

Need another word that means the same as “grumpy”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “grumpy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Grumpy” are: bad-tempered, crabbed, crabby, cross, fussy, grouchy, ill-tempered, short-tempered, crotchety, tetchy, testy, waspish, prickly, peppery, touchy, irritable, irascible, crusty, cantankerous, curmudgeonly, bearish, surly, churlish, ill-natured, ill-humoured, peevish, fractious, disagreeable, pettish

Grumpy as an Adjective

Definitions of "Grumpy" as an adjective

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

- *Annoyed and irritable.*
- *Bad-tempered and irritable.*



Synonyms of "Grumpy" as an adjective (29 Words)

- bad-tempered** Annoyed and irritable.
- bearish** Resembling or likened to a bear, typically in being rough, surly, or clumsy.
*A **bearish** figure with mutton chop whiskers.*
- cantankerous** Having a difficult and contrary disposition.
*He can be a **cantankerous** old fossil at times.*
- churlish** Rude and boorish.
*It seems **churlish** to complain.*
- crabbed** (of style) contorted and difficult to understand.
*A **crabbed** unhappy middle age.*

crabby	Irritable. <i>He was crabby at having his siesta interrupted.</i>
cross	Extending or lying across in a crosswise direction at right angles to the long axis. <i>Cross members should be all steel.</i>
crotchety	Irritable. <i>He was tired and crotchety.</i>
crusty	Having or acting as a hard outer layer or covering. <i>A crusty old Scots judge.</i>
curmudgeonly	(especially of an old person) bad-tempered and negative. <i>His curmudgeonly temper.</i>
disagreeable	Unfriendly and bad-tempered. <i>A disagreeable old man.</i>
fractious	Unpredictably difficult in operation; likely to be troublesome. <i>Rockets were much too fractious to be tested near thickly populated areas.</i>
fussy	Overcrowded or cluttered with detail. <i>Eleanor patted her hair with quick fussy movements.</i>
grouchy	Irritable and bad-tempered; grumpy; complaining. <i>The old man grew sulky and grouchy.</i>
ill-humoured	Brusque and surly and forbidding.
ill-natured	Having an irritable and unpleasant disposition.
ill-tempered	Annoyed and irritable.
irascible	Characterized by anger. <i>An irascible response.</i>
irritable	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>The seeds have been reputed to help conditions such as irritable bladder.</i>
peevish	Having or showing an irritable disposition. <i>A thin peevish voice.</i>
peppery	Having the piquant burning taste of peppers. <i>Nasturtiums have a peppery taste.</i>
pettish	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>He comes across in his journal entries as spoiled and pettish.</i>
prickly	Covered in prickles. <i>Masses of prickly brambles.</i>
short-tempered	Quickly aroused to anger.

surly	Bad-tempered and unfriendly. <i>The porter left with a surly expression.</i>
testy	Easily irritated; impatient and somewhat bad-tempered. <i>His testy disapproving father.</i>
tetchy	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>A tetchy statement.</i>
touchy	Quick to take offense. <i>A touchy subject.</i>
waspish	Readily expressing anger or irritation. <i>He had a waspish tongue.</i>



Usage Examples of "Grumpy" as an adjective

- *He's grumpy because he hasn't heard from you.*

- *His performance as the grumpy gateman.*



Associations of "Grumpy" (30 Words)

busy

Of facilities such as telephones or lavatories unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability engaged is a British term for a busy telephone line.

*A very **busy** week.*

cynical

Believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.

*A **cynical** manipulation of public opinion.*

exacting

Making great demands on one's skill, attention, or other resources.

*Certain highly specialized xerophytes are extremely **exacting** in their requirements.*

fastidious

Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

*She dressed with **fastidious** care.*

finicky	Showing or requiring great attention to detail. <i>His finicky copperplate hand.</i>
fussy	Full of unnecessary detail or decoration. <i>Eleanor patted her hair with quick fussy movements.</i>
hardened	Used of persons emotionally hardened. <i>Hardened fishermen.</i>
ironic	Using or characterized by irony. <i>His mouth curved into an ironic smile.</i>
leery	Cautious or wary due to realistic suspicions. <i>A city leery of gang violence.</i>
meticulous	Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise. <i>Meticulous research.</i>
misanthrope	A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society. <i>Scrooge wasn't the mean spirited misanthrope most of us believe him to be.</i>
misanthropic	Hating mankind in general. <i>A misanthropic drunken loner.</i>
misanthropy	A dislike of humankind. <i>The streak of misanthropy in his nature.</i>
pedantic	Excessively concerned with minor details or rules; overscrupulous. <i>His analyses are careful and even painstaking but never pedantic.</i>
picky	Exacting especially about details. <i>They are becoming increasingly picky about where they stay.</i>
priggish	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>A priggish little pedant.</i>
prissy	Fussily and excessively respectable. <i>A middle class family with two prissy children.</i>
puritanical	Of or relating to Puritans or Puritanism. <i>His puritanical parents saw any kind of pleasure as the road to damnation.</i>
sarcastic	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>Making sarcastic comments.</i>
sardonic	Disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking. <i>His rebellion is the bitter sardonic laughter of all great satirists.</i>
satiric	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the satiric fortnightly magazine.</i>
satirical	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the satirical fortnightly magazine.</i>

selfish	Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the exclusion of others. <i>I joined them for selfish reasons.</i>
skeptic	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
skepticism	The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.
sneering	The action of smiling or speaking in a contemptuous or mocking manner. <i>It will take a concerted effort from many to lay off the sneering and try understanding.</i>
squeamish	Easily made to feel sick or disgusted. <i>So squeamish he would only touch the toilet handle with his elbow.</i>
stickle	Dispute or argue stubbornly (especially minor points).
stickler	A person who insists on a certain quality or type of behaviour. <i>I m a stickler when it comes to timekeeping.</i>
wry	(of the neck or features) distorted or turned to one side. Wry comments.

