

Need another word that means the same as “capricious”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “capricious” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Capricious” are: impulsive, whimsical, freakish, fickle, inconstant, changeable, variable, unstable, mercurial, volatile, erratic, vacillating, irregular, inconsistent, fitful, arbitrary, unpredictable, uncertain, turbulent, unsteady, unsettled, unreliable, undependable, changing, ever-changing, varying, shifting, fluctuating, fluid, mutable, protean, wavering, full of ups and downs

## Capricious as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Capricious" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “capricious” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Changeable.*
- *Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour.*
- *Changing according to no discernible rules; unpredictable.*
- *Determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason.*

### Synonyms of "Capricious" as an adjective (33 Words)

#### [arbitrary](#)

Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.  
*The **arbitrary** rule of a dictator.*

#### changeable

Able to be changed or exchanged.  
*A **changeable** climate.*

#### changing

Marked by continuous change or effective action.

<u>erratic</u>	Liabile to sudden unpredictable change. <i><b>Erratic</b> winds are the bane of a sailor.</i>
<b>ever-changing</b>	Marked by continuous change or effective action.
<b>fickle</b>	Marked by erratic changeableness in affections or attachments. <i><b>Fickle</b> friends.</i>
<b>fitful</b>	Active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady. <i><b>Fitful</b> bursts of energy.</i>
<b>fluctuating</b>	Rising and falling irregularly in number or amount. <i>A <b>fluctuating</b> level of demand.</i>
<u>fluid</u>	Characteristic of a fluid capable of flowing and easily changing shape. <i>Britain is not a truly <b>fluid</b> society.</i>
<b>freakish</b>	Characteristic of a freak. <i>A <b>freakish</b> combination of styles.</i>
<b>full of ups and downs</b>	Filled to satisfaction with food or drink.
<b>impulsive</b>	Characterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation. <i>An <b>impulsive</b> force.</i>
<b>inconsistent</b>	Not compatible or in keeping with. <i><b>Inconsistent</b> statements cannot both be true at the same time.</i>
<b>inconstant</b>	Frequently changing; variable or irregular. <i>Swear not by the <b>inconstant</b> moon.</i>
<u>irregular</u>	Not even or balanced in shape or arrangement. <i>Highly <b>irregular</b> behavior.</i>
<u>mercurial</u>	Of or containing the element mercury. <i>His <b>mercurial</b> temperament.</i>
<b>mutable</b>	Tending to undergo genetic mutation. <i>The fickle and <b>mutable</b> nature of truth.</i>
<b>protean</b>	Taking on different forms. <i>It is difficult to comprehend the whole of this <b>protean</b> subject.</i>
<b>shifting</b>	Unstable. <i>Diverse districts with <b>shifting</b> demographics.</i>
<u>turbulent</u>	(of a liquid) agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence. <i>A <b>turbulent</b> and unruly childhood.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>She spoke in no <b>uncertain</b> terms.</i>

<b>undependable</b>	Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i>An <b>undependable</b> assistant.</i>
<b><u>unpredictable</u></b>	Not able to be predicted; changeable. <i>The <b>unpredictable</b> weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
<b>unreliable</b>	Lacking a sense of responsibility. <i>In the early 1950s computers were large and expensive and <b>unreliable</b>.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Worried and uneasy. <i><b>Unsettled</b> weather with rain and hail and sunshine coming one right after the other.</i>
<b><u>unstable</u></b>	Subject to change; variable. <i>An <b>unstable</b> world economy.</i>
<b><u>unsteady</u></b>	Liabile to fall or shake; not steady in position. <i>He was very <b>unsteady</b> on his feet.</i>
<b>vacillating</b>	Uncertain in purpose or action. <i>He was accused of <b>vacillating</b> leadership.</i>
<b>variable</b>	(of a wind) tending to change direction. <i>The quality of hospital food is highly <b>variable</b>.</i>
<b><u>varying</u></b>	Differing in size, amount, degree, or nature. <i>The <b>varying</b> angles of roof slope.</i>
<b><u>volatile</u></b>	(of a substance) easily evaporated at normal temperatures. <i><b>Volatile</b> emotions.</i>
<b>wavering</b>	Undecided between two opinions or courses of action. <i>The move brought back <b>wavering</b> voters.</i>
<b><u>whimsical</u></b>	Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way. <i>A <b>whimsical</b> sense of humour.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Capricious" as an adjective

