

Need another word that means the same as “sober”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “sober” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sober” are: drab, somber, sombre, serious, unplayful, grave, sedate, solemn, not drunk, not intoxicated, sensible, thoughtful, severe, earnest, staid, dignified, steady, level-headed, serious-minded, businesslike, commonsensical, pragmatic, restrained, conservative, unemotional, dispassionate, subdued, austere, sober up, become sober, become clear-headed, make sober, clear someone's head, become serious, become more serious, settle, settle down, relax, soften, cool, make serious, make more serious**

## Sober as a Verb

### Definitions of "Sober" as a verb

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

- *Make or become sober after drinking alcohol.*
- *Become sober after excessive alcohol consumption.*
- *Become more realistic.*
- *Cause to become sober.*
- *Make or become more serious, sensible, and solemn.*



## Synonyms of "Sober" as a verb (15 Words)

<b>become clear-headed</b>	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
<b>become more serious</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>become serious</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>become sober</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>clear someone's head</b>	Make as a net profit.
<b>cool</b>	Make cool or cooler. <i>We dived into the river to <b>cool</b> off.</i>
<b>make more serious</b>	Make, formulate, or derive in the mind.
<b>make serious</b>	Appear to begin an activity.
<b>make sober</b>	Carry out or commit.
<b>relax</b>	Cause to feel relaxed. <i><b>Relax</b> the leg by bringing the knee towards the chest.</i>

<b>settle</b>	End a legal dispute by arriving at a settlement. <i>He offered to <b>settle</b> 150 a year on her.</i>
<b>settle down</b>	Fix firmly.
<b>sober up</b>	Become more realistic.
<b>soften</b>	Undermine the resistance of (someone). <b>Soften</b> a shock.
<b>steady</b>	Make or become steady. <b>Steady</b> yourself.



## Usage Examples of "Sober" as a verb

- *After thinking about the potential consequences of his plan, he sobered up.*
- *That coffee sobered him up.*
- *His expression sobered her.*
- *Keep him in bed until he sobers up.*
- *A sobering thought.*
- *I ought to sober up a bit.*



## Sober as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sober" as an adjective

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

- *Dignified and somber in manner or character and committed to keeping promises.*
- *Muted in colour.*
- *Not affected by alcohol; not drunk.*
- *Serious, sensible, and solemn.*
- *Not affected by a chemical substance (especially alcohol).*
- *Lacking brightness or color; dull.*
- *Completely lacking in playfulness.*



## Synonyms of "Sober" as an adjective (28 Words)

### [austere](#)

Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor; forbidding in aspect.  
*Conditions in the prison could hardly be more **austere**.*

### **businesslike**

Not distracted by anything unrelated to the goal.  
*A **businesslike** grey suit.*

Exhibiting native good judgment.

**commonsensical** *Unlearned and **commonsensical** countryfolk were capable of solving problems that beset the more sophisticated.*

### [conservative](#)

Unimaginatively conventional.  
*They were very **conservative** in their outlook.*

### **dignified**

Having or expressing dignity; especially formality or stateliness in bearing or appearance.  
*Her **dignified** demeanor.*

### **dispassionate**

Unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice.  
*A journalist should be a **dispassionate** reporter of fact.*

<b>drab</b>	Causing dejection. <i>Drab camouflage uniforms.</i>
<b>earnest</b>	Sincerely earnest. <i>Both sides were deeply in <b>earnest</b> even passionate.</i>
<b>grave</b>	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A <b>grave</b> illness.</i>
<b>level-headed</b>	Exercising or showing good judgment.
<b>not drunk</b>	Stupefied or excited by a chemical substance (especially alcohol).
<b>not intoxicated</b>	Stupefied or excited by a chemical substance (especially alcohol).
<b>pragmatic</b>	Relating to pragmatics. <i>Not ideology but <b>pragmatic</b> politics.</i>
<b>restrained</b>	Under restraint. <i>The drawings with their <b>restrained</b> colours give a feeling of peace and contemplation.</i>
<b>sedate</b>	Quiet and rather dull. <i>In the old days business was carried on at a rather more <b>sedate</b> pace.</i>
<b>sensible</b>	(of a person) possessing or displaying prudence. <i>Mum always made me have <b>sensible</b> shoes.</i>
<b>serious</b>	Of great consequence. <i>Gave me a <b>serious</b> look.</i>
<b>serious-minded</b>	Acting with or showing thought and good sense.
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>A <b>severe</b> worldwide depression.</i>
<b>solemn</b>	Characterized by a firm and humorless belief in the validity of your opinions. <i>Tim looked very <b>solemn</b>.</i>
<b>somber</b>	Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>A suit of <b>somber</b> black.</i>
<b>sombre</b>	Lacking brightness or color; dull. <i>He looked at her with a <b>sombre</b> expression.</i>
<b>staid</b>	Sedate, respectable, and unadventurous. <i><b>Staid</b> law firms.</i>
<b>steady</b>	Securely in position; not shaky. <i><b>Steady</b> nerves.</i>
<b>subdued</b>	(of colour or lighting) soft and restrained. <i>I felt strangely <b>subdued</b> as I drove home.</i>

