

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)

<u>arbitrary</u>	Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system. <i>The arbitrary rule of a dictator.</i>
changeable	Able to be changed or exchanged. <i>A changeable climate.</i>
changing	Marked by continuous change or effective action.

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

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

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

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