- *A capricious climate.*
- *Authoritarian rulers are frequently capricious.*
- *A capricious refusal.*
- *A capricious summer breeze.*
- *A capricious and often brutal administration.*

## Associations of "Capricious" (30 Words)

<b>anomalous</b>	Deviating from the general or common order or type. <i>Advanced forms of life may be <b>anomalous</b> in the universe.</i>
<b><u>arbitrary</u></b>	Based on or subject to individual discretion or preference or sometimes impulse or caprice. <i>An <b>arbitrary</b> choice.</i>
<b>arrhythmic</b>	Lacking a steady rhythm. <i>An <b>arrhythmic</b> heartbeat.</i>
<b>changeable</b>	Subject to change. <i>Cover the tables with <b>changeable</b> cloths.</i>
<b>defuse</b>	Remove the triggering device from. <i>A scheme that teaches officers how to <b>defuse</b> potentially explosive situations.</i>
<b><u>erratic</u></b>	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i>Her breathing was <b>erratic</b>.</i>
<b>fickle</b>	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i><b>Fickle</b> weather.</i>
<b><u>impulse</u></b>	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>He was a man of <b>impulse</b> not premeditation.</i>
<b>impulsive</b>	Without forethought. <i>The approaching waves contain an <b>impulsive</b> component.</i>
<b>inconstant</b>	Likely to change frequently often without apparent or cogent reason; variable. <i>The exact dimensions aren't easily measured since they are <b>inconstant</b>.</i>
<b><u>insecure</u></b>	(of a job or situation) liable to change for the worse; not permanent or settled. <i>Badly paid and <b>insecure</b> jobs.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	A member of an irregular armed force that fights a stronger force by sabotage and harassment. <i>She led a somewhat <b>irregular</b> private life.</i>
<b><u>mercurial</u></b>	Of or containing the element mercury. <i>For twenty years organic <b>mercurials</b> were the most potent diuretics in clinical use.</i>
<b><u>precarious</u></b>	Not secure; beset with difficulties. <i>He made a <b>precarious</b> living as a painter.</i>

<b>quicksilver</b>	A heavy silvery toxic univalent and bivalent metallic element; the only metal that is liquid at ordinary temperatures. <i>His <b>quicksilver</b> wit.</i>
<b>random</b>	Made, done, or happening without method or conscious decision. <i>Apparently <b>random</b> violence.</i>
<u><b>shaky</b></u>	Unstable because of poor construction or heavy use. <i>After a <b>shaky</b> start the Scottish team made superb efforts.</i>
<b>shifting</b>	Continuously varying. <i><b>Shifting</b> sands.</i>
<u><b>uncertain</b></u>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>An <b>uncertain</b> future.</i>
<u><b>uncertainty</b></u>	Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance. <i>Times of <b>uncertainty</b> and danger.</i>
<u><b>unfaithful</b></u>	Not faithful. <i>You haven't been <b>unfaithful</b> to him have you.</i>
<u><b>unpredictable</b></u>	Not occurring at expected times. <i>The <b>unpredictable</b> weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
<b>unreliable</b>	Not able to be relied upon. <i><b>Unreliable</b> information.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Worried and uneasy. <i>One question remains <b>unsettled</b>.</i>
<u><b>unstable</b></u>	Prone to psychiatric problems or sudden changes of mood. <i>He was mentally <b>unstable</b>.</i>
<u><b>unsteady</b></u>	Liable to fall or shake; not steady in position. <i>An <b>unsteady</b> voice.</i>
<b>vagary</b>	An unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour. <i>The vagaries of the weather.</i>
<b>variable</b>	A symbol like x or y that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a variable quantity. <i><b>Variable</b> winds.</i>
<u><b>volatile</b></u>	A volatile substance a substance that changes readily from solid or liquid to a vapor. <i>A flirt's <b>volatile</b> affections.</i>
<u><b>whim</b></u>	A sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained. <i>He had a <b>whimsy</b> about flying to the moon.</i>