

ROOT: "Pensare" (adjective)

Pensive derives from the late 14th Century word *pensif* meaning 'sad, sorrowful, melancholy' and 'engaged in serious thought, meditative, contemplative', which stems from Old French *penser* 'to think'. *Penser* comes from the Latin *pensare* meaning 'weigh, consider'. Today, pensive means to be engaged in, or reflecting deep or serious thought.

Type of word: adjective

2 syllables: pen-siv

SYNONYMS:

- Thoughtful
- Thinking
- Reflective
- Contemplative
- Introspective
- Musing
- Meditative
- Engrossed
- Absorbed
- Inward-looking

ANTONYMS:

- Thoughtless
- Negligent
- Uncaring
- Shallow
- Absent-minded
- Apathetic
- Impulsive
- Flippant

PENSIVE

Rainy days often put her in a **pensive** mood.

EXAMPLES:

The child sat by themselves, looking **pensive**.

QUOTES:

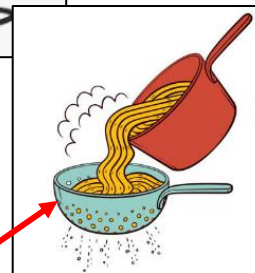
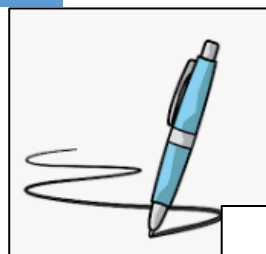
"For oft, when on my couch I lie in vacant or in pensive mood they flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude."

William Wordsworth

"Pensive they sit, and roll their languid eyes."

John Keats

HOW I REMEMBER THE WORD



HOW TO BE PENSIVE:

- IF A SERIOUS SITUATION ARISES
- INSTEAD OF BRUSHING IT OFF AND BEING FLIPPANT, YOU CHOOSE TO REFLECT ON THE SITUATION
- YOU CONTEMPLATE YOUR THOUGHTS AND THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT SOMETHING
- You are **pensive**! Essentially, to be **pensive** you must engage in deep thought, and be reflective.