

Need another word that means the same as “errant”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “errant” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Errant” are: offending, guilty, culpable, delinquent, lawless, criminal, aberrant, deviant, erring, sinning, travelling, wandering, itinerant, rambling, roaming, roving, drifting, floating, wayfaring

Errant as an Adjective

Definitions of "Errant" as an adjective

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

- *Erring or straying from the accepted course or standards.*
- *Straying from the right course or from accepted standards.*
- *(of a polychaete worm) of a predatory kind that moves about actively and is not confined to a tube or burrow.*
- *Not in the right place; having moved from the correct position or course.*
- *Uncontrolled motion that is irregular or unpredictable.*
- *Travelling in search of adventure.*

Synonyms of "Errant" as an adjective (19 Words)

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| aberrant | Diverging from the normal type. <i>This somewhat aberrant behaviour requires an explanation.</i> |
| criminal | Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure. <i>A criminal waste of talent.</i> |

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| culpable | Deserving blame or censure as being wrong or evil or injurious. <i>Mercy killings are less culpable than ordinary murders.</i> |
| delinquent | Failing in one's duty. <i>Delinquent accounts.</i> |
| deviant | Homosexual (typically used of a man). <i>A deviant ideology.</i> |
| drifting | Carried slowly by a current of air or water. <i>A play about a drifting teenager in Dublin.</i> |
| erring | Capable of making an error. <i>The strictest possible action should be taken against the erring officials.</i> |
| floating | Not definitely committed to a party or policy. <i>Floating exchange rates.</i> |
| guilty | Causing a feeling of guilt. <i>A guilty secret.</i> |
| itinerant | Traveling from place to place to work. <i>Itinerant traders.</i> |
| lawless | Lax in enforcing laws. <i>Lawless bands roaming the plains.</i> |
| offending | Offending against or breaking a law or rule. <i>Contracts offending against the statute were canceled.</i> |
| rambling | (of a plant) putting out long shoots and growing over walls or other plants. <i>A rambling six hour speech.</i> |
| roaming | Moving about aimlessly or unsystematically, especially over a wide area. <i>Roaming herds of reindeer.</i> |
| roving | Constantly moving from one area or place to another. <i>She became a roving ambassador for Unicef.</i> |
| sinning | Transgressing a moral or divine law. <i>If it be a sin to covet honor I am the most sinning soul alive.</i> |
| travelling | Accompanying or used by a person who travels. <i>My travelling companion and I spent the next day exploring.</i> |
| wandering | Migratory. <i>A wandering preacher.</i> |
| wayfaring | (of a person) travelling on foot. <i>A poor wayfaring stranger.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Errant" as an adjective

- *Errant youngsters.*
- *An errant strand of hair.*
- *An errant breeze.*
- *Fear of being hit by an errant bullet.*
- *An errant husband coming back from a night on the tiles.*
- *That same lady errant.*

Associations of "Errant" (30 Words)

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| behavior | Behavioral attributes the way a person behaves toward other people. <i>The behavior of small particles can be studied in experiments.</i> |
| <u>berate</u> | Censure severely or angrily. <i>She berated herself for being fickle.</i> |
| castigate | Inflict severe punishment on. <i>He was castigated for not setting a good example.</i> |
| castigation | A severe scolding. |
| chasten | Correct by punishment or discipline. <i>The director was somewhat chastened by his recent flops.</i> |
| <u>chastise</u> | Censure severely. <i>She chastised him for his insensitive remarks.</i> |
| <u>chide</u> | Censure severely or angrily. <i>She chided him for not replying to her letters.</i> |
| delinquency | A failure to pay an outstanding debt by the due date. <i>He relayed this in such a manner as to imply grave delinquency on the host's part.</i> |
| <u>error</u> | Departure from what is ethically acceptable. <i>She was quick to point out my errors.</i> |
| fail | Fail to get a passing grade. <i>The firm failed to give adequate risk warnings.</i> |
| fallibility | The likelihood of making errors. <i>Technology is not a cure for human fallibility.</i> |
| fallible | Capable of making mistakes or being wrong. <i>I m only a fallible human.</i> |
| <u>flawed</u> | Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A flawed diamond.</i> |

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| <u>imperfect</u> | The imperfect tense. <i>An imperfect grasp of English.</i> |
| inaccurate | Not accurate. <i>The thermometer is inaccurate.</i> |
| iniquity | Absence of moral or spiritual values. <i>A den of iniquity.</i> |
| mistake | To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>Don't mistake her for her twin sister.</i> |
| <u>penalty</u> | A payment required for not fulfilling a contract. <i>The charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment.</i> |
| punish | Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>Australia punished Ireland's handling blunders and scored three tries.</i> |
| <u>rebuke</u> | An act or expression of criticism and censure. <i>He had to take the rebuke with a smile on his face.</i> |
| reproof | An act or expression of criticism and censure. <i>She welcomed him with a mild reproof for leaving her alone.</i> |
| reprove | Reprimand (someone). <i>Don't be childish Hilary he reproved mildly.</i> |
| <u>scold</u> | Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault. <i>The mother scolded the child for entering a stranger's car.</i> |
| subdue | Get on top of; deal with successfully. <i>Subdue one's appetites.</i> |
| unforced | Not compelled or constrained. <i>An unforced cheerfulness.</i> |
| unreliable | Lacking a sense of responsibility. <i>Unreliable information.</i> |
| upbraid | Express criticism towards. <i>He was upbraided for his slovenly appearance.</i> |
| verbally | By means of words. <i>She claimed to have been verbally abused.</i> |
| vice | A bad or neurotic habit of stabled horses, typically arising as a result of boredom. <i>A mobile phone network is being used to peddle vice.</i> |
| wrong | Treat unjustly do wrong to. <i>It is wrong to lie.</i> |