

Need another word that means the same as “sticky”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “sticky” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sticky” are: muggy, steamy, gluey, glutinous, gummy, mucilaginous, pasty, viscid, viscous, awkward, embarrassing, unenviable, adhesive, adherent, gummed, humid, close, sultry, sweltering, oppressive, airless, stifling, suffocating, sweaty, soupy, like a turkish bath, like a sauna, clammy, glowing, moist, damp, slimy, soggy, dripping, drenched, difficult, tricky, ticklish, problematic, delicate, touch-and-go, sensitive, uncomfortable**

## Sticky as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sticky" as an adjective

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

- *Having the sticky properties of an adhesive.*
- *Hot or warm and humid.*
- *Involving problems; difficult or awkward.*
- *Moist as with undried perspiration and with clothing sticking to the body.*
- *Damp with sweat.*
- *Covered with an adhesive material.*
- *(of a thread in an online forum) set to remain at the top of the other threads regardless of when it was last updated.*
- *Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment.*
- *(of a substance) glutinous; viscous.*
- *(of prices, interest rates, or wages) slow to change or react to change.*
- *(of a website or its content) attracting a long visit or repeat visits from users.*

- *Tending or designed to stick to things on contact.*
- *(of the weather) hot and humid; muggy.*
- *Long-lasting or persistent.*



## Synonyms of "Sticky" as an adjective (43 Words)

<b>adherent</b>	Sticking fast. <i>Any <b>adherent</b> sand grains are easily removed.</i>
<b><u>adhesive</u></b>	Tending to adhere. <i>An <b>adhesive</b> label.</i>
<b>airless</b>	Lacking fresh air. <i>A hot <b>airless</b> night.</i>

<b>awkward</b>	Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment. <i>You have put me in a very <b>awkward</b> position.</i>
<b>clammy</b>	Unpleasantly cool and humid. <i>A <b>clammy</b> handshake.</i>
<b>close</b>	Close in relevance or relationship. <i>How <b>close</b> are we to town.</i>
<b><u>damp</u></b>	Slightly wet. <i>Clothes <b>damp</b> with perspiration.</i>
<b>delicate</b>	Exquisitely fine and subtle and pleasing; susceptible to injury. <i><b>Delicate</b> pastel shades.</i>
<b>difficult</b>	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. <i>The questions are too <b>difficult</b> for the children.</i>
<b><u>drenched</u></b>	Abundantly covered or supplied with; often used in combination. <i><b>Drenched</b> in moonlight.</i>
<b><u>dripping</u></b>	Very wet. <i><b>Dripping</b> wet hair.</i>
<b>embarrassing</b>	Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment. <i>An <b>embarrassing</b> muddle.</i>
<b><u>glowing</u></b>	Expressing great praise. <i><b>Glowing</b> praise.</i>
<b>gluey</b>	Having a sticky consistency. <i><b>Gluey</b> brown paste.</i>
<b>glutinous</b>	Like glue in texture; sticky. <i><b>Glutinous</b> mud.</i>
<b>gummed</b>	Covered with gum or glue. <i><b>Gummed</b> paper.</i>
<b>gummy</b>	Having a viscous or sticky consistency. <i>A <b>gummy</b> discharge.</i>
<b><u>humid</u></b>	Marked by a relatively high level of water vapour in the atmosphere. <i><b>Humid</b> weather.</i>
<b>like a sauna</b>	Equal in amount or value.
<b>like a turkish bath</b>	Equal in amount or value.
<b><u>moist</u></b>	(of the eyes) wet with tears. <i>The <b>moist</b> fertile soil.</i>

