

Need another word that means the same as “paradoxical”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “paradoxical” in this overview.

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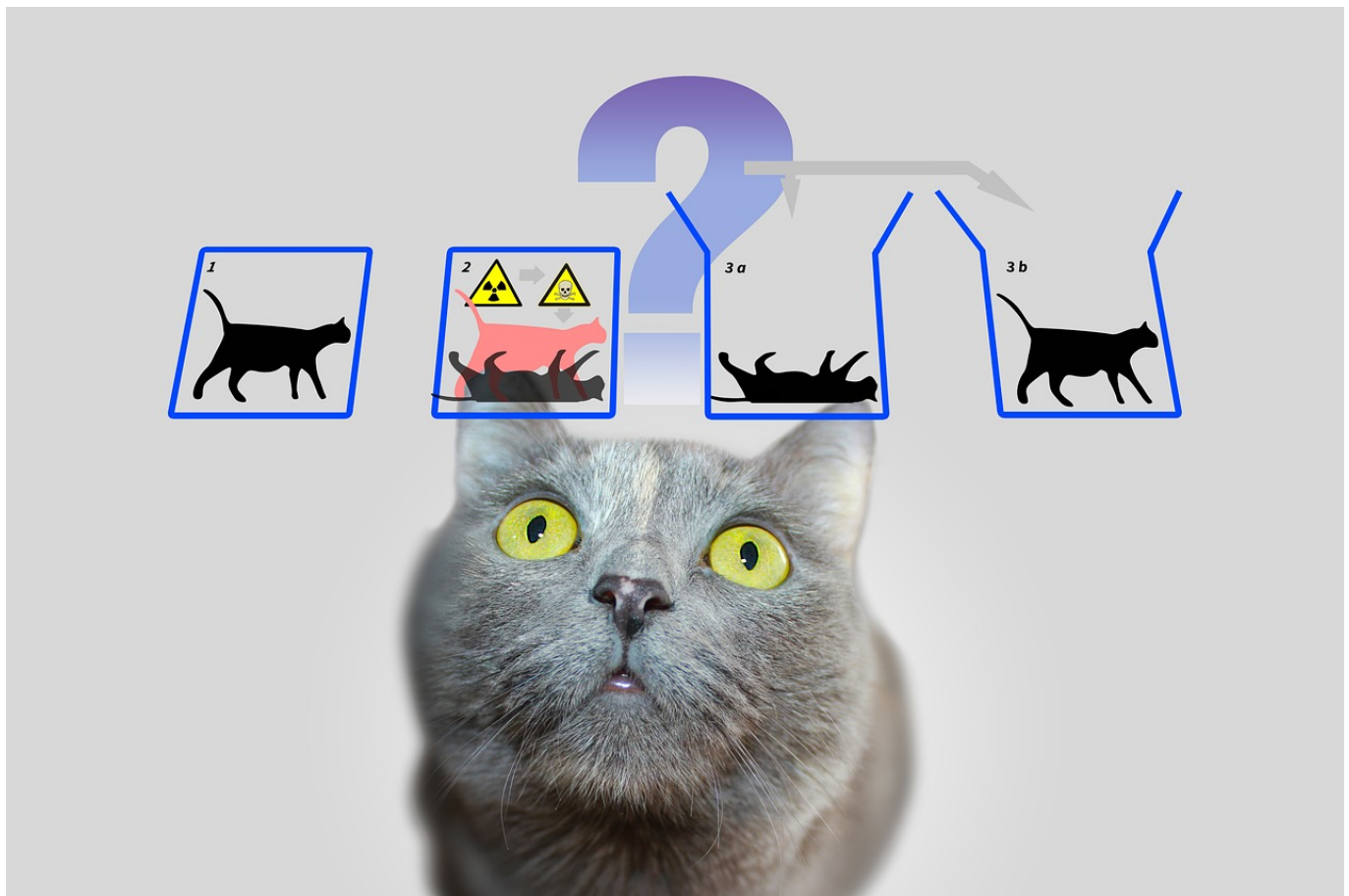
The synonyms of “Paradoxical” are: self-contradictory, contradictory, inconsistent, incongruous, anomalous, conflicting

Paradoxical as an Adjective

Definitions of "Paradoxical" as an adjective

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

- *Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.*
- *Seemingly absurd or self-contradictory.*



