

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)

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

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

<b>inhospitable</b>	Unfavorable to life or growth. <i>The barren <b>inhospitable</b> desert.</i>
<b><u>ironic</u></b>	Humorously sarcastic or mocking. <i>It was <b>ironical</b> that the well planned scheme failed so completely.</i>
<b><u>irony</u></b>	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 <b>irony</b>.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	Facing; opposite. <i>On the <b>opposing</b> page there were two addresses.</i>
<b><u>oxymoron</u></b>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence.
<b><u>paradox</u></b>	A seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true. <i>Cathedrals face the <b>paradox</b> of having enormous wealth in treasures but huge annual expenses.</i>
<b><u>paradoxical</u></b>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>
<b>sarcasm</b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn. <i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>
<b><u>satire</u></b>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>The crude <b>satire</b> seems to be directed at the fashionable protest singers of the time.</i>
<b>tautology</b>	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 <b>tautology</b>.</i>
<b><u>unfriendly</u></b>	Not disposed to friendship or friendliness. <i>User <b>unfriendly</b>.</i>
<b>unsuited</b>	Not right or appropriate. <i>He was totally <b>unsuited</b> for the job.</i>