<b>mucilaginous</b>	(of a plant, seed, etc.) containing a polysaccharide substance that is extracted as a viscous or gelatinous solution and used in medicines and adhesives. <i>Greasy and <b>mucilaginous</b> foods.</i>
<b>muggy</b>	Hot or warm and humid. <i><b>Muggy</b> weather.</i>
<u><b>oppressive</b></u>	(of weather) close and sultry. <i>The offices present an <b>oppressive</b> atmosphere.</i>
<b>pasty</b>	Resembling paste in color; pallid. <i>He looked <b>pasty</b> and red eyed.</i>
<b>problematic</b>	Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe. <i>The situation was <b>problematic</b> for teachers.</i>
<u><b>sensitive</b></u>	Being susceptible to the attitudes, feelings, or circumstances of others. <i><b>Sensitive</b> skin.</i>
<u><b>slimy</b></u>	Repellently smooth and obsequious. <i>Thick <b>slimy</b> mud.</i>
<b>soggy</b>	Having the consistency of dough because of insufficient leavening or improper cooking. <i>The chorus sings powerfully but the interpretation is ultimately <b>soggy</b>.</i>
<b>soupy</b>	Mawkishly sentimental. <i>The <b>soupy</b> air.</i>
<b>steamy</b>	Filled with steam or emitting moisture in the form of vapor or mist. <i><b>Steamy</b> sex scenes.</i>
<u><b>stifling</b></u>	Characterized by oppressive heat and humidity. <i>The <b>stifling</b> atmosphere.</i>
<u><b>suffocating</b></u>	Causing difficulty in breathing especially through lack of fresh air and presence of heat. <i>The room was <b>suffocating</b> hot and airless.</i>
<b>sultry</b>	Characterized by oppressive heat and humidity. <i>The <b>sultry</b> late summer weather had brought swarms of insects.</i>
<u><b>sweaty</b></u>	Exuding, soaked in, or inducing sweat. <i>My feet got so hot and <b>sweaty</b>.</i>
<u><b>sweltering</b></u>	Uncomfortably hot. <i>A <b>sweltering</b> English summer.</i>



**ticklish**

(of a situation or problem) difficult or tricky and requiring careful handling.

*Hesitates to be explicit on so **ticklish** a matter.*

**touch-and-go**

Functioning correctly and ready for action.

tricky

Not to be trusted- James Agee.

*The radio is **tricky** to operate.*

uncomfortable

Causing or feeling slight pain or physical discomfort.

*The **uncomfortable** truth.*

**unenviable**

Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment.

*An **unenviable** reputation for drunkenness.*

**viscid**

Having the sticky properties of an adhesive.

*The **viscid** mucus lining of the intestine.*

viscous

Having a relatively high resistance to flow.

