
- *A person who is believed to respond to paranormal influences.*



## Synonyms of "Sensitive" as a noun (2 Words)

### medium

The middle quality or state between two extremes; a reasonable balance.

*These cells are grown in a nutrient rich **medium**.*

Someone who serves as an intermediary between the living and the dead.

**spiritualist** *He became an ardent **spiritualist** attending seances and insisting on their authenticity.*



## **Sensitive as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Sensitive" as an adjective**

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

- *Hurting.*
- *Being susceptible to the attitudes, feelings, or circumstances of others.*
- *Of or pertaining to classified information or matters affecting national security.*
- *Quick to detect or respond to slight changes, signals, or influences.*
- *Responsive to physical stimuli.*
- *Having or displaying a quick and delicate appreciation of others' feelings.*

- *Able to feel or perceive.*
- *(of photographic materials) prepared so as to respond rapidly to the action of light.*
- *Easily damaged, injured, or distressed by slight changes.*
- *(of a market) unstable and liable to quick changes of price because of outside influences.*
- *Kept secret or with restrictions on disclosure to avoid endangering security.*
- *Easily offended or upset.*



## Synonyms of "Sensitive" as an adjective (26 Words)

### careful

Full of cares or anxiety-Luke 10.41.  
*A **careful** consideration of the facts.*

### defensive

Intended or appropriate for defending against or deterring aggression or attack.  
*A poor **defensive** record.*

<b>delicate</b>	Developed with extreme delicacy and subtlety. <i>Almost undetectable with even the most <b>delicate</b> instruments.</i>
<b>diplomatic</b>	Using or marked by tact in dealing with sensitive matters or people. <i>He tried his best to be <b>diplomatic</b>.</i>
<b>fragile</b>	Easily destroyed or threatened. <i>You have a <b>fragile</b> grip on reality.</i>
<b>hypersensitive</b>	Easily hurt, worried, or offended. <i><b>Hypersensitive</b> to pollen.</i>
<b>intimate</b>	Having or fostering a warm or friendly and informal atmosphere. <i><b>Intimate</b> friends.</i>
<b>kid-glove</b>	Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people.
<b>oversensitive</b>	(especially of a person or an instrument) excessively sensitive. <i>Bentley was <b>oversensitive</b> to criticism.</i>
<b>personal</b>	Concerning or affecting a particular person or his or her private life and personality. <i>He rejected the notion of a <b>personal</b> God.</i>
<b>private</b>	Concerning things deeply private and personal. <i><b>Private</b> lessons.</i>
<b>privileged</b>	Having been granted a special honour. <i>In the nineteenth century only a <b>privileged</b> few had the vote.</i>
<b>quick to respond to</b>	Accomplished rapidly and without delay.
<b>quiet</b>	(of the sun) characterized by a low level of surface phenomena, such as sunspots. <i>The street below was <b>quiet</b> little traffic braving the snow.</i>
<b>raw</b>	Brutally unfair or harsh. <i>There were a number of errors in the <b>raw</b> data.</i>
<b>reactive to</b>	Reacting to a stimulus.
<b>responsive to</b>	Readily reacting or replying to people or events or stimuli; showing emotion.
<b>sensible</b>	Showing reason or sound judgment. <i>The <b>sensible</b> universe.</i>
<b>sentient of</b>	Consciously perceiving- W.A.White.
<b>sore</b>	(of a part of one's body) painful or aching. <i>I didn't even know they were <b>sore</b> at us.</i>
<b>subtle</b>	(of a mixture or effect) delicately complex and understated. <i>He tried a more <b>subtle</b> approach.</i>

<b>tactful</b>	Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people. <i>A <b>tactful</b> remark eased her embarrassment.</i>
<b>tender</b>	Hurting. <i><b>Tender</b> loving care.</i>
<b>thin-skinned</b>	Quick to take offense.
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>How very <b>thoughtful</b> of you.</i>
<b>touchy</b>	Difficult to handle; requiring great tact. <i>She s a little <b>touchy</b> about her age.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sensitive" as an adjective

