

Need another word that means the same as “ornery”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “ornery” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ornery” are: cantankerous, crotchety, tedious, dull, monotonous

Ornery as an Adjective

Definitions of "Ornery" as an adjective

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

- *Bad-tempered or difficult to deal with.*
- *Having a difficult and contrary disposition.*
- *Having a difficult and contrary disposition- Dorothy Sayers.*

Synonyms of "Ornery" as an adjective (5 Words)

cantankerous	Bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative. A cantankerous and venomous tongued old lady.
crotchety	Having a difficult and contrary disposition. <i>He was tired and crotchety.</i>
dull	Not having a sharp edge or point. A dull gaze.
monotonous	Dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest. <i>The statistics that he quotes with monotonous regularity.</i>
tedious	Too long, slow, or dull; tiresome or monotonous. A tedious journey.

Usage Examples of "Ornery" as an adjective

- *An ornery old military man.*

Associations of "Ornery" (30 Words)

<u>cantankerous</u>	Having a difficult and contrary disposition. <i>He can be a cantankerous old fossil at times.</i>
choleric	Characterized by anger. <i>A choleric outburst.</i>
crotchety	Having a difficult and contrary disposition. <i>He was tired and crotchety.</i>
<u>dogged</u>	Stubbornly unyielding- T.S.Eliot. <i>Success required dogged determination.</i>
froward	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.
hardheaded	Unreasonably rigid in the face of argument or entreaty or attack. <i>A hardheaded appraisal of our position.</i>
headstrong	Energetically wilful and determined. <i>The headstrong impulsiveness of youth.</i>
hidebound	Unwilling or unable to change because of tradition or convention. <i>They are working to change hidebound corporate cultures.</i>
ingratitude	A discreditable lack of gratitude. <i>He returned his daughter's care with ingratitude and unkindness.</i>
insistence	Continual and persistent demands. <i>Insistence on grammatical correctness is a conservative position.</i>
<u>insistent</u>	Insisting on or demanding something; not allowing refusal. <i>Tony's soft insistent questioning.</i>
intransigence	Refusal to change one's views or to agree about something. <i>In the face of government intransigence he resigned in disgust.</i>
intransigent	An intransigent person. <i>Her father had tried persuasion but she was intransigent.</i>
irascible	Characterized by anger. <i>An irascible and difficult man.</i>
obduracy	Resoluteness by virtue of being unyielding and inflexible.
obdurate	Stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing. <i>The child's misery would move even the most obdurate heart.</i>

obstinacy	The quality or condition of being obstinate; stubbornness. <i>His reputation for obstinacy.</i>
obstinate	Stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing. <i>The obstinate problem of unemployment.</i>
opinionated	Obstinate in your opinions. <i>An arrogant and opinionated man.</i>
persistence	The property of a continuous and connected period of time. <i>Cardiff's persistence was rewarded with a try.</i>
persistent	Continually recurring to the mind- Claudia Cassidy. <i>Persistent leaves remain attached past maturity.</i>
pertinacious	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>The most vocal and pertinacious of all the critics.</i>
pertinacity	Persistent determination.
pigheaded	Obstinate and stupid.
querulous	Complaining in a rather petulant or whining manner. <i>She became querulous and demanding.</i>
recalcitrance	The trait of being unmanageable.
recalcitrant	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>A class of recalcitrant fifteen year olds.</i>
stubborn	Having or showing dogged determination not to change one's attitude or position on something, especially in spite of good arguments or reasons to do so. <i>Stubborn rust stains.</i>
tenacious	Stubbornly unyielding- T.S.Eliot. <i>This tenacious defence of local liberties.</i>
unyielding	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>An unyielding head support.</i>