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so·ber *adjective*

so·ber·er | **so·ber·est**

Definition of SOBER

1 **a** : sparing in the use of food and drink : **ABSTEMIOUS**
b : not addicted to intoxicating drink
c : not drunk

2 : marked by sedate or gravely or earnestly thoughtful character or demeanor

3 : **UNHURRIED**, **CALM**

4 : marked by temperance, moderation, or seriousness <a *sober* candlelight vigil>

5 : subdued in tone or color

6 : showing no excessive or extreme qualities of fancy, emotion, or prejudice

— **so·ber·ly** *adverb*
— **so·ber·ness** *noun*

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Examples of SOBER

- I'm driving, so I have to stay *sober* tonight.
- He is a *sober*, hardworking farmer.
- The story is a *sober* look at drug abuse.
- Illness is a *sober* reminder of our mortality.
- The article is a *sober* reflection on the state of our nation.

Origin of SOBER

Middle English *sobre*, from Anglo-French, from Latin *sobrius*; akin to Latin *ebrius* drunk

First Known Use: 14th century

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Definition of SOBER

transitive verb

: to make sober

intransitive verb

: to become sober —usually used with *up*

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Examples of SOBER

- He returned home from the war, saddened and *sobered* by his experiences.

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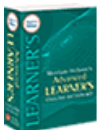


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