- *The committee called for improved protection of wildlife in environmentally sensitive areas.*
- *I suppose I shouldn't be so sensitive.*
- *The new method of protein detection was more sensitive than earlier ones.*
- *Sensitive skin.*
- *The Japanese were successfully entering many of the most sensitive markets.*
- *A sensitive voltmeter.*
- *Sensitive to light.*

- *I pay tribute to the Minister for his sensitive handling of the bill.*
- *Sensitive to the local community and its needs.*
- *He was suspected of passing sensitive information to other countries.*
- *A mimosa's leaves are sensitive to touch.*
- *Spiders are sensitive to vibrations on their web.*



## Associations of "Sensitive" (30 Words)

- adaptability**      The capacity to be modified for a new use or purpose.  
*This is a good example of the **adaptability** of listed buildings.*
- agility**            Ability to move quickly and easily.  
*Though he was without formal training as dancer or athlete his physical **agility** was inexhaustible.*
- answer**              Give the correct answer or solution to.  
*He said he would return to Spain to **answer** all charges.*

<b>answering</b>	Replying. <i>An <b>answering</b> smile.</i>
<b>cognizant</b>	Having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or perception. <i>Statesmen must be <b>cognizant</b> of the political boundaries within which they work.</i>
<b><u>considerate</u></b>	Showing careful thought. <i>Friends <b>considerate</b> enough to leave us alone.</i>
<b><u>contemplative</u></b>	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a <b>contemplative</b> eye.</i>
<b>dedicated</b>	Solemnly dedicated to or set apart for a high purpose. <i>A chapel <b>dedicated</b> to the dead of World War II.</i>
<b>delicate</b>	A delicate fabric or garment. <i>A <b>delicate</b> sweet flavour.</i>
<b>flexibility</b>	The quality of bending easily without breaking. <i>I enjoyed the <b>flexibility</b> of the schedule.</i>
<b><u>impressionable</u></b>	Easily impressed or influenced. <i>An <b>impressionable</b> age.</i>
<b>labile</b>	LIABLE to change. <i>The breakage of <b>labile</b> bonds.</i>
<b>meditative</b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b>poll</b>	Vote in an election at a polling station. <i>Over half of those <b>polled</b> do not believe the prime minister usually tells the truth.</i>
<b><u>react</u></b>	Show a response or a reaction to something. <i>Many babies <b>react</b> to soy based formulas.</i>
<b><u>reaction</u></b>	An analogous transformation of atomic nuclei or other particles. <i>The work of these painters was a <b>reaction</b> against Fauvism.</i>
<b>reactive</b>	Reacting to a stimulus. <i>Sodium is a <b>reactive</b> metal.</i>
<b>receptiveness</b>	Willingness or readiness to receive (especially impressions or ideas). <i>He was testing the government s <b>receptiveness</b> to reform.</i>
<b><u>reflective</u></b>	Produced by reflection. <i><b>Reflective</b> clothing.</i>



<b>reply</b>	A statement either spoken or written that is made to reply to a question or request or criticism or accusation. <i>Clough scored the first goal and Speed hit a late <b>reply</b>.</i>
<b>respondent</b>	The codefendant especially in a divorce proceeding who is accused of adultery with the corespondent. <i>The <b>respondent</b> defendant.</i>
<u><b>responsive</b></u>	(of a section of liturgy) using responses. <i>Children are often the quickest and most <b>responsive</b> members of the audience.</i>
<b>responsiveness</b>	Responsive to stimulation. <i>The <b>responsiveness</b> of the vehicle.</i>
<u><b>susceptible</b></u>	(often followed by `of' or `to') yielding readily to or capable of. <i>The problem is not <b>susceptible</b> of a simple solution.</i>
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Her work is <b>thoughtful</b> and provocative.</i>
<b>touched</b>	Being excited or provoked to the expression of an emotion. <i>Very <b>touched</b> by the stranger s kindness.</i>
<b>touchy</b>	(of an issue or situation) requiring careful handling; delicate. <i>She s a little <b>touchy</b> about her age.</i>
<u><b>unstable</b></u>	Likely to give way; not stable. <i>Everything was <b>unstable</b> following the coup.</i>
<u><b>vulnerable</b></u>	Capable of being wounded or hurt. <i>An argument <b>vulnerable</b> to refutation.</i>

