

Need another word that means the same as “contradictory”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “contradictory” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Contradictory” are: conflicting, self-contradictory, confounding, opposed, in opposition, opposite, antithetical, contrary, contrasting, opposing, clashing, divergent, discrepant, different

Contradictory as an Adjective

Definitions of "Contradictory" as an adjective

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

- *Unable for both to exist or be true at the same time.*
- *In disagreement.*
- *Of words or propositions so related that both cannot be true and both cannot be false.*
- *In disagreement- John Morley.*
- *Unable to be both true at the same time.*
- *Mutually opposed or inconsistent.*
- *(of two propositions) so related that one and only one must be true.*
- *That confounds or contradicts or confuses.*
- *Containing elements which are inconsistent.*



Synonyms of "Contradictory" as an adjective (14 Words)

antithetical	Directly opposed or contrasted; mutually incompatible. <i>Practices entirely antithetical to her professed beliefs.</i>
clashing	(of colours) appearing discordant or ugly when placed close to each other. <i>Clashing colors.</i>
conflicting	In disagreement. <i>There are conflicting accounts of what occurred.</i>
confounding	That confounds or contradicts or confuses.
<u>contrary</u>	(of two propositions) so related that one or neither but not both must be true. <i>Hot and cold are contrary terms.</i>
contrasting	Differing strikingly. <i>Contrasting colours.</i>
different	Unlike in nature or quality or form or degree. <i>That s another or different issue altogether.</i>
discrepant	Not in agreement. <i>Widely discrepant statements.</i>
divergent	(of a series) increasing indefinitely as more of its terms are added. <i>Divergent interpretations.</i>
in opposition	Directed or bound inward.
opposed	Anxious to prevent or put an end to; disagreeing with. <i>The agency is being asked to do two diametrically opposed things.</i>
opposing	In conflict or competition with someone or something. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>
opposite	Of angles between opposite sides of the intersection of two lines. <i>Opposite leaves.</i>
self-contradictory	In disagreement- John Morley.



Usage Examples of "Contradictory" as an adjective

- *'perfect' and 'imperfect' are contradictory terms.*
- *Politically he exhibited contradictory behaviour.*
- *The two studies came to contradictory conclusions.*
- *Contradictory attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.*



Associations of "Contradictory" (30 Words)

- ambivalence** The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.
*Government **ambivalence** towards the arts.*
- anachronism** Something located at a time when it could not have existed or occurred.
*It is **anachronism** to suppose that the official morality of the age was mere window dressing.*
- antagonistic** Characterized by antagonism or antipathy.
*Slaves **antagonistic** to their masters.*

antinomy	A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox. <i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>
<u>antithesis</u>	(in Hegelian philosophy) the negation of the thesis as the second stage in the process of dialectical reasoning. <i>Figures of speech such as antithesis.</i>
conflicting	On bad terms. <i>There are conflicting accounts of what occurred.</i>
<u>contradiction</u>	A combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	A contrary proposition. <i>She is sulky and contrary where her work is concerned.</i>
cynicism	A school of ancient Greek philosophers, the Cynics. <i>Cynicism about the future.</i>
<u>discordant</u>	Lacking in harmony. <i>The operative principle of democracy is a balance of discordant qualities.</i>
discrepant	Characterized by an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity. <i>The reasons for these discrepant results are unclear.</i>
disjunction	State of being disconnected. <i>There is a disjunction between the skills taught in education and those demanded in the labour market.</i>
dissonant	Characterized by musical dissonance; harmonically unresolved. <i>Jackson employs both harmonious and dissonant colour choices.</i>
<u>incompatible</u>	Not easy to combine harmoniously. <i>Incompatible personalities.</i>
<u>incongruous</u>	Lacking in harmony or compatibility or appropriateness. <i>A plan incongruous with reason.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	An inconsistent aspect or element. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
inconsistent	Not capable of being made consistent or harmonious. <i>The quality of the material was often inconsistent.</i>
inharmonious	Lacking in harmony of parts. <i>An inharmonious negative state of mind.</i>

inhospitable	Unfavorable to life or growth. <i>The barren inhospitable desert.</i>
<u>ironic</u>	Humorously sarcastic or mocking. <i>It was ironical that the well planned scheme failed so completely.</i>
<u>irony</u>	A state of affairs or an event that seems deliberately contrary to what one expects and is often wryly amusing as a result. <i>Don t go overboard with the gratitude he rejoined with heavy irony.</i>
opposing	Facing; opposite. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>
<u>oxymoron</u>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence.
<u>paradox</u>	A seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true. <i>Cathedrals face the paradox of having enormous wealth in treasures but huge annual expenses.</i>
<u>paradoxical</u>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the paradoxical effect of making them trivial.</i>
sarcasm	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn. <i>He used sarcasm to upset his opponent.</i>
<u>satire</u>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>The crude satire seems to be directed at the fashionable protest singers of the time.</i>
tautology	A statement that is true by necessity or by virtue of its logical form. <i>The statement he is brave or he is not brave is a tautology.</i>
<u>unfriendly</u>	Not disposed to friendship or friendliness. <i>User unfriendly.</i>
unsuited	Not right or appropriate. <i>He was totally unsuited for the job.</i>

