

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.*

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



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

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



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

