

Need another word that means the same as “compulsive”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “compulsive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Compulsive” are: determined, driven, irresistible, uncontrollable, compelling, driving, overwhelming, overpowering, urgent, obsessive, obsessional, addictive, out of control, ungovernable, inveterate, chronic, incorrigible, incurable, irredeemable, hardened, hopeless, persistent, fascinating, gripping, riveting, engrossing, enthralling, captivating, spellbinding, mesmerizing, mesmeric, entrancing**

## Compulsive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Compulsive" as an adjective

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

- *Irresistibly interesting or exciting; compelling.*
- *Strongly motivated to succeed.*
- *Caused by or suggestive of psychological compulsion.*
- *Resulting from or relating to an irresistible urge.*
- *(of a person) acting as a result of an irresistible urge.*



## Synonyms of "Compulsive" as an adjective (32 Words)

<b>addictive</b>	(of a substance or activity) causing or likely to cause someone to become addicted. <i><b>Addictive</b> behavior.</i>
<b>captivating</b>	Capturing interest as if by a spell. <i>Roosevelt was a <b>captivating</b> speaker.</i>
<b>chronic</b>	Of a person having a chronic illness. <i>A <b>chronic</b> smoker.</i>
<b><u>compelling</u></b>	Driving or forcing. <i><b>Compelling</b> ambition.</i>
<b>determined</b>	Having been learned or found or determined especially by investigation. <i>A <b>determined</b> effort to reduce inflation.</i>
<b><u>driven</u></b>	Operated, moved, or controlled by a specified person or source of power. <i>A chauffeur <b>driven</b> limousine.</i>

<b><u>driving</u></b>	Having the power of driving or impelling. <i>Driving</i> rain.
<b>engrossing</b>	Absorbing all one's attention or interest. <i>The most <b>engrossing</b> parts of the book.</i>
<b>enthraling</b>	Capturing and holding one's attention; fascinating. <i>An <b>enthraling</b> best seller.</i>
<b><u>entrancing</u></b>	Capturing interest as if by a spell. <i>An <b>entrancing</b> smile.</i>
<b><u>fascinating</u></b>	Extremely interesting. <i>A <b>fascinating</b> story.</i>
<b><u>gripping</u></b>	Firmly holding the attention or interest; exciting. <i>A <b>gripping</b> TV thriller.</i>
<b>hardened</b>	Used of persons emotionally hardened. <i>Faced a case <b>hardened</b> judge.</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	(informal to emphasize how bad it is) beyond hope of management or reform. <i>The situation is <b>hopeless</b>.</i>
<b>incurable</b>	(of a person or their behaviour) not able to be changed or reformed. <i>An <b>incurable</b> mess.</i>
<b>incurable</b>	Unalterable in disposition or habits. <i>An <b>incurable</b> optimist.</i>
<b>inveterate</b>	Habitual. <i>His <b>inveterate</b> hostility to what he considered to be the reactionary powers.</i>
<b>irredeemable</b>	(of paper currency) for which the issuing authority does not undertake to pay coin. <i>So many <b>irredeemable</b> mistakes have been made.</i>
<b><u>irresistible</u></b>	Too powerful or convincing to be resisted. <i>What happens when an <b>irresistible</b> force meets an immovable object.</i>
<b>mesmeric</b>	Attracting and holding interest as if by a spell. <i>She found herself staring into his <b>mesmeric</b> gaze.</i>
<b><u>mesmerizing</u></b>	Capturing one's complete attention as if by magic. <i>The sheer force of his presence was <b>mesmerizing</b>.</i>
<b>obsessional</b>	Characteristic of or affected by an obsession. <i>A single minded or even <b>obsessional</b> leader.</i>
<b><u>obsessive</u></b>	Affected by an obsession. <i>People dogged by <b>obsessive</b> jealousy.</i>

