

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)

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

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

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

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

