

Need another word that means the same as “contemptuous”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “contemptuous” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Contemptuous” are: **disdainful, insulting, scornful, disrespectful, insolent, full of contempt**

Contemptuous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Contemptuous" as an adjective

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

- *Expressing extreme contempt.*
- *Showing contempt; scornful.*

Synonyms of "Contemptuous" as an adjective (6 Words)

disdainful	Showing contempt or lack of respect. <i>Some economists are disdainful of their colleagues in other social disciplines.</i>
disrespectful	Exhibiting lack of respect; rude and discourteous. <i>A deeply disrespectful attitude towards women.</i>
full of contempt	Containing as much or as many as is possible or normal.
insolent	Unrestrained by convention or propriety. <i>She hated the insolent tone of his voice.</i>
insulting	Expressing extreme contempt. <i>Insulting remarks.</i>

scornful Feeling or expressing contempt or derision.
*The opposition were **scornful** of the Prime Minister's proposal.*

Usage Examples of "Contemptuous" as an adjective

- *She was intolerant and contemptuous of the majority of the human race.*

Associations of "Contemptuous" (30 Words)

abusive	Extremely offensive and insulting. <i>An abusive relationship.</i>
curt	Brief and to the point; effectively cut short. <i>A response so curt as to be almost rude.</i>
discourteous	Lacking social graces. <i>A distant and at times discourteous young.</i>
dismissive	Feeling or showing that something is unworthy of consideration. <i>They took dismissive action after the third violation.</i>
disrespectful	Neither feeling nor showing respect. <i>Remarks disrespectful of the law.</i>
flippant	Showing inappropriate levity. <i>A flippant remark.</i>
frivolity	Lack of seriousness; light-heartedness. <i>A night of fun and frivolity.</i>
immodest	Lacking humility or decency. <i>Brash immodest boasting.</i>
impolite	Not polite. <i>It would have been impolite to refuse.</i>
impropriety	The condition of being improper. <i>She was scandalized at the impropriety of the question.</i>
impudent	Improperly forward or bold. <i>An impudent boy given to insulting strangers.</i>
indelicate	Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct. <i>An indelicate remark.</i>
indignity	An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem. <i>The indignity of needing financial help.</i>

insolent	Marked by casual disrespect. <i>The modern world with its quick material successes and insolent belief in the boundless possibilities of progress.</i>
insult	A thing so worthless or contemptible as to be offensive. <i>The present offer is an absolute insult.</i>
insulting	Disrespectful or scornfully abusive. <i>Insulting remarks.</i>
irreverent	Showing a lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously. <i>She is irreverent about the whole business of politics.</i>
mocking	Abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule. <i>Her mocking smile.</i>
pejorative	Expressing contempt or disapproval. <i>Permissiveness is used almost universally as a pejorative term.</i>
rude	Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>Isabel had always been in rude health.</i>
rudely	In an impolite manner. <i>A stream of light in my eyes rudely awakened me.</i>
sarcastic	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>I think they re being sarcastic.</i>
scornful	Expressing extreme contempt. <i>Scornful laughter.</i>
slander	A false and malicious spoken statement. <i>I ve had just about all I can stomach of your slanders.</i>
sneering	The action of smiling or speaking in a contemptuous or mocking manner. <i>He made a sneering comment about their closeness.</i>
snide	(of a person) devious and underhand. <i>Snide remarks about my mother.</i>
teasing	Playful vexation. <i>A teasing and persistent thought annoyed him.</i>
uncivil	Lacking civility or good manners- Willa Cather. <i>Want nothing from you but to get away from your uncivil tongue.</i>
uninterested	Having no care or interest in knowing. <i>An uninterested voice.</i>
withering	Making light of- W.S.Gilbert. <i>Protective cover to escape withering heat.</i>