

Need another word that means the same as “sour”? Find 87 synonyms and 30 related words for “sour” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sour” are: false, off-key, rancid, dark, dour, glowering, glum, moody, morose, saturnine, sullen, off, turned, acid, acidy, acidic, acidulated, tart, bitter, sharp, acetic, vinegary, pungent, acrid, biting, stinging, burning, smarting, unpleasant, distasteful, bad, gone bad, gone off, curdled, embittered, resentful, nasty, spiteful, irritable, irascible, peevish, fractious, fretful, cross, crabbed, crabby, crotchety, cantankerous, curmudgeonly, disagreeable, petulant, pettish, ferment, turn, work, acetify, acidify, acidulate, embitter, make bitter, make resentful, anger, exasperate, disillusion, disenchant, poison, envenom, disaffect, dissatisfy, frustrate, alienate, spoil, mar, damage, harm, impair, be detrimental to, wreck, upset, hurt, worsen, colour, blight, tarnish, acidity, sourness, tartness**

## Sour as a Noun

### Definitions of "Sour" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sour” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The property of being acidic.*
- *The taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice is taken into the mouth.*
- *A cocktail made of a liquor (especially whiskey or gin) mixed with lemon or lime juice and sugar.*
- *A drink made by mixing a spirit with lemon or lime juice.*



### Synonyms of "Sour" as a noun (3 Words)

**acidity** The level of acid in the gastric juices, typically when excessive and causing discomfort.

*The increased **acidity** of rainfall.*

**sourness** The taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice is taken into the mouth.

**tartness** A sharp sour taste.



## Usage Examples of "Sour" as a noun

- *A rum sour.*



## Sour as a Verb

### Definitions of "Sour" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "sour" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Make or become sour.*
- *Make sour or more sour.*
- *Make or become unpleasant, acrimonious, or difficult.*
- *Go sour or spoil.*



## Synonyms of "Sour" as a verb (32 Words)

<b>acetify</b>	To subject to acetous fermentation in the manufacture of vinegar; to convert into vinegar.
<b>acidify</b>	Turn acidic. <i>Pollutants can <b>acidify</b> surface water.</i>
<b>acidulate</b>	Make slightly acidic. <i>Add two or three bits of lemon peel to <b>acidulate</b> the water.</i>
<b>alienate</b>	Arouse hostility or indifference in where there had formerly been love, affection, or friendliness. <i>They defended the Masai against attempts to <b>alienate</b> their land.</i>
<b>anger</b>	Fill someone with anger provoke anger in. <i>She was <b>angered</b> by his terse answer.</i>
<b>be detrimental to</b>	Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.
<b>blight</b>	Cause to suffer a blight. <i>Some people complain that wind farms <b>blight</b> the landscape.</i>
<b>colour</b>	Change the colour of something by painting dyeing or shading it. <i>Surprise <b>coloured</b> her voice.</i>

<b>damage</b>	Inflict damage upon. <i>The car was badly <b>damaged</b> in the accident.</i>
<b>disaffect</b>	Arouse hostility or indifference in where there had formerly been love, affection, or friendliness. <i>What these ads do is <b>disaffect</b> the voting public.</i>
<b>disenchant</b>	Free from enchantment. <i>He may have been <b>disenchanted</b> by the loss of his huge following.</i>
<b>disillusion</b>	Cause (someone) to realize that a belief they hold is false. <i>If they think we have a magic formula to solve the problem don't <b>disillusion</b> them.</i>
<b>dissatisfy</b>	Fail to satisfy. <i>What is it about these words that dissatisfies you?</i>
<b>embitter</b>	Make (someone) feel bitter or resentful. <i>These injustices <b>embittered</b> her even more.</i>
<b>envenom</b>	Add poison to. <i>Tribal rivalries <b>envenom</b> the bitter civil war.</i>
<b>exasperate</b>	Exasperate or irritate. <i>This futile process <b>exasperates</b> prison officers.</i>
<b>ferment</b>	Cause the fermentation of a substance. <i>We <b>ferment</b> the grapes for a very long time to achieve high alcohol content.</i>
<b><u>frustrate</u></b>	Treat cruelly. <i>It <b>frustrated</b> me that more couldn't be done for her.</i>
<b><u>harm</u></b>	Cause or do harm to. <i>This could <b>harm</b> his World Cup prospects.</i>
<b>hurt</b>	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Does acupuncture <b>hurt</b>.</i>
<b><u>impair</u></b>	Make worse or less effective. <i>His vision was <b>impaired</b>.</i>
<b>make bitter</b>	Represent fictitiously, as in a play, or pretend to be or act like.
<b>make resentful</b>	Charge with a function; charge to be.
<b>mar</b>	Impair the quality or appearance of; spoil. <i>Violence <b>marred</b> a number of New Year celebrations.</i>
<b>poison</b>	Administer poison to a person or animal either deliberately or accidentally. <i>The bombings <b>poisoned</b> the political atmosphere and deepened the social divide.</i>

