

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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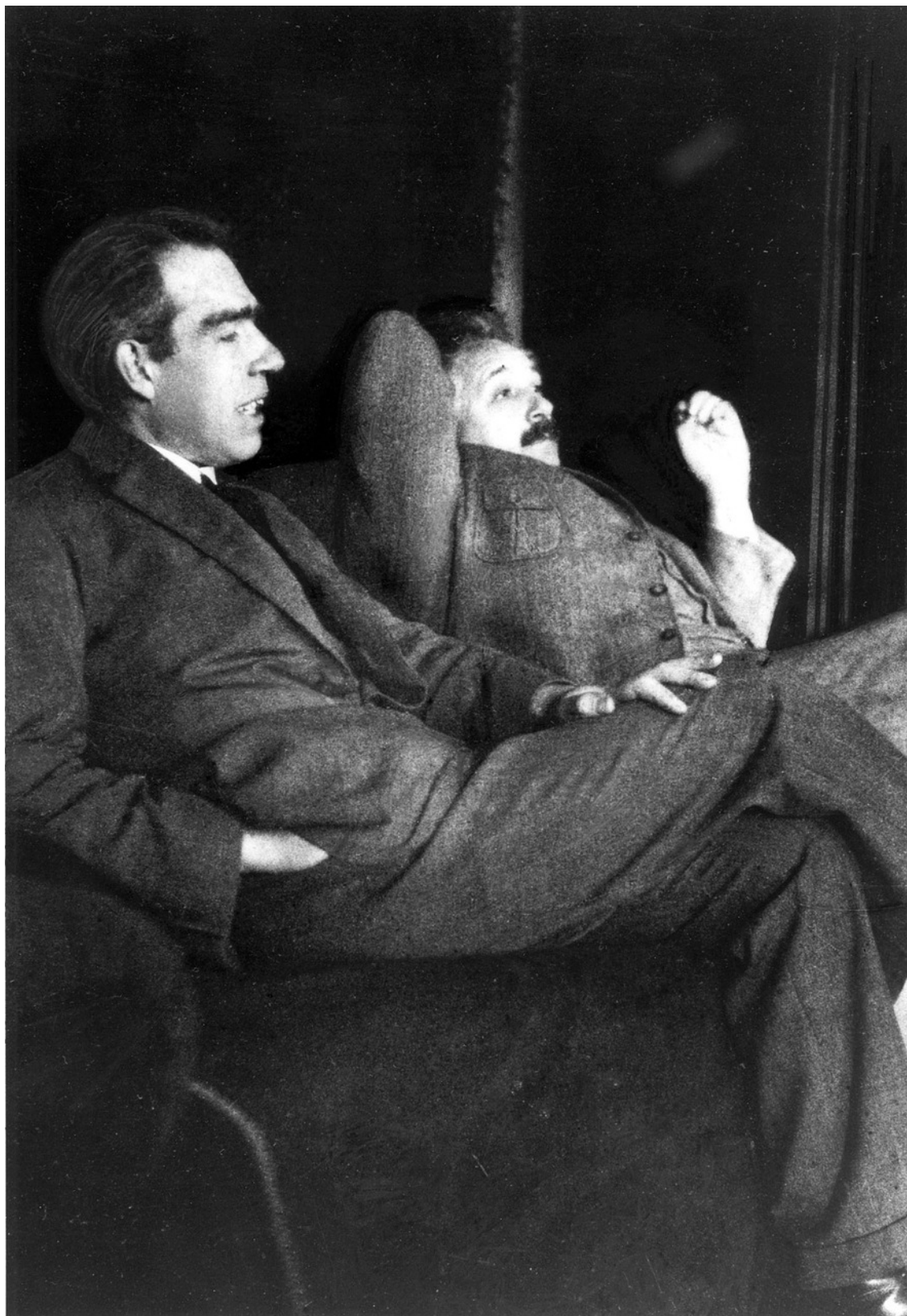
**The synonyms of “Theoretical” are: theoretic, not practical, conceptual, abstract, pure, hypothetical, conjectural, academic, suppositional, speculative, notional, postulatory, imagined, assumed, untested, unproven, unsubstantiated**

## 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)

<b><u>abstract</u></b>	Dealing with a subject in the abstract without practical purpose or intention. <i><b>Abstract</b> words like truth and justice.</i>
<b>academic</b>	Not of practical relevance; of only theoretical interest. <i>Students resplendent in <b>academic</b> dress.</i>
<b><u>assumed</u></b>	Adopted as a basis of reasoning; expected. <i>An <b>assumed</b> name.</i>
<b><u>conceptual</u></b>	Being or characterized by concepts or their formation. <i>The schizophrenic loses ability to abstract or do <b>conceptual</b> thinking.</i>
<b>conjectural</b>	Based on or involving conjecture. <i>Theories about the extinction of dinosaurs are still highly <b>conjectural</b>.</i>
<b>hypothetical</b>	Based on or serving as a hypothesis. <i>The <b>hypothetical</b> tenth planet.</i>
<b>imagined</b>	(of something unreal or untrue) believed to exist or be so. <i>They suffered from ill health real or <b>imagined</b> throughout their lives.</i>
<b>not practical</b>	Having or put to a practical purpose or use.
<b>notional</b>	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 identification of structures and processes. <i><b>Notional</b> budgets for hospital and community health services.</i>
<b>postulatory</b>	Making a request or plea. <i>The resemblance is somewhat <b>postulatory</b>.</i>
<b><u>pure</u></b>	Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i><b>Pure</b> oxygen.</i>
<b>speculative</b>	Showing curiosity. <i>He was involved in <b>speculative</b> building.</i>
<b>suppositional</b>	Based primarily on surmise rather than adequate evidence.
<b>theoretic</b>	Concerned primarily with theories or hypotheses rather than practical considerations. <i><b>Theoretic</b> science.</i>
<b><u>unproven</u></b>	(of a new method, system, or treatment) not tried and tested. <i>The risks are <b>unproven</b>.</i>
<b>unsubstantiated</b>	Unsupported by other evidence. <i><b>Unsubstantiated</b> claims.</i>

