

Need another word that means the same as “puzzling”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “puzzling” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Puzzling” are: enigmatic, enigmatical, confusing, perplexing

Puzzling as an Adjective

Definitions of "Puzzling" as an adjective

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

- *Causing one to be puzzled; perplexing.*
- *Not clear to the understanding.*
- *Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity.*



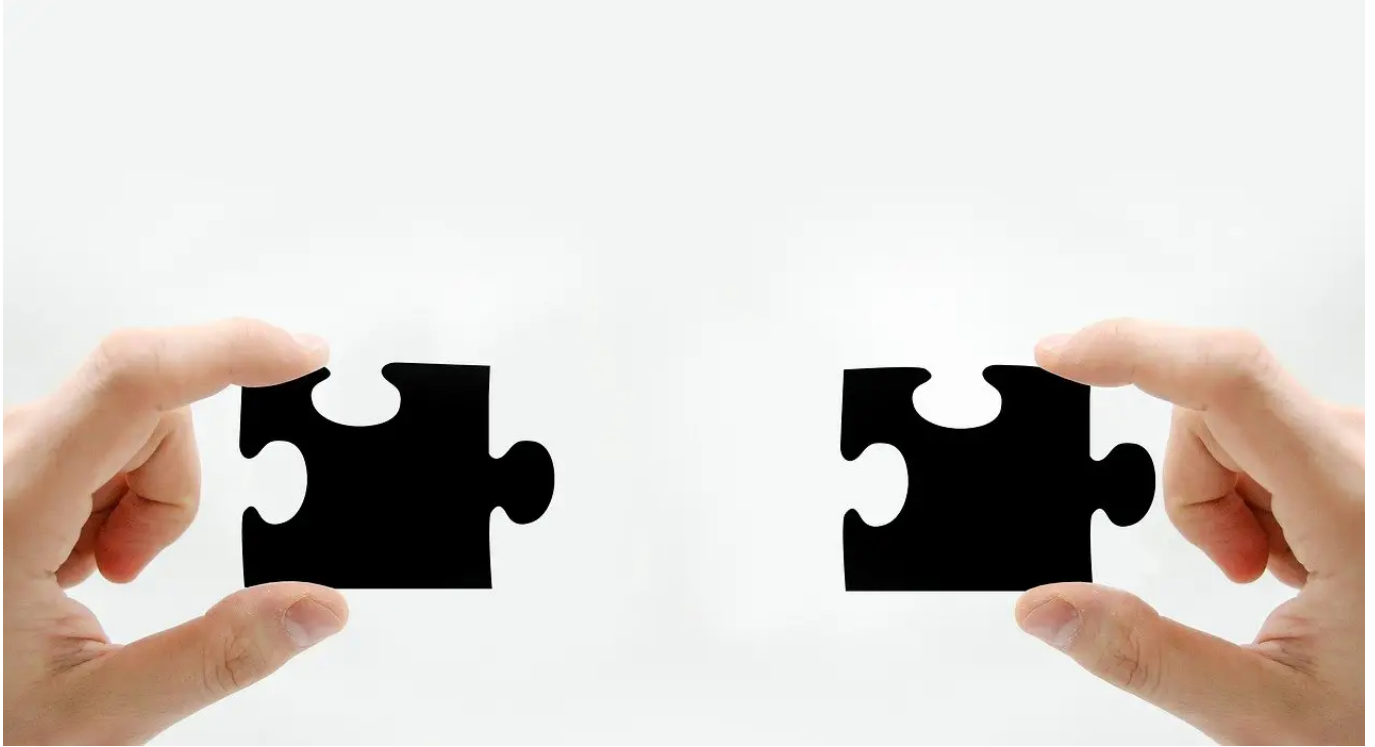
Synonyms of "Puzzling" as an adjective (4 Words)

