

Need another word that means the same as “restless”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “restless” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Restless” are: uneasy, ungratified, unsatisfied, ill at ease, restive, fidgety, edgy, tense, worked up, nervous, agitated, anxious, keyed up, apprehensive, unquiet, impatient, sleepless, wakeful, insomniac

Restless as an Adjective

Definitions of "Restless" as an adjective

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

- *Ceaselessly in motion.*
- *Worried and uneasy.*
- *Lacking or not affording physical or mental rest.*
- *Offering no physical or emotional rest; involving constant activity.*
- *Unable to rest or relax as a result of anxiety or boredom.*



Synonyms of "Restless" as an adjective (19 Words)

agitated	Troubled emotionally and usually deeply. <i>The agitated mixture foamed and bubbled.</i> (of a situation or period of time) causing or characterized by worry or nervousness.
anxious	<i>My parents were anxious that I get an education.</i>
apprehensive	In fear or dread of possible evil or harm. <i>He felt apprehensive about going home.</i>
edgy	At the forefront of a trend; experimental or avant-garde. <i>He became edgy and defensive.</i>
fidgety	Nervous and unable to relax. <i>I get nervous and fidgety at the dentist.</i>
ill at ease	Indicating hostility or enmity.
impatient	Restlessly eager. <i>They are impatient for change.</i>

insomniac	Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness- Shakespeare. <i>As the host of an all night radio show Shepard would commune with his insomniac listeners.</i>
keyed up	Serving as an essential component.
<u>nervous</u>	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i>He s nervous of speaking in public.</i>
restive	Being in a tense state. <i>He reiterated his determination to hold the restive republics together.</i>
sleepless	Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness. <i>Another sleepless night.</i>
<u>tense</u>	Pronounced with relatively tense tongue muscles e g the vowel sound in beat. <i>They waited in tense silence.</i>
<u>uneasy</u>	(of a situation or relationship) not settled; liable to change. <i>An uneasy silence fell on the group.</i>
ungratified	Worried and uneasy.
unquiet	Uneasy; anxious. <i>Spent an unquiet night tossing and turning.</i>
<u>unsatisfied</u>	Worried and uneasy. <i>The compromise left all sides unsatisfied.</i>
wakeful	(of sleep) easily disturbed. <i>A restless wakeful night.</i>
worked up	Getting higher or more vigorous.



Usage Examples of "Restless" as an adjective

- *The restless wind.*
- *The restless sea.*
- *A restless night.*
- *The audience grew restless and inattentive.*



Associations of "Restless" (30 Words)

adrift	So as to float without being either moored or steered. <i>They were only a point adrift at the break.</i>
<u>afloat</u>	In general circulation; current. <i>The main deck was afloat or awash.</i>
agitated	Troubled emotionally and usually deeply. <i>The agitated mixture foamed and bubbled.</i>
<u>aimless</u>	Aimlessly drifting. <i>An aimless existence.</i>
aimlessly	Without aim; in an aimless manner. <i>We wandered aimlessly round Venice.</i>
balky	Stopping short and refusing to go on. <i>A balky customer.</i>

beggar	Reduce to beggary. <i>Why should I beggar myself for you.</i>
<u>disobedient</u>	Refusing to obey rules or someone in authority. <i>Disobedient children.</i>
dissentient	(of Catholics) refusing to attend services of the Church of England. <i>Dissentient voices were castigated as hopeless bureaucrats.</i>
floating	Not settled permanently; fluctuating or variable. <i>A floating kidney.</i>
froward	(of a person) difficult to deal with; contrary.
<u>impatient</u>	Restless or short-tempered under delay or opposition. <i>Impatient with the slower students.</i>
itinerant	A laborer who moves from place to place as demanded by employment. <i>Itinerant traders.</i>
nervy	Bold or impudent. <i>He was nervy and on edge.</i>
nomadic	Migratory. <i>The nomadic habits of the Bedouins.</i>
nonconformist	Characterized by behaviour or views that do not conform to prevailing ideas or practices. <i>Nonconformist directors like Scorsese.</i>
recalcitrant	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>A class of recalcitrant fifteen year olds.</i>
recusant	Of or denoting a recusant. <i>Support for the exiled King was greatest among Catholic recusants.</i>
refractory	(of a person or animal) resistant to infection. <i>Healing of previously refractory ulcers.</i>
restive	(of a person) unable to remain still, silent, or submissive, especially because of boredom or dissatisfaction. <i>Both their horses became restive at once.</i>
roam	Use a mobile phone on another operator's network, typically while abroad. <i>Her eyes roamed over the chattering women.</i>
unanimated	Not animated or enlivened; dull. <i>He was very dry and unanimated.</i>
unruly	Unwilling to submit to authority. <i>The little boy's parents think he is spirited but his teacher finds him unruly.</i>

<u>unsatisfied</u>	Not satisfied. <i>The compromise left all sides unsatisfied.</i>
unsettled	Still in doubt. <i>An unsettled lifestyle.</i>
vagabond	Anything that resembles a vagabond in having no fixed place. <i>A vagabond poacher.</i>
<u>vagrant</u>	Relating to or living the life of a vagrant. <i>Vagrant beggars.</i>
wandering	Of a path e.g. <i>A wandering preacher.</i>
wayward	Resistant to guidance or discipline. <i>Wayward behavior.</i>