<b>spoil</b>	(of food) become unfit for eating. <i>A series of political blunders <b>spoil</b> their chances of being re elected.</i>
<b><u>tarnish</u></b>	Make or become less valuable or respected. <i>The silver was <b>tarnished</b> by the long exposure to the air.</i>
<b>turn</b>	To break and turn over earth especially with a plow. <i>We <b>turned</b> round and headed back to the house.</i>
<b>upset</b>	Make (someone) unhappy, disappointed, or worried. <i>The dam will <b>upset</b> the ecological balance.</i>
<b>work</b>	Set to or keep at work. <i>The political candidate <b>worked</b> the crowds.</i>
<b><u>worsen</u></b>	Make or become worse. <i>Her condition <b>worsened</b> on the flight.</i>
<b><u>wreck</u></b>	Suffer or undergo shipwreck. <i>An eye injury <b>wrecked</b> his chances of a professional career.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Sour" as a verb

- *Many friendships have soured over borrowed money.*
- *Water soured with tamarind.*

- *A dispute soured relations between the two countries.*
- *The milk has soured.*



## Sour as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sour" as an adjective

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

- *Having a sharp biting taste.*
- *Inaccurate in pitch.*
- *Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli.*
- *Having a rancid smell.*
- *Smelling of fermentation or staleness.*
- *(of food, especially milk) having gone bad because of fermentation.*



- *One of the four basic taste sensations; like the taste of vinegar or lemons.*
- *In an unpalatable state.*
- *Showing a brooding ill humor.*
- *Feeling or expressing resentment, disappointment, or anger.*
- *Having an acid taste like lemon or vinegar.*
- *(of petroleum or natural gas) containing a relatively high proportion of sulphur.*
- *(of soil) deficient in lime and usually dank.*



## Synonyms of "Sour" as an adjective (52 Words)

<b>acetic</b>	Of or like vinegar or acetic acid.
<b>acid</b>	Having the characteristics of an acid. <i>The <b>acid</b> Bessemer process.</i>
<b>acidic</b>	Relating to or denoting steel-making processes involving silica-rich refractories and slags. <i>An <b>acidic</b> yellow.</i>
<b>acidulated</b>	Slightly acidic. <i>Use of <b>acidulated</b> fertilizers can lead to long term soil degradation.</i>
<b>acidy</b>	Having the characteristics of an acid.
<b><u>acrid</u></b>	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i><b>Acrid</b> smoke.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>They want the <b>baddest</b> best looking Corvette there is.</i>
<b>biting</b>	(of wind or cold) so cold as to be painful. <i>A cream to ward off <b>biting</b> insects.</i>
<b><u>bitter</u></b>	Proceeding from or exhibiting great hostility or animosity. <i><b>Bitter</b> words.</i>
<b><u>burning</u></b>	Very keenly or deeply felt; intense. <i>The <b>burning</b> question of independence.</i>
<b><u>cantankerous</u></b>	Stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate- Spectator. <i>He can be a <b>cantankerous</b> old fossil at times.</i>
<b>crabbed</b>	Bad-tempered. <i>His handwriting is <b>crabbed</b> and hideous.</i>
<b>crabby</b>	Irritable. <i>He was <b>crabby</b> at having his siesta interrupted.</i>
<b><u>cross</u></b>	Extending or lying across in a crosswise direction at right angles to the long axis. <i><b>Cross</b> members should be all steel.</i>
<b>crotchety</b>	Having a difficult and contrary disposition- Dorothy Sayers. <i>He was tired and <b>crotchety</b>.</i>
<b>curdled</b>	Transformed from a liquid into a soft semisolid or solid mass. <i><b>Curdled</b> milk.</i>
<b>curmudgeonly</b>	(especially of an old person) bad-tempered and negative. <i>A <b>curmudgeonly</b> old man.</i>

