

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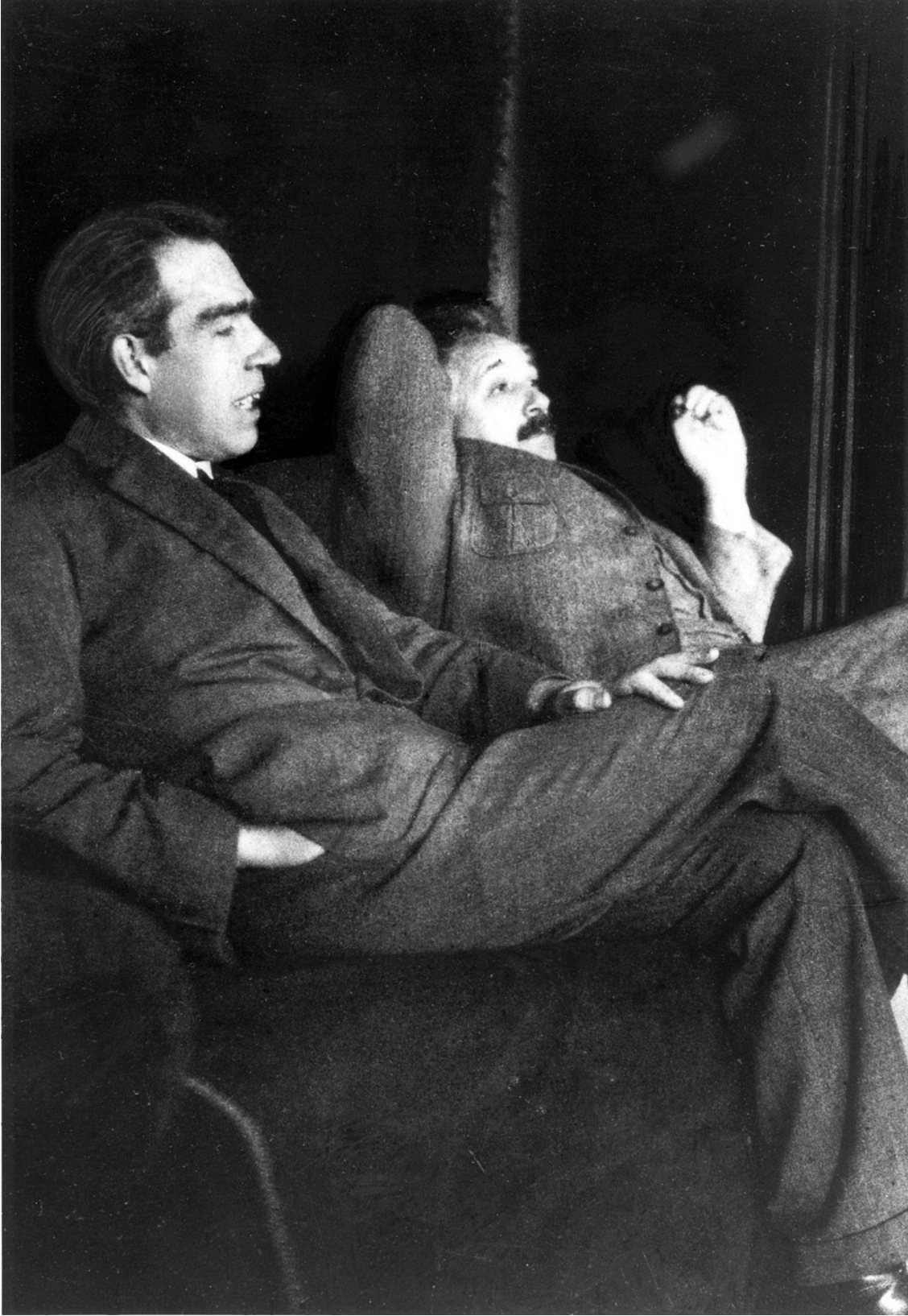
The synonyms of “Theoretical” are: theoretic, not practical, conceptual, abstract, pure, hypothetical, conjectural, academic, suppositional, speculative, notional, postulatory, imagined, assumed, untested, unproven, unsubstantiated

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)

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

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

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