- confusing** Causing confusion or disorientation.
*Being hospitalized can be **confusing** and distressing for a small child.*
- enigmatic** Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious.
*An **enigmatic** smile.*
- enigmatical** Not clear to the understanding.
- perplexing** Completely baffling; very puzzling.
*A **perplexing** problem.*



Usage Examples of "Puzzling" as an adjective

- *Only one very puzzling question remains unanswered.*
- *A puzzling statement.*



Associations of "Puzzling" (30 Words)

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| ambiguous | Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning. <i>An ambiguous situation with no frame of reference.</i> |
| <u>arcane</u> | Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge. <i>Arcane procedures for electing people.</i> |
| confuse | Make (someone) bewildered or perplexed. <i>A lot of people confuse a stroke with a heart attack.</i> |
| confusing | Causing confusion or disorientation. <i>Being hospitalized can be confusing and distressing for a small child.</i> |
| crossword | A puzzle consisting of a grid of squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues. <i>She settled down to do the crossword.</i> |
| <u>cryptic</u> | Having a secret or hidden meaning- John Gunther. <i>He found his boss's utterances too cryptic.</i> |
| <u>discombobulated</u> | Having self-possession upset; thrown into confusion- G.B.Shaw. <i>The hecklers pelted the discombobulated speaker with anything that came to hand.</i> |

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| disconcerted | Having self-possession upset; thrown into confusion. <i>Looked at each other dumbly quite disconcerted.</i> |
| enigmatic | Not clear to the understanding. <i>Prophetic texts so enigmatic that their meaning has been disputed for centuries.</i> |
| incomprehensible | Difficult to understand. <i>A language which is incomprehensible to anyone outside the office.</i> |
| <u>inexplicable</u> | Incapable of being explained or accounted for. <i>For some inexplicable reason her mind went completely blank.</i> |
| inscrutable | Of an obscure nature. <i>Guy looked blankly inscrutable.</i> |
| insoluble | Without hope of solution. <i>An insoluble problem.</i> |
| mysterious | (of a location) having an atmosphere of strangeness or secrecy. <i>A mysterious benefactor provided the money.</i> |
| <u>occult</u> | (of a disease or process) not accompanied by readily discernible signs or symptoms. <i>A wooden screen designed to occult the competitors.</i> |
| <u>odd</u> | An indefinite quantity more than that specified. <i>She looked younger than her fifty odd years.</i> |
| <u>opaque</u> | A substance for producing opaque areas on negatives. <i>Opaque to X rays.</i> |
| oracular | Holding or claiming the authority of an oracle. <i>An ambiguous oracular remark.</i> |
| perplexing | Completely baffling; very puzzling. <i>A perplexing problem.</i> |
| <u>puzzle</u> | A jigsaw puzzle. <i>He loved to solve chessmate puzzles.</i> |
| questioning | The raising of a doubt about or objection to something. <i>The questioning mind of a child.</i> |
| recondite | (of a subject or knowledge) little known; abstruse. <i>Some recondite problem in historiography.</i> |
| sibylline | Resembling or characteristic of a prophet or prophecy. <i>Thoroughly sibylline in most of his pronouncements.</i> |

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| strange | Denoting or involving a flavour (variety) of unstable quark having an electric charge of $-1/3$. Strange quarks have similar properties to down quarks and bottom quarks, but are distinguished from them by having an intermediate mass. <i>It is strange how things change.</i> |
| <u>subtlety</u> | The quality or state of being subtle. <i>The textural subtlety of Degas.</i> |
| unaccountable | Unable to be explained. <i>He was not only the most charismatic man she d ever met but also the most complex and unaccountable.</i> |
| <u>unclear</u> | Not clear to the mind. <i>The motive for this killing is unclear.</i> |
| <u>unfathomable</u> | Incapable of being fully understood. <i>Mountains of unfathomable scale.</i> |
| unintelligible | Impossible to understand. <i>Dolphin sounds are unintelligible to humans.</i> |
| <u>weird</u> | Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences. <i>Some trick of the moonlight some weird effect of shadow.</i> |