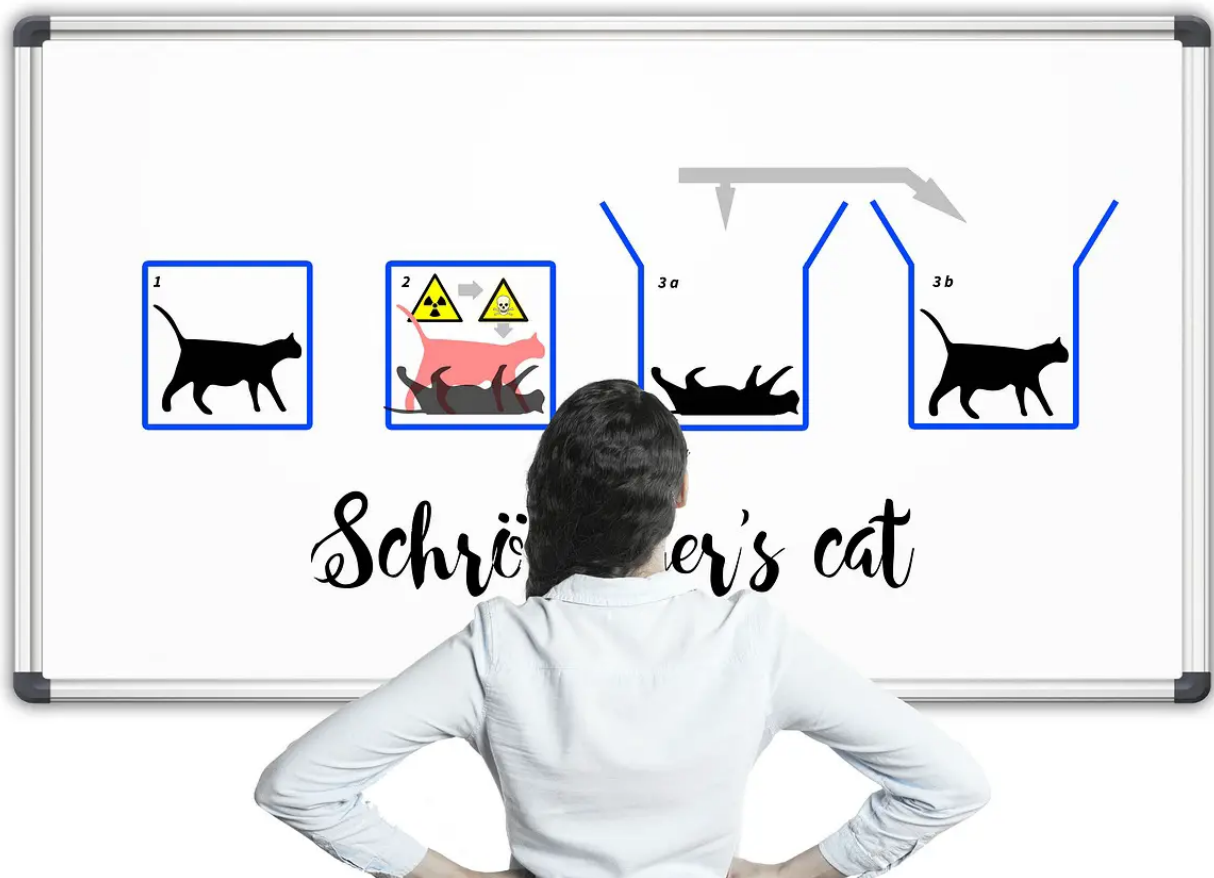
Synonyms of "Paradoxical" as an adjective (6 Words)

anomalous	Deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected. <i>Advanced forms of life may be anomalous in the universe.</i>
conflicting	On bad terms. Conflicting opinions.
contradictory	(of two propositions) so related that one and only one must be true. <i>Perfect and imperfect are contradictory terms.</i>
incongruous	Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something. <i>A plan incongruous with reason.</i>
inconsistent	Not in agreement. <i>The quality of the material was often inconsistent.</i>
self-contradictory	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.



Usage Examples of "Paradoxical" as an adjective

- *It is paradoxical that standing is more tiring than walking.*
- *By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the paradoxical effect of making them trivial.*



Associations of "Paradoxical" (30 Words)

ambivalence

Mixed feelings or emotions.

Government **ambivalence** towards the arts.

antinomy

A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox.

There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.

<u>antithesis</u>	The juxtaposition of contrasting words or ideas to give a feeling of balance. <i>The antithesis between occult and rational mentalities.</i>
conflicting	On bad terms. <i>There are conflicting accounts of what occurred.</i>
<u>contradiction</u>	(logic) a statement that is necessarily false. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.</i>
<u>contradictory</u>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Contradictory attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	A contrary proposition. <i>She is sulky and contrary where her work is concerned.</i>
cynicism	An inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; scepticism. <i>Cynicism about the future.</i>
discrepant	Not in accord. <i>Widely discrepant statements.</i>
dissonant	Lacking harmony. <i>Irregular dissonant chords.</i>
<u>incompatible</u>	(of two things) so different in nature as to be incapable of coexisting. <i>Although convinced that they were incompatible she loved him.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	An inconsistent aspect or element. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
inconsistent	Acting at variance with one's own principles or former behaviour. <i>Parents can become inconsistent and lacking in control over their children.</i>
<u>inexplicable</u>	Unable to be explained or accounted for. <i>Left the house at three in the morning for inexplicable reasons.</i>
inharmonious	Not in harmony. <i>An inharmonious negative state of mind.</i>
inscrutable	Of an obscure nature. <i>The inscrutable workings of Providence.</i>
<u>ironic</u>	Happening in a way contrary to what is expected, and typically causing wry amusement because of this. <i>An ironic novel.</i>
<u>irony</u>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>Don t go overboard with the gratitude he rejoined with heavy irony.</i>

oppose	Act against or in opposition to. <i>We oppose the ban on abortion.</i>
opposing	Characterized by active hostility. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>
<u>oxymoron</u>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence. (logic) a statement that contradicts itself.
<u>paradox</u>	<i>The uncertainty principle leads to all sorts of paradoxes like the particles being in two places at once.</i>
<u>paradoxically</u>	In a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory way. <i>The strength of capitalism is paradoxically also its weakness.</i>
sarcasm	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>He used sarcasm to upset his opponent.</i>
<u>sarcastic</u>	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>I think they re being sarcastic.</i>
<u>sardonic</u>	Grimly mocking or cynical. <i>Starkey attempted a sardonic smile.</i>
<u>satire</u>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A stinging satire on American politics.</i>
satiric	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the satirical fortnightly magazine.</i>
<u>satirical</u>	Containing or using satire. <i>His satirical sense of humour.</i>
unaccountable	Not to be accounted for or explained. <i>He was not only the most charismatic man she d ever met but also the most complex and unaccountable.</i>