<b>out of control</b>	Not worth considering as a possibility.
<b>overpowering</b>	So strong as to be irresistible. <i>An <b>overpowering</b> need for solitude.</i>
<b><u>overwhelming</u></b>	Very great in amount. <i>An <b>overwhelming</b> majority.</i>
<b>persistent</b>	Stubbornly unyielding- T.S.Eliot. <i>The <b>persistent</b> gills of fishes.</i>
<b><u>riveting</u></b>	Completely engrossing; compelling. <i>The book is a <b>riveting</b> account of the legendary freedom fighter.</i>
<b>spellbinding</b>	Attracting and holding interest as if by a spell. <i>A <b>spellbinding</b> description of life in ancient Rome.</i>
<b><u>uncontrollable</u></b>	Of persons. <i>Her brother had an <b>uncontrollable</b> temper.</i>
<b>ungovernable</b>	Incapable of being controlled. <i>An <b>ungovernable</b> impulse to run away.</i>
<b>urgent</b>	Of an action or event done or arranged in response to an urgent situation. <i>An <b>urgent</b> whisper.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Compulsive" as an adjective

- *Compulsive drinking.*
- *A compulsive liar.*
- *Compulsive eating.*
- *This play is compulsive viewing.*



## Associations of "Compulsive" (30 Words)

<b>addiction</b>	(Roman law) a formal award by a magistrate of a thing or person to another person (as the award of a debtor to his creditor); a surrender to a master. <i>Under Roman law <b>addiction</b> was the justification for slavery.</i>
<b>addictive</b>	Relating to or susceptible to being or becoming addicted to something. <i>He has an <b>addictive</b> personality.</i>
<b>alcoholic</b>	Characteristic of or containing alcohol. <i>His <b>alcoholic</b> daughter was the cause of his anxiety.</i>
<b>cantankerous</b>	Having a difficult and contrary disposition. <i>A <b>cantankerous</b> and venomous tongued old lady.</i>
<b>determined</b>	Having been learned or found or determined especially by investigation. <i>Date and place are already <b>determined</b>.</i>
<b>dogged</b>	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>Success required <b>dogged</b> determination.</i>

<b><u>driven</u></b>	Strongly motivated to succeed. <i>A chauffeur <b>driven</b> limousine.</i>
<b>headstrong</b>	Energetically wilful and determined. <i>The <b>headstrong</b> impulsiveness of youth.</i>
<b>hidebound</b>	Stubbornly conservative and narrow-minded. <i>They are working to change <b>hidebound</b> corporate cultures.</i>
<b><u>insistent</u></b>	Demanding attention- H.L.Mencken. <i>Tony s soft <b>insistent</b> questioning.</i>
<b>intoxicate</b>	Fill with high spirits; fill with optimism. <i>Except for NYC and LA no American city has so <b>intoxicated</b> and infuriated writers.</i>
<b>intransigent</b>	An intransigent person. <i>Her father had tried persuasion but she was <b>intransigent</b>.</i>
<b>kleptomania</b>	An irresistible impulse to steal in the absence of any economic motive.
<b>kleptomaniac</b>	Someone with an irrational urge to steal in the absence of an economic motive.
<b>obduracy</b>	Resoluteness by virtue of being unyielding and inflexible.
<b>obdurate</b>	Showing unfeeling resistance to tender feelings. <i>I argued this point with him but he was <b>obdurate</b>.</i>
<b><u>obsessive</u></b>	A person who has obsessions. <i><b>Obsessive</b> gambling.</i>
<b>obstinate</b>	Persist stubbornly. <i>He <b>obstinates</b> himself against all rational arguments.</i>
<b>opinionated</b>	Obstinate in your opinions. <i>An arrogant and <b>opinionated</b> man.</i>
<b><u>ornery</u></b>	Having a difficult and contrary disposition- Dorothy Sayers. <i>An <b>ornery</b> old military man.</i>
<b><u>paranoid</u></b>	A person who is paranoid. <i>Further accusations would sound like the ramblings of a <b>paranoid</b>.</i>
<b>pertinacious</b>	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>The most vocal and <b>pertinacious</b> of all the critics.</i>
<b>pigheaded</b>	Obstinate and stupid.
<b>purposeful</b>	Having or showing determination or resolve. <i>The <b>purposeful</b> stride of a great barrister.</i>
<b>pyromania</b>	An uncontrollable desire to set fire to things.
<b>pyromaniac</b>	A person suffering from pyromania. <i>A ten year old <b>pyromaniac</b>.</i>

- tenacious** Persisting in existence; not easily dispelled.  
*A **tenacious** local legend.*
- theft** The act of taking something from someone unlawfully.  
*The latest **theft** happened at a garage.*
- unrelenting** Never-ceasing.  
***Unrelenting** opponents.*
- unyielding** Stubbornly unyielding.  
*The Atlantic hurled its waves at the **unyielding** rocks.*

