

Need another word that means the same as “playful”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “playful” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Playful” are: frisky, jolly, lively, full of fun, high-spirited, spirited, in high spirits, exuberant, perky, skittish, coltish, kittenish, light-hearted, in fun, in jest, joking, jokey, teasing, humorous, jocular, jesting, good-natured, facetious, frivolous, flippant, arch, waggish, flirtatious, whimsical, harmless, innocuous, safe, unobjectionable, inoffensive**

## Playful as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Playful" as an adjective

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

- *Fond of games and amusement; light-hearted.*
- *Intended for one's own or others' amusement rather than seriously.*
- *Giving or expressing pleasure and amusement.*
- *Full of fun and high spirits.*



## Synonyms of "Playful" as an adjective (34 Words)

<b>arch</b>	Characteristic of those who treat others with condescension.
<b>coltish</b>	Energetic but awkward in one's movements or behaviour. <i>Their impossibly <b>coltish</b> legs.</i>
<b>exuberant</b>	Growing luxuriantly or profusely. <i><b>Exuberant</b> over the top sculptures.</i>
<b>facetious</b>	Treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour; flippant. <i><b>Facetious</b> remarks.</i>
<b>flippant</b>	Not showing a serious or respectful attitude. <i>A <b>flippant</b> remark.</i>
<b>flirtatious</b>	Like a coquette. <i>A <b>flirtatious</b> smile.</i>
<b>frisky</b>	Playful like a lively kitten. <i>He bounds about like a <b>frisky</b> pup.</i>

<b>frivolous</b>	Not serious in content or attitude or behavior. <i>A <b>frivolous</b> novel.</i>
<b>full of fun</b>	Being at a peak or culminating point.
<b>good-natured</b>	Having an easygoing and cheerful disposition.
<b><u>harmless</u></b>	Inoffensive. <i>Rendered the bomb <b>harmless</b>.</i>
<b>high-spirited</b>	Joyously unrestrained.
<b>humorous</b>	Causing laughter and amusement; comic. <i>A <b>humorous</b> and entertaining talk.</i>
<b>in fun</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>in high spirits</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in jest</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>innocuous</b>	Lacking intent or capacity to injure. <i>It was an <b>innocuous</b> remark.</i>
<b>inoffensive</b>	Not objectionable or harmful. <i>A refreshing <b>inoffensive</b> stimulant.</i>
<b>jesting</b>	Characterized by jokes and good humor. <i>A <b>jesting</b> commentary on world affairs.</i>
<b>jocular</b>	Characterized by jokes and good humor. <i>His voice was <b>jocular</b>.</i>
<b>jokey</b>	Not serious; teasing or humorous. <i>A brief exchange of <b>jokey</b> comments.</i>
<b><u>joking</u></b>	Humorous or flippant. <i>A <b>joking</b> manner.</i>
<b><u>jolly</u></b>	Full of or showing high-spirited merriment- Wordsworth. <i><b>Jolly</b> old Saint Nick.</i>
<b>kittenish</b>	Playful like a lively kitten. <i>Her voice had that <b>kittenish</b> quality.</i>
<b>light-hearted</b>	Carefree and happy and lighthearted.
<b>lively</b>	Quick and energetic. <i>A <b>lively</b> party.</i>
<b>perky</b>	Cheerful and lively. <i>A <b>perky</b> little widow in her 70s.</i>
<b>safe</b>	Financially safe. <i>A <b>safe</b> investment that produced regular income.</i>



<b>skittish</b>	(of an animal, especially a horse) nervous or excitable; easily scared. <i>A <b>skittish</b> chestnut mare.</i>
<b>spirited</b>	Made lively or spirited. <i>A warm hearted generous <b>spirited</b> man.</i>
<b>teasing</b>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Her lazy <b>teasing</b> smile.</i>
<b>unobjectionable</b>	Not causing disapproval. <i>The ends are <b>unobjectionable</b> it s the means that one can t accept.</i>
<b>waggish</b>	Humorous in a playful, mischievous, or facetious manner. <i>A <b>waggish</b> riposte.</i>
<b>whimsical</b>	Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way. <i>A <b>whimsical</b> sense of humour.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Playful" as an adjective