<b>dark</b>	Of a person having dark skin hair or eyes. <i>A <b>dark</b> secret.</i>
<b><u>disagreeable</u></b>	Unpleasant to interact with. <i>Aspects of his work are <b>disagreeable</b> to him.</i>
<b>distasteful</b>	Causing dislike or aversion; disagreeable or unpleasant. <i><b>Distasteful</b> language.</i>
<b>dour</b>	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>The proverbially <b>dour</b> New England Puritan.</i>
<b>embittered</b>	Angry or resentful at having been treated unfairly. <i>He died an <b>embittered</b> man.</i>
<b>false</b>	Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the thing properly so called e g false oat. <i><b>False</b> teeth.</i>
<b>fractious</b>	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>Rockets were much too <b>fractious</b> to be tested near thickly populated areas.</i>
<b><u>fretful</u></b>	Nervous and unable to relax. <i>A constant <b>fretful</b> stamping of hooves.</i>
<b>glowering</b>	Showing a brooding ill humor.
<b><u>glum</u></b>	Looking or feeling dejected; morose. <i>A <b>glum</b> hopeless shrug.</i>
<b>gone bad</b>	Well in the past; former.
<b>gone off</b>	No longer retained.
<b>irascible</b>	Quickly aroused to anger. <i>An <b>irascible</b> and difficult man.</i>
<b>irritable</b>	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>The seeds have been reputed to help conditions such as <b>irritable</b> bladder.</i>
<b><u>moody</u></b>	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>Grainy film which gives a soft <b>moody</b> effect.</i>
<b>morose</b>	Sullen and ill-tempered. <i>She was <b>morose</b> and silent when she got home.</i>
<b><u>nasty</u></b>	Exasperatingly difficult to handle or circumvent. <i>Life has a <b>nasty</b> habit of repeating itself.</i>
<b>off</b>	Located on the side of a vehicle that is normally furthest from the kerb offside. <i>Even the greatest athletes have <b>off</b> days.</i>
<b>off-key</b>	Inaccurate in pitch.

<b>peevish</b>	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>A thin <b>peevish</b> voice.</i>
<b>pettish</b>	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>He comes across in his journal entries as spoiled and <b>pettish</b>.</i>
<b><u>petulant</u></b>	(of a person or their manner) childishly sulky or bad-tempered. <i>He was moody and <b>petulant</b>.</i>
<b>pungent</b>	(of comment, criticism, or humour) having a sharp and caustic quality. <i>The <b>pungent</b> smell of frying onions.</i>
<b>rancid</b>	(used of decomposing oils or fats) having a rank smell or taste usually due to a chemical change or decomposition. <i>Without preservatives fat goes <b>rancid</b>.</i>
<b><u>resentful</u></b>	Full of or marked by resentment or indignant ill will. <i>He was angry and <b>resentful</b> of their intrusion.</i>
<b>saturnine</b>	(of a person or their features) dark in colouring and moody or mysterious. <i>A <b>saturnine</b> temperament.</i>
<b><u>sharp</u></b>	Ending in a sharp point. <i>Her face was thin and her nose <b>sharp</b>.</i>
<b>smarting</b>	Capable of independent and apparently intelligent action. <i>Susan rubbed her <b>smarting</b> eyes.</i>
<b>spiteful</b>	Showing or caused by malice. <i>A truly <b>spiteful</b> child.</i>
<b>stinging</b>	Characterized by a sharp tingling or burning sensation. <i>A <b>stinging</b> pain.</i>
<b>sullen</b>	(of the sky) full of dark clouds. <i>A <b>sullen</b> crowd.</i>
<b>turned</b>	(of a phrase or verse) expressed in a specified manner. <i>The carefully <b>turned</b> words of great writers.</i>
<b><u>unpleasant</u></b>	Offensive or disagreeable; causing discomfort or unhappiness. <i><b>Unpleasant</b> repercussions.</i>
<b>vinegary</b>	Having a sour disposition; ill-tempered. <i>The town s somewhat <b>vinegary</b> sheriff.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sour" as an adjective

