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se·ri·ous adjective \ˈsir-ē-əs\

Definition of SERIOUS

- 1 : thoughtful or subdued in appearance or manner : SOBER <a quiet, serious girl>
2 a : requiring much thought or work <serious study> b : of or relating to a matter of importance <a serious play>
3 a : not joking or trifling : being in earnest <a serious question> b archaic : PIOUS
c : deeply interested : DEVOTED <a serious musician>
4 a : not easily answered or solved <serious objections> b : having important or dangerous possible consequences <a serious injury>
5 : excessive or impressive in quality, quantity, extent, or degree <serious stereo equipment> <making serious money> <serious drinking>

— se·ri·ous·ness noun

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Examples of SERIOUS

"You sound terrible." "It's just a bad cold. Nothing serious."
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a *serious* novel about modern life

The story raises *serious* questions about our system of justice.

Dog shows are a *serious* business.

She is a *serious* cyclist who rides 200 miles each week.

Origin of SERIOUS

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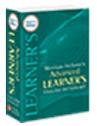
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