

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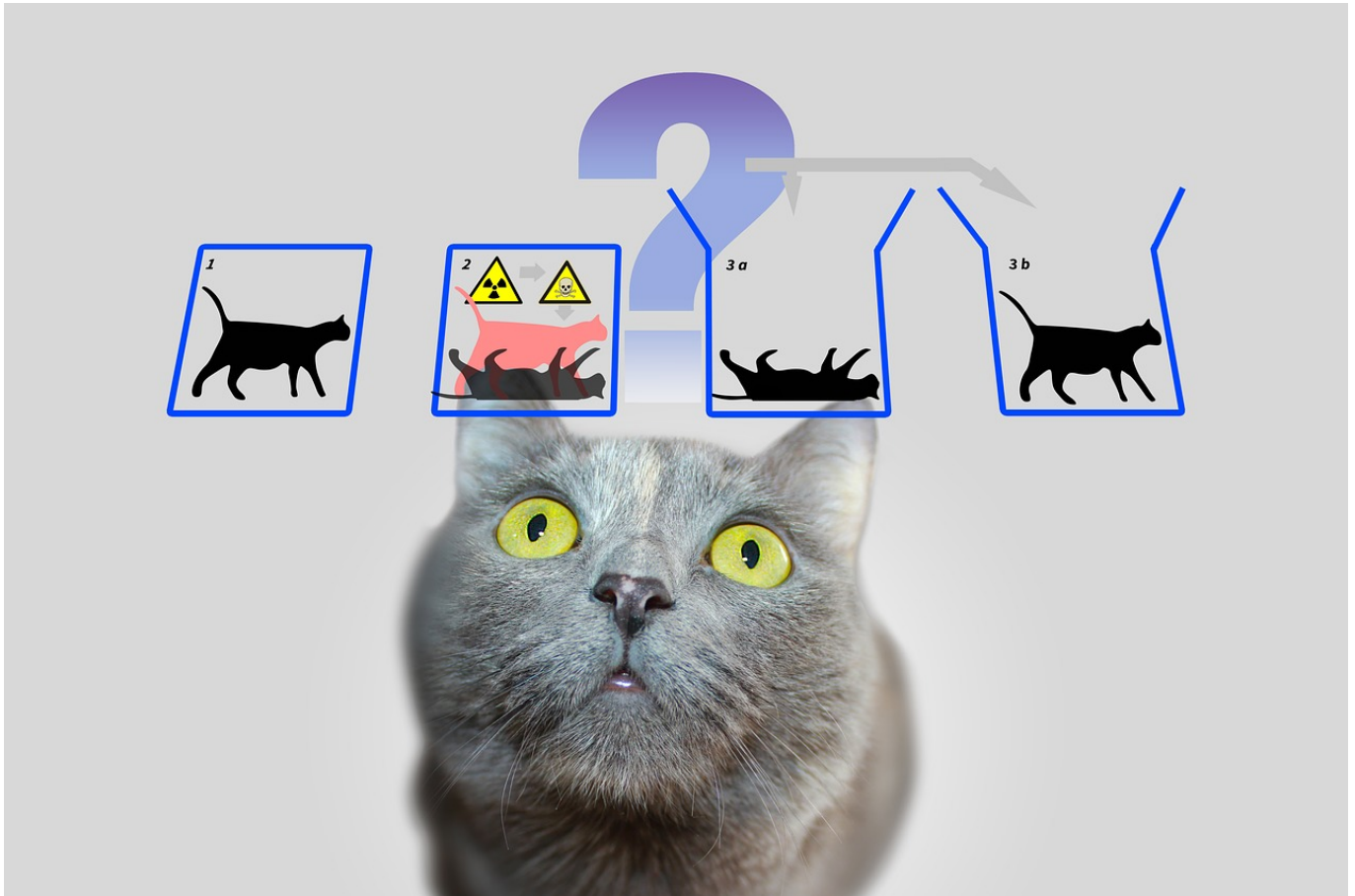
**The synonyms of “Paradoxical” are: self-contradictory, contradictory, inconsistent, incongruous, anomalous, conflicting**

