

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)

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

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

<u>skittish</u>	(of an animal, especially a horse) nervous or excitable; easily scared. <i>A skittish chestnut mare.</i>
<u>spirited</u>	Made lively or spirited. <i>A warm hearted generous spirited man.</i>
<u>teasing</u>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Her lazy teasing smile.</i>
<u>unobjectionable</u>	Not causing disapproval. <i>The ends are unobjectionable it s the means that one can t accept.</i>
<u>waggish</u>	Humorous in a playful, mischievous, or facetious manner. <i>A waggish riposte.</i>
<u>whimsical</u>	Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way. <i>A whimsical 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. <i>Long lean coltish women.</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>
flirt	A person who habitually flirts. <i>She began to tease him flirting with other men in front of him.</i>

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

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