## 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**.*



<b><u>applied</u></b>	Concerned with concrete problems or data rather than with fundamental principles. <i>Technical problems in medicine engineering economics and other <b>applied</b> disciplines.</i>
<b>confute</b>	Prove to be false. <i>Restorers who sought to <b>confute</b> this view were accused of ignorance.</i>
<b><u>conjecture</u></b>	A hypothesis that has been formed by speculating or conjecturing (usually with little hard evidence). <i>Many <b>conjectured</b> that the jury could not agree.</i>
<b>credence</b>	A small side table, shelf, or niche in a church for holding the elements of the Eucharist before they are consecrated. <i>Psychoanalysis finds little <b>credence</b> among laymen.</i>
<b><u>disprove</u></b>	Prove that (something) is false. <i>He has given the Department of Transport two months to <b>disprove</b> the allegation.</i>
<b>eclecticism</b>	The theories or methods of the ancient Eclectic philosophers, who did not belong to or found any recognized school of thought but selected doctrines from various schools of thought. <i>We ve demonstrated an appetite for musical <b>eclecticism</b>.</i>
<b>extrapolation</b>	Calculation of the value of a function outside the range of known values. <i>Sizes were estimated by <b>extrapolation</b>.</i>
<b>guess</b>	Put forward of a guess in spite of possible refutation. <i>I <b>guess</b> she is angry at me for standing her up.</i>
<b>guesswork</b>	An estimate based on little or no information. <i>Answering this question will involve you in a certain amount of <b>guesswork</b>.</i>
<b>hypothesis</b>	A proposition made as a basis for reasoning, without any assumption of its truth. <i>His steady state <b>hypothesis</b> of the origin of the universe.</i>
<b><u>hypothesize</u></b>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. <i>To be able to <b>hypothesize</b> is important.</i>
<b>hypothetical</b>	A hypothetical proposition or statement. <i>Consider the following just as a <b>hypothetical</b>.</i>
<b>ideational</b>	Relating to the formation of ideas or concepts. <i>Policy has been shaped by both material and <b>ideational</b> factors.</i>
<b><u>imagine</u></b>	Form a mental image or concept of. <i>She <b>imagined</b> him at his desk his head in his hands.</i>

<b>inductive</b>	Relating to or caused by electric or magnetic induction. <i><b>Inductive</b> reasoning.</i>
<b>inference</b>	The process of inferring something. <i>His emphasis on order and health and by <b>inference</b> cleanliness.</i>
<u>metaphysical</u>	The metaphysical poets. <i>The essentially <b>metaphysical</b> question of the nature of mind.</i>
<b>neurobiologist</b>	A specialist in neurobiology.
<b>putative</b>	Purported; commonly put forth or accepted as true on inconclusive grounds. <i>The foundling s <b>putative</b> father.</i>
<u>reasoning</u>	Endowed with the capacity to reason. <i>He explained the <b>reasoning</b> behind his decision at a media conference.</i>
<b>rumour</b>	Gossip (usually a mixture of truth and untruth) passed around by word of mouth. <i>She is <b>rumoured</b> to have gone into hiding.</i>
<u>speculate</u>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>He didn t look as though he had the money to <b>speculate</b> in shares.</i>
<b>speculation</b>	Investment in stocks, property, etc. in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss. <i>The company s move into property <b>speculation</b>.</i>
<b>speculative</b>	Not based on fact or investigation. <i>He gave her a <b>speculative</b> glance.</i>
<u>suppose</u>	Expect believe or suppose. <i>The theory <b>supposes</b> a predisposition to interpret utterances.</i>
<u>supposed</u>	Doubtful or suspect. <i>He was <b>supposed</b> to go to the store.</i>
<b>supposition</b>	A belief held without proof or certain knowledge; an assumption or hypothesis. <i>Their outrage was based on <b>supposition</b> and hearsay.</i>
<u>theorize</u>	Create a theoretical premise or framework for. <i>Galileo <b>theorized</b> the motion of the stars.</i>
<u>theory</u>	A supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something, especially one based on general principles independent of the thing to be explained. <i>He proposed a fresh <b>theory</b> of alkalis that later was accepted in chemical practices.</i>