

Need another word that means the same as “provocative”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “provocative” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Provocative” are: annoying, irritating, exasperating, infuriating, provoking, maddening, vexing, galling, sexy, sexually exciting, alluring, seductive, tempting, suggestive, inviting, tantalizing, titillating

Provocative as an Adjective

Definitions of "Provocative" as an adjective

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

- *Exciting sexual desire.*
- *Intended or intending to arouse sexual desire or interest.*
- *Causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.*
- *Serving or tending to provoke, excite, or stimulate; stimulating discussion or exciting controversy.*
- *Serving or tending to provoke, excite, or stimulate; stimulating discussion or exciting controversy- Anthony Trollope.*
- *Intentionally arousing sexual desire.*



Synonyms of "Provocative" as an adjective (17 Words)

alluring	Highly attractive and able to arouse hope or desire. <i>An alluring prospect.</i>
annoying	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Unsolicited calls are annoying.</i>
exasperating	Making worse. <i>I've had an exasperating day.</i>
galling	Causing annoyance or resentment; annoying. <i>It would be galling to lose your job because of a dispute with a customer.</i>
<u>infuriating</u>	Extremely annoying or displeasing. <i>That infuriating half smile on his face.</i>
<u>inviting</u>	Offering the promise of an attractive or enjoyable experience. <i>An inviting offer.</i>
irritating	Causing annoyance, impatience, or mild anger. <i>The substance may be irritating to eyes and skin.</i>
maddening	Extremely annoying or displeasing. <i>The ceaseless tumult of the jukebox was maddening.</i>
provoking	Causing annoyance; irritating. <i>A provoking delay at the airport.</i>
<u>seductive</u>	Tending to entice into a desired action or state. <i>A seductive voice.</i>
sexually exciting	Creating or arousing excitement.
<u>suggestive</u>	Tending to suggest something improper or indecent. <i>Artifacts suggestive of an ancient society.</i>
<u>tantalizing</u>	Very pleasantly inviting. <i>A tantalizing glimpse of the career he might have had.</i>
<u>tempting</u>	Highly attractive and able to arouse hope or desire. <i>It is often tempting to bring about change rapidly.</i>
titillating	Exciting by touching lightly so as to cause laughter or twitching movements. <i>Then came a lot of titillating tabloid speculation.</i>
vexing	Causing annoyance, frustration, or worry. <i>The most vexing questions for policymakers.</i>



Usage Examples of "Provocative" as an adjective

- *Her gestures and postures became more wanton and provocative.*
- *A provocative remark.*
- *Provocative remarks about foreign policy.*
- *A provocative article.*
- *Provocative Irish tunes which...compel the hearers to dance.*
- *A provocative smile.*
- *A provocative sidelong glance.*



Associations of "Provocative" (30 Words)

agitative	Tending to agitate or move (something); involving agitation.
ambitious	Having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed. <i>A ruthlessly ambitious workaholic.</i>
arouse	Stimulate sexually. <i>This movie usually arouses the male audience.</i>
arsonist	A criminal who illegally sets fire to property. <i>Police believe arsonists were responsible for both fires.</i>
challenging	Inviting competition; provocative. <i>Performed the most challenging task without a mistake.</i>
charged	Capable of producing violent emotion or arousing controversy. <i>An emotionally charged speech.</i>
<u>cheer</u>	Cause somebody to feel happier or more cheerful. <i>She tried to cheer up the disappointed child when he failed to win the spelling bee.</i>
combustible	A combustible substance. <i>A combustible gas.</i>
combustion	The process of burning something. <i>Combustion grew until revolt was unavoidable.</i>
<u>effervescent</u>	Marked by high spirits or excitement. <i>An effervescent mixture of cheap wine fruit flavours sugar and carbon dioxide.</i>
encourage	Stimulate the development of (an activity, state, or belief). <i>His financial success encouraged him to look for a wife.</i>
<u>energetic</u>	Showing or involving great activity or vitality. <i>It caused an energetic chemical reaction.</i>
frothy	Full of or covered with a mass of small bubbles. <i>Steaming mugs of frothy coffee.</i>
iconoclast	A supporter of the 8th- and 9th-century movement in the Byzantine Church which sought to abolish the veneration of icons and other religious images.
incendiary	An incendiary bomb or device. <i>Incendiary rhetoric.</i>
inflammatory	Relating to or causing inflammation of a part of the body. <i>An inflammatory response.</i>
<u>inspiring</u>	Having the effect of inspiring someone. <i>He was an inspiring teacher.</i>

insurgent	Relating to rebels. <i>An attack by armed insurgents.</i>
live	Continue to live and avoid dying. <i>Still a live option.</i>
lively	Difficult or challenging. <i>A lively homeward passage dodging aircraft and E boats.</i>
pep	Make someone or something more lively or interesting. <i>This tonic is guaranteed to give you more pep.</i>
<u>rebel</u>	Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance. <i>The Earl of Pembroke subsequently rebelled against Henry III.</i>
rousing	Rousing to activity or heightened action as by spurring or goading. <i>A rousing speech.</i>
scintillating	Brilliantly clever. <i>The scintillating sun.</i>
sedition	In opposition to a civil authority or government. <i>The letter was declared sedition.</i>
spasmodic	Caused by, subject to, or in the nature of a spasm or spasms. <i>His body made a spasmodic jerk.</i>
stimulate	Act as a stimulant. <i>The book stimulated her imagination.</i>
stimulating	That stimulates. <i>A stimulating discussion.</i>
<u>stirring</u>	Agitating a liquid with an implement. <i>A stirring and thriving politician.</i>
<u>subversive</u>	A subversive person. <i>The government claimed we were subversives or terrorists.</i>