## **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.*



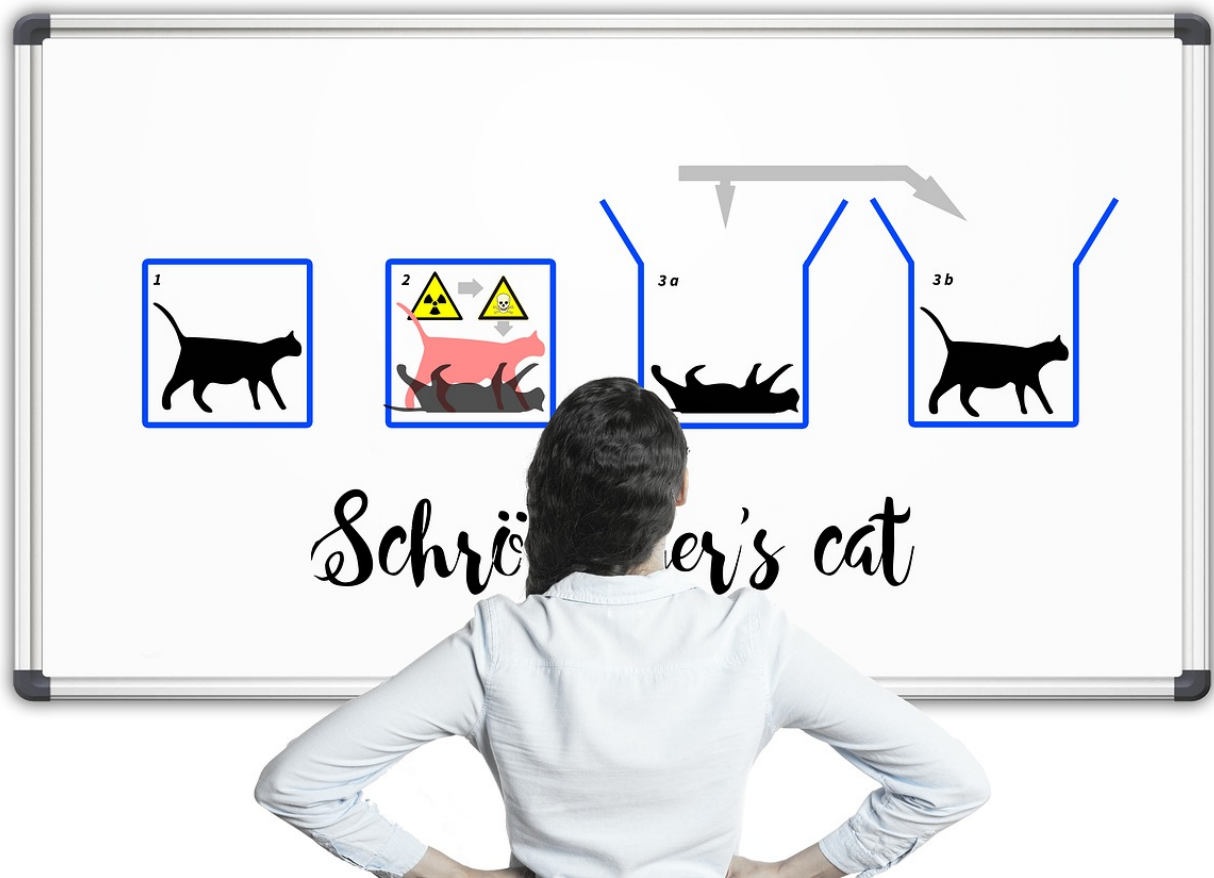
## Synonyms of "Paradoxical" as an adjective (6 Words)

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

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

<b>oppose</b>	Act against or in opposition to. <i>We <b>oppose</b> the ban on abortion.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	Characterized by active hostility. <i>On the <b>opposing</b> page there were two addresses.</i>
<u><b>oxymoron</b></u>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence.
<u><b>paradox</b></u>	(logic) a statement that contradicts itself. <i>The uncertainty principle leads to all sorts of <b>paradoxes</b> like the particles being in two places at once.</i>
<u><b>paradoxically</b></u>	In a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory way. <i>The strength of capitalism is <b>paradoxically</b> also its weakness.</i>
<b>sarcasm</b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn—Jonathan Swif. <i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>
<u><b>sarcastic</b></u>	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>I think they re being <b>sarcastic</b>.</i>
<u><b>sardonic</b></u>	Grimly mocking or cynical. <i>Starkey attempted a <b>sardonic</b> smile.</i>
<u><b>satire</b></u>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A stinging <b>satire</b> on American politics.</i>
<b>satiric</b>	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the <b>satirical</b> fortnightly magazine.</i>
<u><b>satirical</b></u>	Containing or using satire. <i>His <b>satirical</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>unaccountable</b>	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 <b>unaccountable</b>.</i>

