

discreet[dis'kri:t] *a*

осторожный, осмотрительный рассудительный; благоразумный; сдержанный; скромный

discreet diplomat - осторожный дипломат

discreet moderation - разумное воздержание

discreet question - тактичный вопрос

discreet smile - сдержанная улыбка

we maintained /kept/ a discreet silence - мы благоразумно /тактично/ молчали

he is an absolutely discreet man - он воплощённое благоразумие, он сама осмотрительность

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dis·creet *BrE* [dɪ'skri:t] *NAmE* [dɪ'skri:t] *adjective*

careful in what you say or do, in order to keep sth secret or to avoid causing embarrassment or difficulty for sb

Syn: ↑tactful

- He was always very discreet about his love affairs.
- You ought to make a few discreet enquiries before you sign anything.
- A discreet glance at the clock told me the interview had lasted an hour.

Derived Word ↑discreetly**Word Origin:**[**discreet discreetly**] Middle English: from Old French **discret**, from Latin **discretus** 'separate', past participle of **discernere** 'discern', the sense arising from late Latin **discretio** 'separation', from **discernere**, from **dis-** 'apart' + **cernere** 'to separate'.

Compare with ↑discrete.

Word Family:**discreet** *adjective* (≠indiscreet)**discretion** *noun* (≠indiscretion)**discreet**

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di·screet /dɪ'skri:t *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** discret, from Latin discretus, past participle of discernere; ⇒ ↑discern]1. careful about what you say or do, so that you do not offend, upset, or embarrass people or tell secrets **OPP indiscreet:**

" He assured her that he would be discreet.

" I stood back at a discreet distance.

2. small and showing good taste or judgment – use this to show approval:

" discreet jewelry

—discreetly *adverb***discreet**

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