

Need another word that means the same as “naughty”? Find 53 synonyms and 30 related words for “naughty” in this overview.

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Naughty as an Adjective

Definitions of "Naughty" as an adjective

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

- *Mildly rude or indecent, typically because related to sex.*
- *Suggestive of sexual impropriety.*
- *(especially of a child) badly behaved; disobedient.*
- *Badly behaved.*
- *Wicked.*



Synonyms of "Naughty" as an adjective (53 Words)

awkward	Deliberately unreasonable or uncooperative. <i>An awkward prose style.</i>
bad	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>Has a bad back.</i>
blue	Used to signify the Union forces in the American Civil War who wore blue uniforms. <i>He s feeling blue.</i>
broad	Broad in scope or content T G Winner. <i>A broad river.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	In an opposing direction. <i>A contrary wind.</i>
defiant	Boldly resisting authority or an opposing force. <i>Brought up to be aggressive and defiant.</i>

<u>delinquent</u>	In arrears. <i>Delinquent accounts.</i>
difficult	Characterized by or causing hardships or problems. <i>A difficult economic climate.</i>
<u>disobedient</u>	Unwilling to submit to authority. <i>Disobedient children.</i>
disorderly	In utter disorder. <i>They had no intention of staging a disorderly protest.</i>
disruptive	Causing or tending to cause disruption. <i>The hours of work are disruptive to home life.</i>
<u>errant</u>	Erring or straying from the accepted course or standards. <i>Errant youngsters.</i>
exasperating	Intensely irritating and frustrating. <i>They suffered a number of exasperating setbacks.</i>
fractious	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>A fractious animal that would not submit to the harness.</i>
gamey	Willing to face danger.
gamy	Smelling spoiled or tainted. <i>Gamy language.</i>
<u>improper</u>	Lacking in modesty or decency. <i>Improper medication.</i>
incorrigible	Impervious to correction by punishment. <i>She s an incorrigible flirt.</i>
indecent	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>They leaped on the suggestion with indecent haste.</i>
<u>indecorous</u>	Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct. <i>A pub crawl with sundry indecorous adventures.</i>
indelicate	Slightly indecent. <i>An indelicate proposition.</i>
insubordinate	Defiant of authority; disobedient to orders. <i>A history of insubordinate behavior.</i>
intractable	(of a person) difficult or stubborn. <i>The most intractable issue of our era.</i>
<u>juicy</u>	Full of juice. <i>A juicy scandal.</i>

mutinous	(of a soldier or sailor) refusing to obey the orders of a person in authority. <i>A mutinous speech.</i>
obstreperous	Noisy and difficult to control. <i>The boy is cocky and obstreperous.</i>
off colour	Below a satisfactory level.
perverse	Resistant to guidance or discipline. <i>In two general elections the outcome was quite perverse.</i>
rebellious	Showing a desire to resist authority, control, or convention. <i>The rebellious republics.</i>
recalcitrant	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>A class of recalcitrant fifteen year olds.</i>
refractory	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>Healing of previously refractory ulcers.</i>
ribald	Humorously vulgar. <i>He was delighted at the ribald laughter that greeted his witticism.</i>
risque	Suggestive of sexual impropriety. <i>A risque story.</i>
risqué	Suggestive of sexual impropriety.
rude	Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>The war came as a very rude awakening.</i>
self-willed	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.
spicy	Exciting or entertaining, especially through being mildly indecent. <i>Pasta in a spicy tomato sauce.</i>
suggestive	Tending to suggest something improper or indecent. <i>Flavours suggestive of coffee and blackberry.</i>
titillating	Arousing mild sexual excitement or interest; salacious. <i>She let slip titillating details about her clients.</i>
troublesome	Difficult to deal with. <i>A troublesome situation.</i>
unbiddable	Not easily controlled; unruly or disobedient. <i>Some hands would be unbiddable if we applied that rule to them.</i>
uncontrollable	Not controllable. <i>Uncontrollable pain.</i>
uncooperative	Intentionally unaccommodating. <i>An uncooperative witness.</i>

undisciplined	Not subjected to discipline. <i>Undisciplined talent.</i>
ungovernable	Incapable of being controlled. <i>An ungovernable impulse to run away.</i>
unmanageable	Difficult to solve or alleviate. <i>An unmanageable situation.</i>
unruly	Disorderly and disruptive and not amenable to discipline or control. <i>A group of unruly children.</i>
wayward	Difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour. <i>A wayward adolescent.</i>
wicked	Intensely or extremely bad or unpleasant in degree or quality. <i>A wicked prank.</i>
wild	Produced from wild animals or plants without cultivation. <i>The wild tribes from the north.</i>
wilful	(of a bad or harmful act) intentional; deliberate. <i>Wilful acts of damage.</i>



Usage Examples of "Naughty" as an adjective

- *Naughty words.*
- *You've been a really naughty boy.*
- *Naughty goings-on.*
- *A naughty boy.*
- *A naughty wink.*



Associations of "Naughty" (30 Words)

arch

Form an arch or curve.

*A beautiful bridge that **arched** over a canal.*

awful

Awfully very.

*This sea whose gently **awful** stirrings seem to speak of some hidden soul beneath.*

boy	A person's son. <i>A delivery boy.</i>
brat	A very troublesome child. <i>Presumably this is where people dump their brats so they can shop in relative peace.</i>
coltish	Given to merry frolicking. <i>Their impossibly coltish legs.</i>
dilettante	Showing frivolous or superficial interest; amateurish. <i>A wealthy literary dilettante.</i>
enjoyable	Affording satisfaction or pleasure. <i>The company was enjoyable.</i>
filthy	Disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter. <i>He has become filthy rich.</i>
foul	Of a baseball not hit between the foul lines. <i>Seaweed or barnacles could clog or foul the propeller.</i>
frisky	Playful like a lively kitten. <i>He bounds about like a frisky pup.</i>
frolicsome	Lively and playful. <i>Frolicsome students celebrated their graduation with parties and practical jokes.</i>
grimy	Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot. <i>Grimy hands.</i>
grin	A facial expression characterized by turning up the corners of the mouth; usually shows pleasure or amusement. <i>My word grinned the delighted man.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
mischievous	Deliberately causing harm or damage. <i>Mischievous children.</i>
nasty	Damaging or harmful. <i>Will he say nasty things at my funeral.</i>
playful	Intended for one's own or others' amusement rather than seriously. <i>He gave me a playful punch on the arm.</i>
prankster	Someone who plays practical jokes on others.
puckish	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A puckish sense of humour.</i>

punishment	The infliction or imposition of a penalty as retribution for an offence. <i>He approved of stiff punishments for criminals.</i>
ragged	Having an irregular or uneven surface, edge, or outline. <i>Text set with ragged right margins.</i>
<u>rampant</u>	(especially of something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked. <i>A rampant growth of weeds.</i>
repartee	Adroitness and cleverness in reply. <i>He had a quick mind and a splendid gift of repartee.</i>
<u>risque</u>	Suggestive of sexual impropriety. <i>A risque story.</i>
smiling	Smiling with happiness or optimism Lewis Carroll. <i>It s nice to see everyone s smiling faces.</i>
spank	Give a spanking to subject to a spanking. <i>When his father caught him he got a spank.</i>
sportive	Playful; light-hearted. <i>I was always a very sportive person I played almost every sport.</i>
terrible	Causing or likely to cause terror; sinister. <i>A terrible curse.</i>
<u>whimsical</u>	Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way. <i>The victim of whimsical persecutions.</i>