- thoughtful** Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.  
*Brows drawn together in **thoughtful** consideration.*
- unemotional** Unsusceptible to or destitute of or showing no emotion.  
*A flat **unemotional** voice.*
- unplayful** Completely lacking in playfulness.



## Usage Examples of "Sober" as an adjective

- *His expression became sober.*
- *As sober as a judge.*
- *Sober Puritan grey.*
- *A sober view of life.*
- *A sober grey suit.*



## Associations of "Sober" (30 Words)

- alcohol** A liquor or brew containing alcohol as the active agent.  
*He has not taken **alcohol** in twenty five years.*
- alcoholic** Suffering from alcoholism.  
*His **alcoholic** daughter was the cause of his anxiety.*
- bacchanal** A priest, worshipper, or follower of Bacchus.  
*The debauched and alcoholic president was said to be organizing unceasing **bacchanals**.*
- bacchanalian** Used of riotously drunken merrymaking.  
*A night of **bacchanalian** revelry.*
- beer** An alcoholic drink made from yeast-fermented malt flavoured with hops.  
*He ordered a **beer**.*
- bibulous** Given to or marked by the consumption of alcohol.  
*A **bibulous** evening.*



<b>carousal</b>	Revelry in drinking; a merry drinking party.
<b>carouse</b>	Revelry in drinking; a merry drinking party. <i>They danced and <b>caroused</b> until the drink ran out.</i>
<b>drink</b>	The act of drinking alcoholic beverages to excess. <i>He jumped into the <b>drink</b> and had to be rescued.</i>
<b>drunken</b>	Caused by or showing the effects of drink. <i>A <b>drunken</b> binge.</i>
<b>inebriate</b>	Make drunk (with alcoholic drinks). <i>He had been known to get hopelessly <b>inebriate</b>.</i>
<b><u>inebriated</u></b>	Stupefied or excited by a chemical substance (especially alcohol). <i>Helplessly <b>inebriated</b>.</i>
<b>inebriety</b>	Drunkenness, especially habitual; intoxication. <i>The ravages of <b>inebriety</b>.</i>
<b>intact</b>	(of a woman) having the hymen unbroken. <i>Fought to keep the union <b>intact</b>.</i>
<b>intoxicate</b>	Excite or exhilarate (someone). <i>We don't allow people into sessions if they are <b>intoxicated</b> by alcohol or drugs.</i>
<b><u>intoxicated</u></b>	As if under the influence of alcohol. <i>He was so <b>intoxicated</b> that he could barely walk.</i>
<b>intoxication</b>	A temporary state resulting from excessive consumption of alcohol. <i>The <b>intoxication</b> of fame.</i>
<b>oaf</b>	A man who is rough or clumsy and unintelligent. <i>They are just big clumsy <b>oafs</b>.</i>
<b>plastered</b>	(of walls) covered with a coat of plaster. <i>I went out and got totally <b>plastered</b>.</i>
<b>reveler</b>	A celebrant who shares in a noisy party. <i>The clubs attract <b>revelers</b> as young as thirteen.</i>
<b><u>revelry</u></b>	Unrestrained merrymaking. <i>Sounds of <b>revelry</b> issued into the night.</i>
<b>sobriety</b>	Abstaining from excess. <i>The price of beer compelled me to maintain a certain level of <b>sobriety</b>.</i>
<b>spree</b>	Take part in a spree. <i>Crews were seldom going ashore and therefore seldom going on the <b>spree</b>.</i>
<b><u>stupor</u></b>	A state of near-unconsciousness or insensibility. <i>Someone stole his wallet while he was in a drunken <b>stupor</b>.</i>

- tipple** Drink moderately but regularly.  
*We **tipped** the cognac.*
- tipsy** Slightly intoxicated.  
***Tipsy** revellers.*
- wakeful** Marked by full consciousness or alertness.  
*He had been **wakeful** all night.*

