

preoccupation

[pri,ɒkjʊ'peɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) завладение имуществом раньше другого
 - 2) занятие участка, места *u m. n.* раньше другого
 2. 1) озабоченность; занятость, поглощённость (*чем-л.*)
 - 2) забота
- my greatest preoccupation - самая большая моя забота

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pre-occu-pa-tion [preoccupation preoccupations] *BrE* [pri,ɒkjʊ'peɪʃn] [Ⓜ] *NAmE*

[pri,ɑːkjʊˈpeɪʃ] [Ⓜ] *noun*

1. **uncountable, countable** ~ (with sth) a state of thinking about sth continuously; sth that you think about frequently or for a long time
Syn: †obsession
 - She found his preoccupation with money irritating.
 - His current preoccupation is the appointment of the new manager.
2. **uncountable** a mood created by thinking or worrying about sth and ignoring everything else
 - She spoke slowly, in a state of preoccupation.

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (first used in rhetoric in the sense 'anticipating and meeting objections beforehand'): from Latin *praeoccupatio*(n-), from *praeoccupare* 'seize beforehand' .

Example Bank:

- Their chief preoccupation was how to feed their families.
- his growing preoccupation with death
- his lifelong preoccupation with Chinese art forms
- our society's unhealthy preoccupation with women's bodies
- Erika had her own preoccupations.
- His later work reflects a growing preoccupation with death.
- She is very attuned to the current preoccupations of senior management.
- The contract threatened to become a major preoccupation for Laura.

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1. [**singular, uncountable**] when someone thinks or worries about something a lot, with the result that they do not pay attention to other things
preoccupation with
 - the current preoccupation with sex and scandal
 - The management's preoccupation with costs and profits resulted in a drop in quality and customer service.
2. [**countable**] something that you give all your attention to
main/chief/central etc preoccupation
 - Their main preoccupation was how to feed their families.

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