- *The kitchen smelled of sour milk.*
- *A sour temper.*
- *She sampled the wine and found it was sour.*
- *Sour milk.*
- *A false (or sour) note.*
- *He gave her a sour look.*
- *The meeting ended on a sour note.*
- *Her breath was always sour.*



## Associations of "Sour" (30 Words)

- acerbic** Harsh or corrosive in tone.  
*An **acerbic** tone piercing otherwise flowery prose.*
- acerbity** A sharp sour taste.  
*Exuberance sharpened by blunt wit and **acerbity**.*
- acid** Having the characteristics of an acid.  
*She didn't have a clue the sweet had **acid** in it.*
- acidic** Sharp-tasting or sour.  
*A cocktail of **acidic** pollutants.*
- acidulous** (of a person's remarks or tone) bitter; cutting.
- acrid** Strong and sharp.  
*An **acrid** smell.*
- appetizing** Appealing to or stimulating the appetite especially in appearance or aroma.  
*The **appetizing** aroma of sizzling bacon.*

<b>bitter</b>	Make bitter. <i><b>Bitter</b> cold.</i>
<b>bitterness</b>	The property of having a harsh unpleasant taste. <i>The lime juice imparts a slight <b>bitterness</b>.</i>
<b>curry</b>	A pungent dish of vegetables or meats flavored with curry powder and usually eaten with rice. <i><b>Curry</b> tanned leather.</i>
<b>delicious</b>	Variety of sweet eating apples. <i><b>Delicious</b> home baked brown bread.</i>
<b>ferment</b>	Of a substance undergo fermentation. <i>A period of political and religious <b>ferment</b>.</i>
<b>flavor</b>	Lend flavor to.
<b>flavour</b>	A substance used to alter or enhance the taste of food or drink a flavouring. <i>The yoghurt comes in eight fruit <b>flavours</b>.</i>
<b>lemon</b>	A distinctive tart flavor characteristic of lemons. <i>A <b>lemon</b> T shirt.</i>
<b>luscious</b>	Appealing strongly to the senses; pleasingly rich. <i>The <b>luscious</b> brush strokes and warm colours of these late masterpieces.</i>
<b>palatable</b>	(of an action or proposal) acceptable or satisfactory. <i>A device that made increased taxation more <b>palatable</b>.</i>
<b>pungency</b>	Wit having a sharp and caustic quality. <i>He commented with typical <b>pungency</b>.</i>
<b>pungent</b>	(of comment, criticism, or humour) having a sharp and caustic quality. <i>He has expressed some fairly <b>pungent</b> criticisms.</i>
<b>salt</b>	Sprinkle as if with salt. <i>After stuffing the fish I <b>salted</b> and peppered it.</i>
<b>salty</b>	One of the four basic taste sensations; like the taste of sea water. <i>The bacon will be quite <b>salty</b>.</i>
<b>savor</b>	Derive or receive pleasure from; get enjoyment from; take pleasure in. <i><b>Savor</b> the soup.</i>
<b>savory</b>	Any of several aromatic herbs or subshrubs of the genus <i>Satureja</i> having spikes of flowers attractive to bees. <i>A past that was scarcely <b>savory</b>.</i>
<b>spicy</b>	Producing a burning sensation on the taste nerves. <i>Pasta in a <b>spicy</b> tomato sauce.</i>
<b>sweet</b>	Having a sweet nature befitting an angel or cherub. <i>A very <b>sweet</b> nurse came along.</i>



- tangy** Having a strong, piquant flavour or smell.  
*A **tangy** salad.*
- taste** Have flavor taste of something.  
*It was his first **taste** of serious action.*
- tasty** Involving or good at fighting.  
*A **tasty** morsel.*
- vinegar** Dilute acetic acid.  
*Her aggrieved tone held a touch of **vinegar**.*
- zesty** Having an agreeably pungent taste.

