

Need another word that means the same as “irresponsible”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “irresponsible” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Irresponsible” are: reckless, rash, careless, thoughtless, incautious, unwise, imprudent, ill-advised, ill-considered, injudicious, misguided, heedless, unheeding, inattentive, hasty, overhasty, precipitate, precipitous, wild, foolhardy, impetuous, impulsive, daredevil, negligent, delinquent, neglectful, remiss, careless of one's duty, lax, slack, uncaring, casual, insouciant, immature, naive, foolish

Irresponsible as an Adjective

Definitions of "Irresponsible" as an adjective

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

- *Showing lack of care for consequences.*
- *(of a person, attitude, or action) not showing a proper sense of responsibility.*



Synonyms of "Irresponsible" as an adjective (36 Words)

careless

(of an action or its result) showing or caused by a lack of attention.
*Hurt by a **careless** remark.*

careless of one's duty

Without due thought or consideration.

casual

Employed or established on a temporary or irregular basis.
*He pretended it was a **casual** meeting.*

daredevil

Reckless and daring.
*A **daredevil** skydiver.*

delinquent

(typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime.
***Delinquent** minors.*

foolhardy

Marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences-
Macaulay.
*It would be **foolhardy** to go into the scheme without support.*

foolish

Devoid of good sense or judgment.
*He was **foolish** enough to confide in her.*

hasty

Quick-tempered.
***Hasty** marriage seldom proveth well.*

heedless

Characterized by careless unconcern.
***Heedless** of danger.*

ill-advised

Without careful prior deliberation or counsel.

ill-considered

Not given careful consideration.

immature

Not fully developed.
*His **immature** sense of humour.*

impetuous

Characterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation.
*An **impetuous** but controlled flow of water.*

imprudent

Not showing care for the consequences of an action; rash.
*Would be **imprudent** for a noneconomist to talk about the details of economic policy.*

impulsive

Acting or done without forethought.
*An **impulsive** gesture of affection.*

inattentive

Not paying attention to something.
***Inattentive** students.*

incautious

(of a person or an action) heedless of potential problems or risks.
***Incautious** talk.*

injudicious

Showing very poor judgement; unwise.
*An **injudicious** measure.*

insouciant

Marked by blithe unconcern.
*An utterly **insouciant** financial policy.*

lax

Of a speech sound especially a vowel pronounced with the vocal muscles relaxed.
*Muscles have more potential energy when they are stretched than when they are **lax**.*

misguided

Poorly conceived or thought out.
*Their **misguided** belief that they were defending the honour of their country.*

naive

Of or created by one without formal training simple or naive in style.
*This **naive** simple creature with wide friendly eyes so eager to believe appearances.*

neglectful	Not showing due care or attention. <i>Neglectful of his duties.</i>
negligent	Characterized by neglect and undue lack of concern. <i>Negligent parents.</i>
overhasty	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation- Shakespeare- Arthur Geddes. <i>Hard times are showing up overhasty mergers.</i>
<u>precipitate</u>	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation. <i>Wondered whether they had been rather precipitate in deposing the king.</i>
precipitous	Dangerously high or steep. <i>The precipitous hills of Chinese paintings.</i>
rash	Marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences. <i>Do something rash that he will forever repent.</i>
<u>reckless</u>	Characterized by careless unconcern- Edith Wharton. <i>You mustn't be so reckless.</i>
<u>remiss</u>	Lacking care or attention to duty; negligent. <i>Remiss of you not to pay your bills.</i>
slack	Having many sexual encounters or relationships (typically used of a woman). <i>Her mouth went slack.</i>
<u>thoughtless</u>	Without care or thought for others. <i>It was thoughtless of her to have rushed out and not said where she would be going.</i>
<u>uncaring</u>	Without care or thought for others. <i>She had always been uncaring of her appearance.</i>
unheeding	Marked by or paying little heed or attention-Franklin D. Roosevelt. <i>Mary unheeding watched the television.</i>
<u>unwise</u>	Not appropriate to the purpose. <i>Unwise policy decisions.</i>
wild	Produced from wild animals or plants without cultivation. <i>He threw a wild pitch.</i>



Usage Examples of "Irresponsible" as an adjective

- *It would have been irresponsible just to drive on.*
- *Behaved like an irresponsible idiot.*
- *Hasty and irresponsible action.*



Associations of "Irresponsible" (30 Words)

airhead

A base close to the area of active operations where supplies and troops can be received and evacuated by air.

*She s a total **airhead**.*

ambiguous

Not clear or decided.

***Ambiguous** inkblots.*

bungling

Lacking physical movement skills, especially with the hands- Mary H.

*A **bungling** performance.*

cryptic

Of an obscure nature.

***Cryptic** plumage is thought to minimize predation.*

dependent

Unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence.

*Households with **dependent** children.*

enigmatic

Resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought.

*He took the money with an **enigmatic** smile.*

<u>feckless</u>	Lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible. <i>Her feckless younger brother.</i>
<u>incapable</u>	(followed by `of') lacking capacity or ability. <i>Incapable of solution.</i>
incompetent	An incompetent person. <i>The filming was hopeless incompetent.</i>
incomprehensible	Difficult to understand- A. Einstein. <i>The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.</i>
ineffable	Defying expression or description. <i>The ineffable mysteries of the soul.</i>
<u>ineffective</u>	Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>A weak and ineffective president.</i>
inept	Revealing lack of perceptiveness or judgment or finesse. <i>The referee s inept handling of the match.</i>
<u>inexplicable</u>	Unable to be explained or accounted for. <i>Inexplicable errors.</i>
inscrutable	Impossible to understand or interpret. <i>Guy looked blankly inscrutable.</i>
insoluble	Incapable of being dissolved. <i>The problem is not insoluble.</i>
mysterious	Having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding. <i>The new insurance policy is written without cryptic or mysterious terms.</i>
<u>paradoxical</u>	Seemingly absurd or self-contradictory. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the paradoxical effect of making them trivial.</i>
<u>paradoxically</u>	In a paradoxical manner. <i>The strength of capitalism is paradoxically also its weakness.</i>
<u>puzzling</u>	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>A puzzling statement.</i>
<u>questionable</u>	Able to be refuted. <i>Questionable motives.</i>
<u>senile</u>	Mentally or physically infirm with age. <i>She couldn t cope with her senile husband.</i>

sibylline	Having a secret or hidden meaning- John Gunther. <i>His fascinating if sometimes sibylline meditations on the nation.</i>
unaccountable	Unable to be explained. <i>A powerful and unaccountable institution.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Not able to be relied on; not known or definite. <i>A gun with a rather uncertain trigger.</i>
<u>unclear</u>	Poorly stated or described. <i>The law itself was unclear on that point.</i>
<u>unfathomable</u>	Incapable of being fully understood. <i>Her grey eyes were dark with some unfathomable emotion.</i>
unintelligible	Impossible to understand. <i>Dolphin sounds are unintelligible to humans.</i>
unqualified	(of a person) not officially recognized as a practitioner of a particular profession or activity through having satisfied the relevant conditions or requirements. <i>The experiment was not an unqualified success.</i>
unreliable	Lacking a sense of responsibility. <i>He s lazy and unreliable.</i>

