

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)

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

*An **abusive** relationship.*

### curt

Brief and to the point; effectively cut short.

*A response so **curt** as to be almost rude.*

### discourteous

Lacking social graces.

*A distant and at times **discourteous** young.*

### dismissive

Feeling or showing that something is unworthy of consideration.

*They took **dismissive** action after the third violation.*

### disrespectful

Neither feeling nor showing respect.

*Remarks **disrespectful** of the law.*

### flippant

Showing inappropriate levity.

*A **flippant** remark.*

### frivolity

Lack of seriousness; light-heartedness.

*A night of fun and **frivolity**.*

### immodest

Lacking humility or decency.

*Brash **immodest** boasting.*

### impolite

Not polite.

*It would have been **impolite** to refuse.*

### impropriety

The condition of being improper.

*She was scandalized at the **impropriety** of the question.*

### impudent

Improperly forward or bold.

*An **impudent** boy given to insulting strangers.*

### indelicate

Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct.

*An **indelicate** remark.*

### indignity

An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem.

*The **indignity** of needing financial help.*

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