

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

#### Table Of Contents:

- Sensitive as a Noun
- Definitions of "Sensitive" as a noun
- Synonyms of "Sensitive" as a noun (2 Words)
- Sensitive as an Adjective
- Definitions of "Sensitive" as an adjective
- Synonyms of "Sensitive" as an adjective (26 Words)
- <u>Usage Examples of "Sensitive" as an adjective</u>
- Associations of "Sensitive" (30 Words)

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 <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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

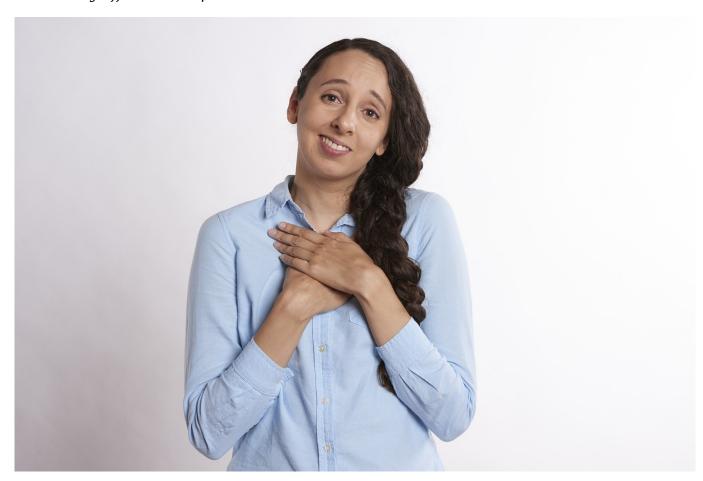
### Definitions of "Sensitive" as an adjective

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)

Full of cares or anxiety-Luke 10.41.

A careful consideration of the facts.

Intended or appropriate for defending against or deterring

aggression or attack.

defensive

A poor **defensive** record.



Developed with extreme delicacy and subtlety. delicate

Almost undetectable with even the most **delicate** instruments.

Using or marked by tact in dealing with sensitive matters or people. diplomatic

He tried his best to be **diplomatic**.

Easily destroyed or threatened. fragile You have a **fragile** grip on reality.

Easily hurt, worried, or offended. hypersensitive **Hypersensitive** to pollen.

Having or fostering a warm or friendly and informal atmosphere. intimate

**Intimate** friends.

kid-glove Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people.

(especially of a person or an instrument) excessively sensitive. oversensitive

Bentley was **oversensitive** to criticism.

Concerning or affecting a particular person or his or her private life

and personality. personal

He rejected the notion of a **personal** God.

Concerning things deeply private and personal. **private** 

Private lessons.

Having been granted a special honour. privileged

In the nineteenth century only a **privileged** few had the vote.

quick to respond to Accomplished rapidly and without delay.

(of the sun) characterized by a low level of surface phenomena, such

quiet as sunspots.

The street below was **quiet** little traffic braving the snow.

Brutally unfair or harsh.

raw There were a number of errors in the **raw** data.

Reacting to a stimulus. reactive to

Readily reacting or replying to people or events or stimuli; showing responsive to

emotion.

Showing reason or sound judgment. sensible

The **sensible** universe.

sentient of Consciously perceiving- W.A.White.

(of a part of one's body) painful or aching. sore

I didn t even know they were **sore** at us.

(of a mixture or effect) delicately complex and understated. **subtle** 

He tried a more **subtle** approach.



tactful Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people.

A tactful remark eased her embarrassment.

tender Hurting.

**Tender** loving care.

thin-skinned

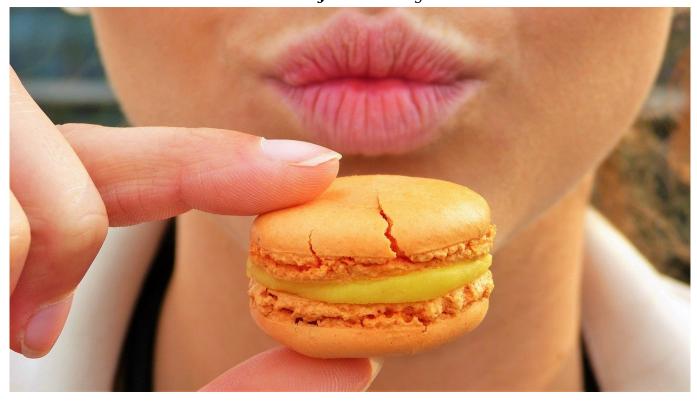
Quick to take offense.

thoughtful

Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.

How very **thoughtful** of you.

**touchy**Difficult to handle; requiring great tact.
She s a little **touchy** about her age.



# 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)

The capacity to be modified for a new use or purpose.

This is a good example of the **adaptability** of listed buildings.

Ability to move quickly and easily.

**agility** 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.



answering Replying.

An **answering** smile.

Having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or

perception.

cognizant Statesmen must be cognizant of the political boundaries within which

they work.

**considerate** Showing careful thought.

Friends **considerate** enough to leave us alone.

**contemplative** A person devoted to the contemplative life. She regarded me with a **contemplative** eye.

**dedicated** Solemnly dedicated to or set apart for a high purpose.

A chapel **dedicated** to the dead of World War II.

**delicate** A delicate fabric or garment.

A **delicate** sweet flavour.

The quality of bending easily without breaking.

I enjoyed the **flexibility** of the schedule.

**impressionable** Easily impressed or influenced.

An **impressionable** age.

labile Liable to change.

The breakage of **labile** bonds.

meditative Deeply or seriously thoughtful.

**Meditative** techniques.

**pensive** Showing pensive sadness.

A **pensive** mood.

Vote in an election at a polling station.

**poll** Over half of those **poll**ed do not believe the prime minister usually tells

the truth.

Show a response or a reaction to something.

Many babies **react** to soy based formulas.

reaction An analogous transformation of atomic nuclei or other particles.

The work of these painters was a **reaction** against Fauvism.

reactive Reacting to a stimulus.

Sodium is a **reactive** metal.

receptiveness Willingness or readiness to receive (especially impressions or ideas.

He was testing the government s **receptiveness** to reform.

reflective Produced by reflection.

**Reflective** clothing.



A statement either spoken or written that is made to reply to a question

**reply** or request or criticism or accusation.

Clough scored the first goal and Speed hit a late **reply**.

The codefendant especially in a divorce proceeding who is accused of

**respondent** adultery with the corespondent.

The **respondent** defendant.

(of a section of liturgy) using responses.

**responsive** Children are often the quickest and most **responsive** members of the

audience.

responsiveness Responsive to stimulation.

The **responsiveness** of the vehicle.

(often followed by `of' or `to') yielding readily to or capable of.

The problem is not **susceptible** of a simple solution.

thoughtful Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.

Her work is **thoughtful** and provocative.

**touched**Being excited or provoked to the expression of an emotion.

*Very* **touched** by the stranger s kindness.

touchy (of an issue or situation) requiring careful handling; delicate.

She s a little **touchy** about her age.

**unstable** Likely to give way; not stable.

Everything was **unstable** following the coup.

vulnerable Capable of being wounded or hurt.

An argument **vulnerable** to refutation.



