

Need another word that means the same as “complicated”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “complicated” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Complicated” are: complex, intricate, involved, convoluted, tangled, elaborate, impenetrable, knotty, tricky, thorny, serpentine, labyrinthine, tortuous, cumbersome, byzantine, gordian**

## **Complicated as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Complicated" as an adjective**

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

- *Involving many different and confusing aspects.*
- *Consisting of many interconnecting parts or elements; intricate.*
- *Difficult to analyze or understand.*
- *Involving complications.*



## Synonyms of "Complicated" as an adjective (16 Words)

- byzantine** Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious.
- complex** Denoting or involving numbers or quantities containing both a real and an imaginary part.  
*A **complex** network of water channels.*
- convoluted** Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious.  
*The film is let down by a **convoluted** plot in which nothing really happens.*
- cumbersome** Slow or complicated and therefore inefficient.  
*His **cumbersome** writing style.*

<b>elaborate</b>	(of an action) lengthy and exaggerated. <i><b>Elaborate</b> wrought iron gates.</i>
<b>gordian</b>	Extremely intricate; usually in phrase `Gordian knot.
<b>impenetrable</b>	Permitting little if any light to pass through because of denseness of matter. <i><b>Impenetrable</b> jargon.</i>
<b>intricate</b>	Very complicated or detailed. <i><b>Intricate</b> lacework.</i>
<b><u>involved</u></b>	Emotionally involved. <i>The difficulties in which the question is <b>involved</b>.</i>
<b>knotty</b>	Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe. <i>A <b>knotty</b> legal problem.</i>
<b><u>labyrinthine</u></b>	Relating to or affecting or originating in the inner ear. <i><b>Labyrinthine</b> plots and counterplots.</i>
<b>serpentine</b>	Winding and twisting like a snake. <i>A <b>serpentine</b> wall.</i>
<b><u>tangled</u></b>	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. <i>A <b>tangled</b> tale.</i>
<b>thorny</b>	Bristling with perplexities. <i>The <b>thorny</b> question of states rights.</i>
<b><u>tortuous</u></b>	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. <i>A <b>tortuous</b> argument.</i>
<b><u>tricky</u></b>	Not to be trusted- James Agee. <i><b>Tricky</b> Dick.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Complicated" as an adjective

- *A long and complicated saga.*
- *Complicated appendicitis.*
- *Complicated Middle East politics.*
- *A complicated problem.*
- *A complicated stereo system.*





## Associations of "Complicated" (30 Words)

<b>adulterant</b>	Used in adulterating something. <i>It is necessary to remove the <b>adulterants</b> before use.</i>
<b>complex</b>	Make an atom or compound form a complex with another. <i>He s more <b>complex</b> than he seems on the surface.</i>
<b>complexity</b>	A factor involved in a complicated process or situation. <i>He enjoyed the <b>complexity</b> of modern computers.</i>
<b><u>compound</u></b>	Composed of more than one partcompound flower heads. <i>A <b>compound</b> noun.</i>
<b>confusing</b>	Bewildering or perplexing. <i>A <b>confusing</b> jumble of road signs.</i>
<b>convoluted</b>	Rolled longitudinally upon itself. <i>Walnuts come in hard and <b>convoluted</b> shells.</i>

<b>convolution</b>	The action of coiling or twisting or winding together. <i>Crosses adorned with elaborate <b>convolutions</b>.</i>
<b>discombobulated</b>	Having self-possession upset; thrown into confusion. <i>The hecklers pelted the <b>discombobulated</b> speaker with anything that came to hand.</i>
<b>elaborate</b>	Marked by complexity and richness of detail. <i>She <b>elaborated</b> on the main ideas in her dissertation.</i>
<b>elaboration</b>	The result of improving something. <i>His work led to the <b>elaboration</b> of a theory of evolution.</i>
<b>intricacy</b>	Details, especially of an involved or perplexing subject. <i>The <b>intricacy</b> of the procedure.</i>
<b>intricate</b>	Very complicated or detailed. <i>An <b>intricate</b> network of canals.</i>
<b>involution</b>	Marked by elaborately complex detail. <i>Periods of artistic <b>involution</b>.</i>
<b>knotty</b>	Tangled in knots or snarls. <i>A <b>knotty</b> problem.</i>
<b>labyrinth</b>	A complex structure in the inner ear which contains the organs of hearing and balance It consists of bony cavities the bony labyrinth filled with fluid and lined with sensitive membranes the membranous labyrinth. <i>A <b>labyrinth</b> of conflicting laws and regulations.</i>
<b>labyrinthine</b>	(of a network) like a labyrinth; irregular and twisting. <i><b>Labyrinthine</b> plots and counterplots.</i>
<b>maze</b>	Something jumbled or confused. <i>A <b>maze</b> of petty regulations.</i>
<b>nuance</b>	Give nuances to. <i>He was familiar with the <b>nuances</b> of the local dialect.</i>
<b>obscure</b>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>I feel an <b>obscure</b> resentment.</i>
<b>perplexing</b>	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>A <b>perplexing</b> problem.</i>
<b>perplexity</b>	An entangled state. <i>The dense <b>perplexity</b> of dwarf palm garlanded creepers glossy undergrowth.</i>
<b>picky</b>	Exacting especially about details. <i>They are becoming increasingly <b>picky</b> about where they stay.</i>



<b>priggish</b>	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>A <b>priggish</b> little pedant.</i>
<b>problematic</b>	Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe. <i>The situation was <b>problematic</b> for teachers.</i>
<b>puzzle</b>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>We <b>puzzled</b> over her sudden departure.</i>
<b>ravel</b>	Unravel fray. <i>A <b>ravel</b> of knitting.</i>
<b>recondite</b>	(of a subject or knowledge) little known; abstruse. <i>Some <b>recondite</b> problem in historiography.</i>
<b>subtlety</b>	A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>You had to admire the <b>subtlety</b> of the distinctions he drew.</i>
<b>tangled</b>	Complicated and confused; chaotic. <i>Oh what a <b>tangled</b> web we weave.</i>
<b>tortuous</b>	Marked by repeated turns and bends. <i><b>Tortuous</b> legal procedures.</i>

