

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

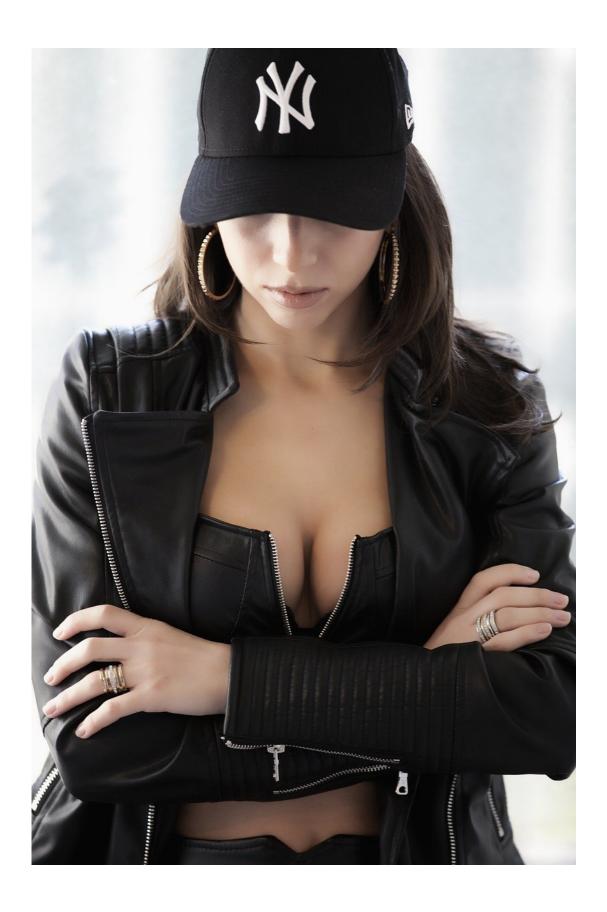
# Provocative as an Adjective

#### Definitions of "Provocative" as an adjective

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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.

An **alluring** prospect.

annoying Causing irritation or annoyance.

Unsolicited calls are annoying.

**exasperating** Making worse.

I ve had an **exasperating** day.

Causing annoyance or resentment; annoying.

**galling** It would be **galling** to lose your job because of a dispute with a

customer.

**infuriating**Extremely annoying or displeasing.

That **infuriating** half smile on his face.

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Offering the promise of an attractive or enjoyable experience.

An **inviting** offer.

irritating Causing annoyance, impatience, or mild anger.

The substance may be **irritating** to eyes and skin.

maddening Extremely annoying or displeasing.

The ceaseless tumult of the jukebox was **maddening**.

**provoking**Causing annoyance; irritating.

A **provoking** delay at the airport.

**seductive** Tending to entice into a desired action or state.

A **seductive** voice.

**sexually exciting** Creating or arousing excitement.

Tending to suggest something improper or indecent.

suggestive
Artifacts suggestive of an ancient society.

tantalizing Very pleasantly inviting.

A **tantalizing** glimpse of the career he might have had.

tempting

Highly attractive and able to arouse hope or desire.

It is often **tempting** to bring about change rapidly.

Exciting by touching lightly so as to cause laughter or twitching

**titillating** movements.

Then came a lot of **titillating** tabloid speculation.

Causing annoyance, frustration, or worry.

vexing

The most vexing questions for policymakers.

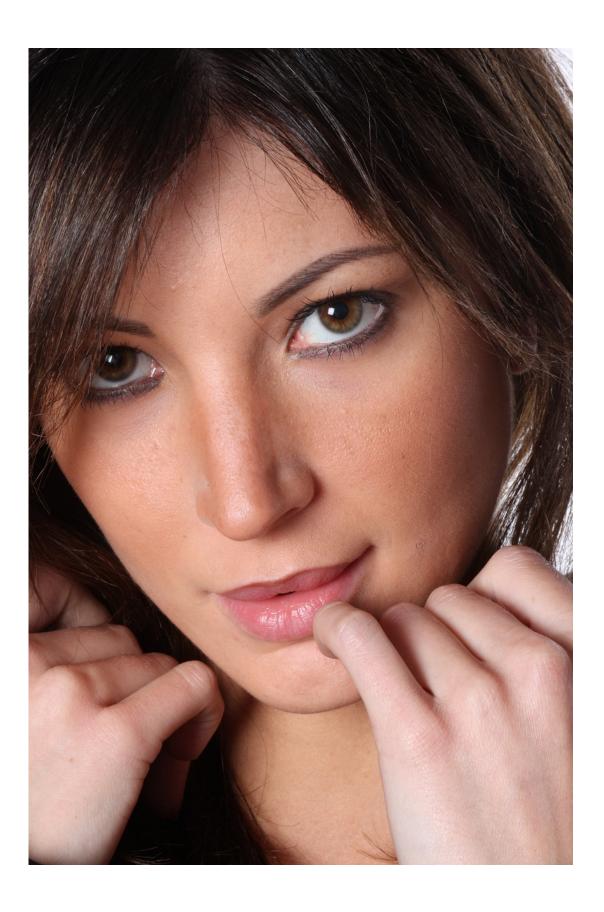




### Usage Examples of "Provocative" as an adjective

- 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.

A ruthlessly **ambitious** workaholic.

arouse Stimulate sexually.

This movie usually **arouse**s the male audience.

**arsonist** A criminal who illegally sets fire to property.

Police believe **arsonist**s were responsible for both fires.

**challenging** Inviting competition; provocative.

Performed the most **challenging** task without a mistake.

**charged** Capable of producing violent emotion or arousing controversy.

An emotionally **charged** speech.

Cause somebody to feel happier or more cheerful.

**cheer** She tried to **cheer** up the disappointed child when he failed to win the

spelling bee.

**combustible** A combustible substance.

A combustible gas.

**combustion** The process of burning something.

**Combustion** grew until revolt was unavoidable.

Marked by high spirits or excitement.

**effervescent** An **effervescent** mixture of cheap wine fruit flavours sugar and carbon

dioxide.

**encourage** Stimulate the development of (an activity, state, or belief.

His financial success **encourage**d him to look for a wife.

**energetic** Showing or involving great activity or vitality.

It caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

**frothy** Full of or covered with a mass of small bubbles.

Steaming mugs of **frothy** coffee.

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.

**Incendiary** rhetoric.

Relating to or causing inflammation of a part of the body.

inflammatory An inflammatory response.

Having the effect of inspiring someone.

inspiring

He was an inspiring teacher.



insurgent Relating to rebels.

An attack by armed **insurgent**s.

Continue to live and avoid dying.

Still a **live** option.

lively Difficult or challenging.

A **lively** homeward passage dodging aircraft and E boats.

Make someone or something more lively or interesting.

This tonic is guaranteed to give you more **pep**.

Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance.

The Earl of Pembroke subsequently **rebel**led against Henry III.

**rousing** Rousing to activity or heightened action as by spurring or goading.

A **rousing** speech.

scintillating Brilliantly clever.

The **scintillating** sun.

seditious In opposition to a civil authority or government.

The letter was declared **seditious**.

**spasmodic** Caused by, subject to, or in the nature of a spasm or spasms.

His body made a **spasmodic** jerk.

stimulate Act as a stimulant.

The book **stimulate**d her imagination.

stimulating That stimulates.

A **stimulating** discussion.

**stirring** Agitating a liquid with an implement.

A **stirring** and thriving politician.

subversive A subversive person.

The government claimed we were **subversive**s or terrorists.



