

Need another word that means the same as “incongruous”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “incongruous” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Incongruous” are: out of place, out of keeping, inappropriate, unsuitable, unsuited, not in harmony, mismatched, unharmonious, inconsistent, incompatible, different, dissimilar, contrasting, disparate, discrepant**

## Incongruous as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Incongruous" as an adjective

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

- *Lacking in harmony or compatibility or appropriateness.*
- *Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something.*

### Synonyms of "Incongruous" as an adjective (15 Words)

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| <b>contrasting</b>        | Strikingly different; tending to contrast.<br><b>Contrasting</b> colours.                 |
| <b>different</b>          | Novel and unusual.<br><i>Advertising that strives continually to be <b>different</b>.</i> |
| <b>discrepant</b>         | Not in accord.<br><i>The reasons for these <b>discrepant</b> results are unclear.</i>     |
| <a href="#">disparate</a> | Containing elements very different from one another.<br><b>Disparate</b> ideas.           |

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| <b>dissimilar</b>     | Marked by dissimilarity.<br><i>The pleasures of the romance novel are not <b>dissimilar</b> from those of the chocolate bar.</i> |
| <b>inappropriate</b>  | Not in keeping with what is correct or proper.<br><i>Put <b>inappropriate</b> pressure on them.</i>                              |
| <b>incompatible</b>   | (of two things) so different in nature as to be incapable of coexisting.<br><i><b>Incompatible</b> colors.</i>                   |
| <b>inconsistent</b>   | Displaying a lack of consistency.<br><i>The quality of the material was often <b>inconsistent</b>.</i>                           |
| <b>mismatched</b>     | (of a contest or contestants) not fairly matched as opponents.<br><i>A pair of <b>mismatched</b> cops.</i>                       |
| <b>not in harmony</b> | Holding office.  |
| <b>out of keeping</b> | Outside or external.   |
| <b>out of place</b>   | Outside or external.   |
| <b>unharmonious</b>   | Not harmonious.<br><i>The <b>unharmonious</b> noise of town life.</i>  |
| <b>unsuitable</b>     | Not worthy of being chosen (especially as a spouse).<br><i>A solvent <b>unsuitable</b> for use on wood surfaces.</i>             |
| <b>unsuited</b>       | Not easy to combine harmoniously.<br><i>He was totally <b>unsuited</b> for the job.</i>  |

## Usage Examples of "Incongruous" as an adjective

- *The duffel coat looked incongruous with the black dress she wore underneath.*
- *Incongruous behavior.*
- *A joke that was incongruous with polite conversation.*
- *A plan incongruous with reason.*

## Associations of "Incongruous" (30 Words)

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| <b>absurd</b>       | An absurd state of affairs.<br><i>The incidents that followed bordered on the <b>absurd</b>.</i>  |
| <b>antagonistic</b> | Characterized by antagonism or antipathy.<br><i>Europe was <b>antagonistic</b> to the Unites States.</i>  |
| <b>antinomy</b>     | A contradiction between two statements that seem equally reasonable.<br><i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i> |

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| <b>antisocial</b>    | Relating to or having an antisocial personality disorder.<br><i>Criminal behavior or conduct that violates the rights of other individuals is <b>antisocial</b>.</i> |
| <b>conflicting</b>   | Incompatible or at variance; contradictory.<br><i><b>Conflicting</b> opinions.</i>   |
| <b>contradiction</b> | Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.<br><i>The statement he is brave and he is not brave is a <b>contradiction</b>.</i>                               |
| <b>contradictory</b> | A contradictory proposition.<br><i>Perfect and imperfect are <b>contradictory</b> terms.</i>   |
| <b>discordant</b>    | (of sounds) harsh and jarring because of a lack of harmony.<br><i>Views <b>discordant</b> with present day ideas.</i>  |
| <b>discrepant</b>    | Characterized by an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity.<br><i>Widely <b>discrepant</b> statements.</i>                                      |
| <b>dissonant</b>     | Unsuitable or unusual in combination; clashing.<br><i>Jackson employs both harmonious and <b>dissonant</b> colour choices.</i>                                       |
| <b>illogical</b>     | Lacking in correct logical relation.<br><i>An <b>illogical</b> fear of the supernatural.</i>   |
| <b>inappropriate</b> | Not suitable for a particular occasion etc.<br><i>It would be <b>inappropriate</b> for me to comment.</i>  |
| <b>inapt</b>         | Not elegant or graceful in expression.<br><i>A more <b>inapt</b> name I cannot imagine.</i>  |
| <b>incompatible</b>  | (of two people) unable to live together harmoniously.<br><i>Although convinced that they were <b>incompatible</b> she loved him.</i>                                 |
| <b>incongruent</b>   | Not congruent.   |
| <b>incongruity</b>   | The quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate.<br><i>The <b>incongruity</b> of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i>                   |
| <b>inconsistency</b> | The fact or state of being inconsistent.<br><i>The <b>inconsistency</b> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>                                |
| <b>inconsistent</b>  | Not in agreement.<br><i>The quality of the material was often <b>inconsistent</b>.</i>   |
| <b>inharmonious</b>  | Not in harmony.<br><i>An <b>inharmonious</b> negative state of mind.</i>   |
| <b>inhospitable</b>  | (of a person) unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people.<br><i><b>Inhospitable</b> mountain areas.</i>   |

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| <b><u>irony</u></b>      | A literary technique, originally used in Greek tragedy, by which the full significance of a character's words or actions is clear to the audience or reader although unknown to the character.<br><i>The <b>irony</b> is that I thought he could help me.</i> |
| <b><u>oxymoron</u></b>   | Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence.   |
| <b><u>paradox</u></b>    | A statement that contradicts itself.<br><i>The liar <b>paradox</b>.</i>   |
| <b>sarcasm</b>           | Witty language used to convey insults or scorn.<br><i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>   |
| <b><u>unfriendly</u></b> | Not friendly.<br><i>An <b>unfriendly</b> action to take.</i>  |
| <b><u>unlike</u></b>     | Marked by dissimilarity.<br><i>He was very <b>unlike</b> to any other man.</i>  |
| <b>unsocial</b>          | (of the hours of work of a job) falling outside the normal working day and thus socially inconvenient.<br><i>The <b>unsocial</b> disposition to neglect one's neighbors.</i>  |
| <b><u>unsound</u></b>    | Physically unsound or diseased.<br><i>This line of argument is <b>unsound</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>unsuitable</u></b> | Not conducive to good moral development.<br><i>The movie is <b>unsuitable</b> for children.</i>   |
| <b>unsuited</b>          | Not right or appropriate.<br><i>He was totally <b>unsuited</b> for the job.</i>   |