- *Playful children just let loose from school.*
- *A playful tomboy who loves to dress up.*



- *He gave me a playful punch on the arm.*
- *The ballet accents the playful use of movement.*



## Associations of "Playful" (30 Words)

- coltish** Energetic but awkward in one's movements or behaviour.  
*Long lean **coltish** women.*
- dilettante** Showing frivolous or superficial interest; amateurish.  
*A wealthy literary **dilettante**.*
- enjoyable** Affording satisfaction or pleasure.  
*The company was **enjoyable**.*
- flirt** A person who habitually flirts.  
*She began to tease him **flirting** with other men in front of him.*

<b>frisky</b>	Playful like a lively kitten. <i>He bounds about like a <b>frisky</b> pup.</i>
<b>frolicsome</b>	Given to merry frolicking. <i><b>Frolicsome</b> students celebrated their graduation with parties and practical jokes.</i>
<b>fun</b>	A source of fun. <i>The column s just a bit of <b>fun</b>.</i>
<b>gaiety</b>	A festive merry feeling. <i>He seemed to be a part of the <b>gaiety</b> having a wonderful time.</i>
<b>grin</b>	A facial expression characterized by turning up the corners of the mouth; usually shows pleasure or amusement. <i>The skull <b>grinned</b> back at him its eye sockets dark and hollow.</i>
<b>humor</b>	The trait of appreciating and being able to express the humorous. <i>She didn t appreciate my <b>humor</b>.</i>
<b>jocular</b>	Fond of or characterized by joking; humorous or playful. <i>She sounded in a <b>jocular</b> mood.</i>
<b>joggle</b>	Fasten or join with a joggle. <i>The lurch and <b>joggle</b> of the car.</i>
<b>joke</b>	Tell a joke speak humorously. <i>I regarded his campaign for mayor as a <b>joke</b>.</i>
<b>laugh</b>	A humorous anecdote or remark intended to provoke laughter. <i>Come along it ll be a <b>laugh</b>.</i>
<b>laughing</b>	Showing or feeling mirth or pleasure or happiness. <i><b>Laughing</b> children.</i>
<b>libertine</b>	Freethinking. <i>His more <b>libertine</b> impulses.</i>
<b>mischievous</b>	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i><b>Mischievous</b> children.</i>
<b>naughty</b>	(especially of a child) badly behaved; disobedient. <i>A <b>naughty</b> wink.</i>
<b>philanderer</b>	A man who readily or frequently enters into casual sexual relationships with women; a womanizer. <i>He was known as a <b>philanderer</b>.</i>
<b>pleasure</b>	A fundamental feeling that is hard to define but that people desire to experience. <i>The <b>pleasure</b> of his company.</i>
<b>prankster</b>	A person fond of playing pranks.

<b>puckish</b>	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A <b>puckish</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>quirky</b>	Having or characterized by peculiar or unexpected traits or aspects. <i>Her sense of humour was decidedly <b>quirky</b>.</i>
<b>repartee</b>	Adroitness and cleverness in reply. <i>Quick fire <b>repartee</b>.</i>
<b>slapstick</b>	A device consisting of two flexible pieces of wood joined together at one end, used by clowns and in pantomime to produce a loud slapping noise. <i><b>Slapstick</b> style of humor.</i>
<b>smiling</b>	The action or fact of smiling. <i>A room of <b>smiling</b> faces.</i>
<b>sportive</b>	Relating to or interested in sports. <i>Sir John was in <b>sportive</b> mood.</i>
<b>whimsical</b>	Determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason. <i>The victim of <b>whimsical</b> persecutions.</i>
<b>witticism</b>	A message whose ingenuity or verbal skill or incongruity has the power to evoke laughter. <i>Maurice roared with laughter at his own <b>witticisms</b>.</i>
<b>witty</b>	Combining clever conception and facetious expression. <i>Marlowe was charming and <b>witty</b>.</i>



