

cautious

['kɔ:ʃəs] *a*

осторожный, осмотрительный, предусмотрительный

cautious man - осторожный человек

cautious policy - осмотрительная/осторожная/ политика

a cautious choice of words - тщательный выбор слов, осторожное высказывание

cautious in one's movement - передвигающийся с осторожностью

be cautious how you step - осторожнее, смотрите, куда идёте

cautious not to disturb the sleepers - стараюсь не разбудить спящих

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cau-tious *BrE* ['kɔ:ʃəs] *NAmE* ['kɔ:ʃəs] *adjective*

being careful about what you say or do, especially to avoid danger or mistakes; not taking any risks

- The government has been cautious in its response to the report.
- They've taken a very **cautious approach**.
- They expressed cautious optimism about a solution to the crisis.
- ~ **about sb/sth** | ~ **about doing sth** He was very cautious about committing himself to anything.

Derived Words ↑cautiously ▪ ↑cautiousness

Word Origin:

[**cautious cautiously cautiousness**] mid 17th cent.: from ↑caution, on the pattern of pairs such as ambition, ambitious.

Which Word?:

cautious / careful

A cautious person is nervous that something may be dangerous or unwise, so they only do it very slowly or after a lot of thought. (opposite= rash)

A careful person is not nervous but does take extra care to make sure that everything is correct or nothing goes wrong. (opposite= careless)

Notice also:

- Be careful ▪ / ▪ Take care ▪ when you drive on icy roads.
- Caution ▪ / ▪ Warning ▪ - thin ice.

Example Bank:

- He accused the government of being unduly cautious.
- He warned us to be cautious of accepting their statements as fact.
- Her experiences have made her cautious.
- What's made you so suddenly cautious?
- cautious about spending money
- They've taken a very cautious approach.

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careful to avoid danger or risks ⇒ **caution**:

- a cautious driver
- a cautious approach to the crisis
- The air-pollution board has reacted with cautious optimism to the announcement.

cautious about (doing) something

- Keller is cautious about making predictions for the success of the program.

—cautiously *adverb*:

- The government responded cautiously to the move.

—cautiousness *noun* [uncountable]

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