

Need another word that means the same as "theoretical"? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for "theoretical" in this overview.

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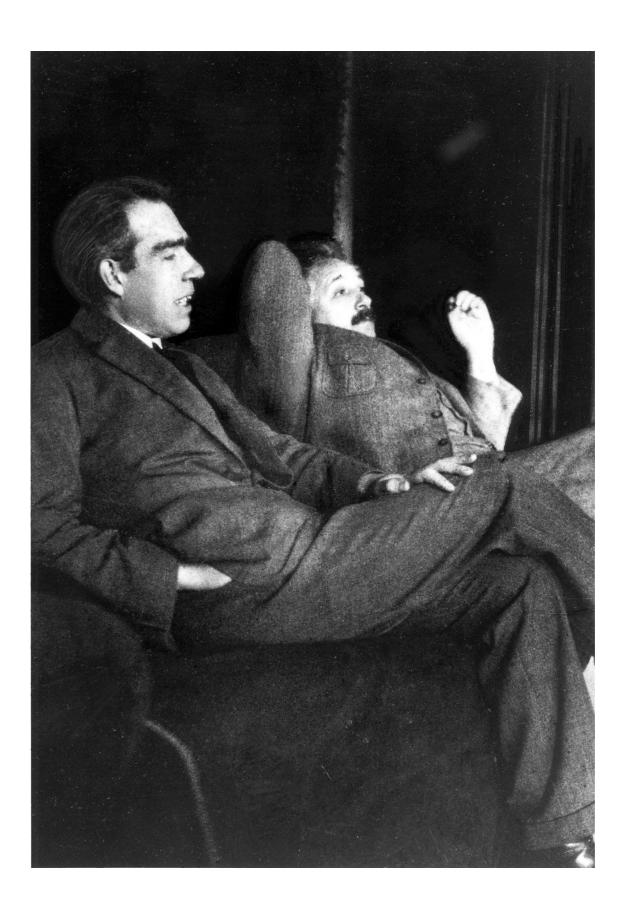
Theoretical as an Adjective

Definitions of "Theoretical" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "theoretical" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- Concerned with or involving the theory of a subject or area of study rather than its practical application.
- Concerned with theories rather than their practical applications.
- Concerned primarily with theories or hypotheses rather than practical considerations.
- Based on or calculated through theory rather than experience or practice.







Synonyms of "Theoretical" as an adjective (17 Words)

Dealing with a subject in the abstract without practical purpose or

<u>abstract</u> intention.

Abstract words like truth and justice.

academic Not of practical relevance; of only theoretical interest.

Students resplendent in **academic** dress.

assumed Adopted as a basis of reasoning; expected.

An **assumed** name.

conceptualBeing or characterized by concepts or their formation.

The schizophrenic loses ability to abstract or do **conceptual** thinking.

conjecturalBased on or involving conjecture.

Theories about the extinction of dinosaurs are still highly **conjectural**.

hypotheticalBased on or serving as a hypothesis.

The hypothetical tenth planet

The **hypothetical** tenth planet.

imagined (of something unreal or untrue) believed to exist or be so.

They suffered from ill health real or **imagined** throughout their lives.

not practical Having or put to a practical purpose or use.

Denoting or relating to an approach to grammar which is dependent on

the definition of terminology (e.g. 'a verb is a doing word') as opposed to

notional identification of structures and processes.

Notional budgets for hospital and community health services.

Making a request or plea.

The resemblance is somewhat **postulatory**.

Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or

pure black.

Pure oxygen.

speculative Showing curiosity.

He was involved in **speculative** building.

suppositional Based primarily on surmise rather than adequate evidence.

Concerned primarily with theories or hypotheses rather than practical

theoretic considerations.

Theoretical science.

(of a new method, system, or treatment) not tried and tested.

The risks are **unproven**.

Unsupported by other evidence.

unsubstantiated onsupported by other evidence.

Unsubstantiated claims.



untested

Not yet proved or subjected to testing. *Still untested in battle.*



Usage Examples of "Theoretical" as an adjective

- A theoretical physicist.
- Theoretical science.
- Theoretical physics.
- The training is practical rather than theoretical.
- The theoretical value of their work.

Associations of "Theoretical" (30 Words)

abstract

Consider a concept without thinking of a specific example consider abstractly or theoretically.

A big unframed **abstract**.



Concerned with concrete problems or data rather than with fundamental

principles.

applied
Technical problems in medicine engineering economics and other applied

disciplines.

confute Prove to be false.

Restorers who sought to **confute** this view were accused of ignorance.

A hypothesis that has been formed by speculating or conjecturing (usually

conjecture with little hard evidence.

Many conjectured that the jury could not agree.

A small side table, shelf, or niche in a church for holding the elements of

credence the Eucharist before they are consecrated.

Psychoanalysis finds little **credence** among laymen.

Prove that (something) is false.

disprove He has given the Department of Transport two months to **disprove** the

allegation.

The theories or methods of the ancient Eclectic philosophers, who did not

eclecticism belong to or found any recognized school of thought but selected doctrines

from various schools of thought.

We ve demonstrated an appetite for musical **eclecticism**.

extrapolation Calculation of the value of a function outside the range of known values.

Sizes were estimated by **extrapolation**.

guessPut forward of a guess in spite of possible refutation.

I **guess** she is angry at me for standing her up.

An estimate based on little or no information.

quesswork Answering this question will involve you in a certain amount of

quesswork.

A proposition made as a basis for reasoning, without any assumption of its

hypothesis truth

His steady state **hypothesis** of the origin of the universe.

To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds.

hypothesizeTo be able to **hypothesize** is important.

hypothetical A hypothetical proposition or statement.

Consider the following just as a **hypothetical**.

ideational Relating to the formation of ideas or concepts.

Policy has been shaped by both material and **ideational** factors.

• Form a mental image or concept of.

imagine
She imagined him at his desk his head in his hands.



inductive Relating to or caused by electric or magnetic induction.

Inductive reasoning.

inference The process of inferring something.

His emphasis on order and health and by **inference** cleanliness.

metaphysical The metaphysical poets.

The essentially **metaphysical** question of the nature of mind.

neurobiologist A specialist in neurobiology.

Purported; commonly put forth or accepted as true on inconclusive

putative grounds.

The foundling s **putative** father.

Endowed with the capacity to reason.

reasoning

He explained the reasoning behind his decision at a media conference.

Gossip (usually a mixture of truth and untruth) passed around by word of

rumour mouth.

She is **rumour**ed to have gone into hiding.

Reflect deeply on a subject.

He didn t look as though he had the money to **speculate** in shares.

Investment in stocks, property, etc. in the hope of gain but with the risk of

speculation loss

The company s move into property **speculation**.

speculative Not based on fact or investigation.

He gave her a **speculative** glance.

Expect believe or suppose.

The theory **suppose**s a predisposition to interpret utterances.

Doubtful or suspect.

supposedHe was **supposed** to go to the store.

A belief held without proof or certain knowledge; an assumption or

supposition hypothesis.

Their outrage was based on **supposition** and hearsay.

theorize Create a theoretical premise or framework for.

Galileo **theorize**d the motion of the stars.

A supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something,

especially one based on general principles independent of the thing to be

theory explained.

He proposed a fresh **theory** of alkalis that later was accepted in chemical

practices.