

Need another word that means the same as “mercurial”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “mercurial” in this overview.

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Mercurial as an Adjective

Definitions of "Mercurial" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to or containing or caused by mercury.*
- *Of the planet Mercury.*
- *Of or containing the element mercury.*
- *Liable to sudden unpredictable change.*
- *Relating to or under the (astrological) influence of the planet Mercury.*
- *Subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.*
- *Relating to or having characteristics (eloquence, shrewdness, swiftness, thievishness) attributed to the god Mercury.*



Synonyms of "Mercurial" as an adjective (28 Words)

capricious	Changeable. <i>A capricious and often brutal administration.</i>
changeable	Able to be changed or exchanged. <i>Changeable moods.</i>
erratic	Not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable. <i>Erratic behavior.</i>
ever-changing	Marked by continuous change or effective action.
excitable	Easily excited. <i>These alkaloids act on nerve cells to make them more excitable.</i>
fickle	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i>Fickle friends.</i>
flighty	Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses). <i>Flighty young girls.</i>
fluctuating	Having unpredictable ups and downs. <i>A fluctuating level of demand.</i>
fluid	Characteristic of a fluid capable of flowing and easily changing shape. <i>The fluid political situation of the 1930s.</i>
giddy	Excitable and frivolous. <i>Luke felt almost giddy with relief.</i>
impulsive	Acting or done without forethought. <i>He regretted his impulsive offer.</i>
inconsistent	Not in agreement. <i>Parents can become inconsistent and lacking in control over their children.</i>
inconstant	Frequently changing; variable or irregular. <i>Swear not by the inconstant moon.</i>
kaleidoscopic	Having complex patterns of colours; multicoloured. <i>Kaleidoscopic diamond patterns.</i>
moody	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>Grainy film which gives a soft moody effect.</i>
mutable	Tending to undergo genetic mutation. <i>A mutable substance.</i>
protean	Taking on different forms. <i>It is difficult to comprehend the whole of this protean subject.</i>

quicksilver	Liabile to sudden unpredictable change. <i>A quicksilver character cool and willful at one moment utterly fragile the next.</i>
temperamental	Relating to a person's temperament. <i>A temperamental film star.</i>
<u>unpredictable</u>	Not able to be predicted; changeable. <i>An unpredictable or indeterminate future.</i>
<u>unstable</u>	Suffering from severe mental illness. <i>Sensitive and highly unstable compounds.</i>
<u>unsteady</u>	Subject to change or variation. <i>His hand was unsteady as he poured the wine.</i>
vacillating	Uncertain in purpose or action. <i>He was accused of vacillating leadership.</i>
variable	(of a quantity) able to assume different numerical values. <i>Rainfall in the tropics is notoriously variable.</i>
<u>volatile</u>	(of a person) liable to display rapid changes of emotion. <i>Volatile oils.</i>
wavering	Moving in a quivering way; flickering. <i>The move brought back wavering voters.</i>
wayward	Resistant to guidance or discipline. <i>Wayward behavior.</i>
<u>whimsical</u>	Determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason. <i>The whimsical arbitrariness of autocracy.</i>



Usage Examples of "Mercurial" as an adjective

- *Gels containing organic mercurial compounds.*
- *His mercurial temperament.*
- *Mercurial twists of temperament.*



Associations of "Mercurial" (30 Words)

anomalous	Deviating from the general or common order or type. <i>An anomalous situation.</i>
arbitrarily	On the basis of random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system. <i>Recurrent infection is arbitrarily defined as three or more infections a year.</i>
arrhythmic	Not rhythmic; without rhythm or regularity. <i>An arrhythmic heartbeat.</i>

capricious	Changeable. <i>A capricious summer breeze.</i>
cataclysmic	Causing sudden and violent upheaval. <i>Cataclysmic nuclear war.</i>
changeable	Varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles. <i>Cover the tables with changeable cloths.</i>
changing	Marked by continuous change or effective action.
cheating	Not faithful to a spouse or lover.
defuse	Remove the fuse from (an explosive device) in order to prevent it from exploding. <i>Explosives specialists tried to defuse the grenade.</i>
displacement	The volume swept by a reciprocating system, as in a pump or engine. <i>The submarine has a surface displacement of 2 185 tons.</i>
drachma	Formerly the basic unit of money in Greece.
equivocally	In an ambiguous manner.
erratic	A rock or boulder that differs from the surrounding rock and is believed to have been brought from a distance by glacial action. <i>An erratic comet.</i>
fickle	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i>Celebs trying to appeal to an increasingly fickle public.</i>
fungible	Of goods or commodities; freely exchangeable for or replaceable by another of like nature or kind in the satisfaction of an obligation. <i>It is by no means the world's only fungible commodity.</i>
haphazardly	Without care; in a slapdash manner. <i>The film feels haphazardly thrown together.</i>
impulse	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>Electrical impulses.</i>
impulsive	Having the power of driving or impelling. <i>The approaching waves contain an impulsive component.</i>
inconstant	(of a person or their behaviour) not faithful and dependable. <i>Inconstant affections.</i>
mutable	Prone to frequent change; inconstant. <i>Mutable weather patterns.</i>
platinum	Greyish white or silvery like platinum. <i>A platinum wig.</i>

quicksilver	A heavy silvery toxic univalent and bivalent metallic element; the only metal that is liquid at ordinary temperatures. <i>His quicksilver wit.</i>
random	Governed by or involving equal chances for each item. <i>I just sat down by myself and talked to some randoms.</i>
shifting	The act of moving from one place to another. <i>Diverse districts with shifting demographics.</i>
uncertain	(of a person) not completely confident or sure of something. <i>The issue is uncertain.</i>
unfaithful	Not trustworthy. <i>Her unfaithful husband.</i>
unpredictable	Unknown in advance. <i>The unpredictable weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
unstable	Highly or violently reactive. <i>Sensitive and highly unstable compounds.</i>
variable	The region of light variable winds to the north of the north east trade winds or in the southern hemisphere between the south east trade winds and the westerlies. <i>Nature is infinitely variable.</i>
volatile	A volatile substance. <i>A flirt s volatile affections.</i>