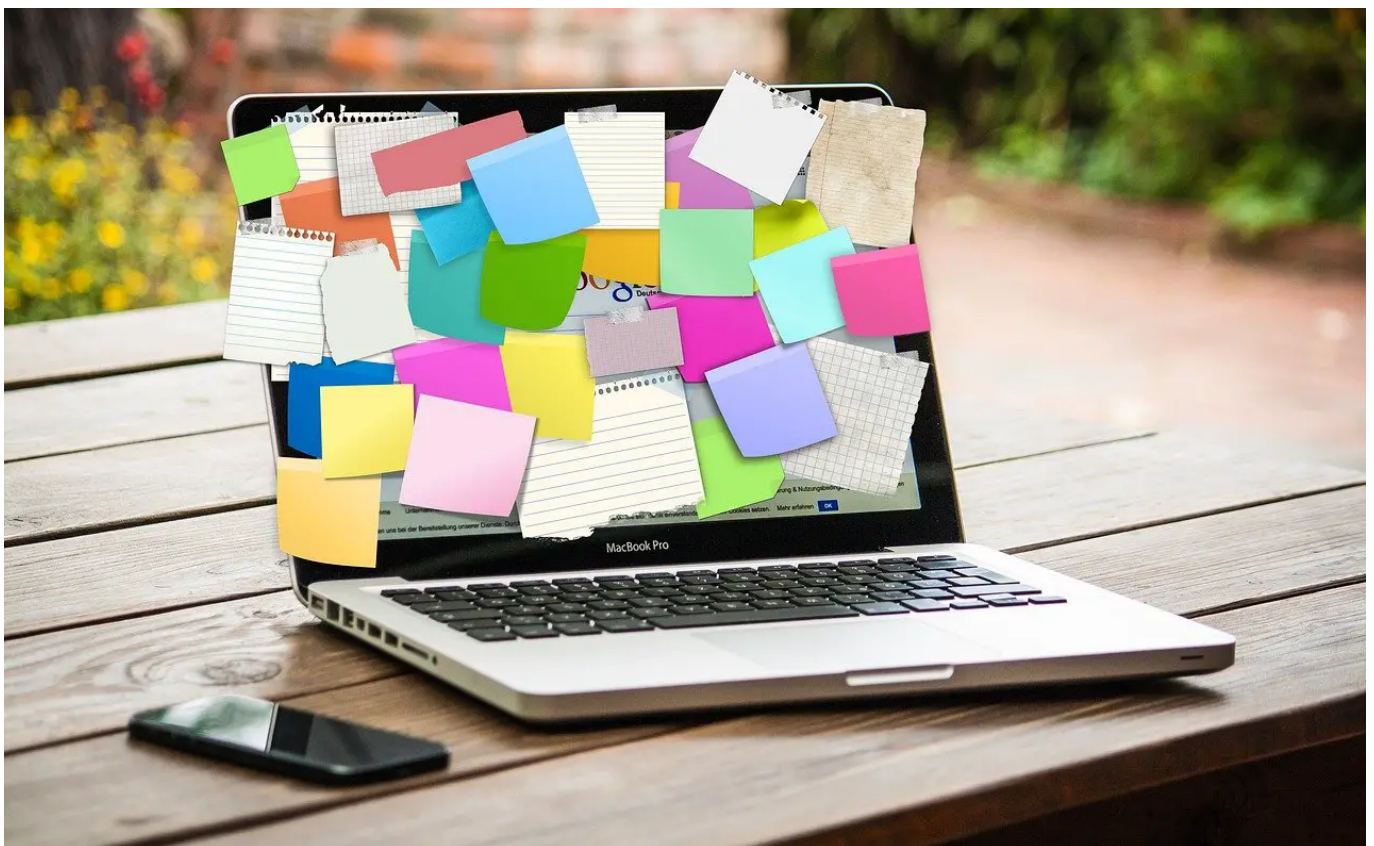
***Viscous** lava.*





## Usage Examples of "Sticky" as an adjective

- *It was an unusually hot and sticky summer.*
- *Sticky weather.*
- *The dough should be moist but not sticky.*
- *Sticky cakes and pastries.*
- *More and more often, web designers focus on the need to add sticky features to their sites.*
- *A sticky question.*
- *Felt sticky and chilly at the same time.*
- *She felt hot and sticky and changed her clothes.*
- *The relationship is going through a sticky patch.*
- *A sticky label.*
- *Make your site as sticky as possible to keep visitors there longer.*
- *His new nickname has proved to be surprisingly sticky.*
- *A sticky thread is now live on the forum.*



## Associations of "Sticky" (30 Words)

<b><u>adhere</u></b>	Come or be in close contact with; stick or hold together and resist separation. <i>I do not <b>adhere</b> to any organized religion.</i>
<b><u>adherence</u></b>	The property of sticking together (as of glue and wood) or the joining of surfaces of different composition. <i>A strict <b>adherence</b> to etiquette.</i>
<b><u>adhesion</u></b>	Faithful support for a cause or political party or religion. <i>The <b>adhesion</b> of the gum strip to the paper.</i>
<b><u>adhesive</u></b>	Able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky. <i>Tile <b>adhesive</b>.</i>
<b>attach</b>	Cause to be attached. <i>I <b>attach</b> a copy of the memo for your information.</i>
<b>attachment</b>	The act of fastening things together. <i><b>Attachment</b> to a formal agenda.</i>
<b>dumpling</b>	A pudding consisting of apple or other fruit enclosed in a sweet dough and baked. <i>He was a 250 pound <b>dumpling</b>.</i>
<b>epoxy</b>	Glue something using epoxy resin. <i><b>Epoxy</b> the shards.</i>
<b><u>glue</u></b>	Fasten or join with or as if with glue. <i>What is the <b>glue</b> that holds companies together.</i>
<b>glutinous</b>	Like glue in texture; sticky. <i><b>Glutinous</b> mud.</i>
<b>gum</b>	A gum tree especially a eucalyptus. <i>These trees <b>gum</b> in the Spring.</i>
<b>lubricant</b>	A substance used for lubricating an engine or component, such as oil or grease. <i>A thin <b>lubricant</b> film.</i>
<b>mastication</b>	Biting and grinding food in your mouth so it becomes soft enough to swallow.
<b>mucous</b>	Relating to, producing, covered with, or of the nature of mucus. <i><b>Mucous</b> glands of the intestine.</i>
<b>mucus</b>	Protective secretion of the mucus membranes in the gut it lubricates the passage of food and protects the epithelial cells in the nose and throat and lungs it can make it difficult for bacteria to penetrate the body through the epithe.
<b>pertinacity</b>	Persistent determination.

<b>pitchy</b>	Like or as dark as pitch.
<b>primer</b>	The first or preliminary coat of paint or size applied to a surface. <i>Apply three coats of <b>primer</b>.</i>
<u><b>slimy</b></u>	Morally reprehensible. <i>A <b>slimy</b> cigar puffing political fixer.</i>
<b>slippery</b>	(of a surface or object) difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is smooth, wet, or slimy. <i>The word intended is a decidedly <b>slippery</b> one.</i>
<b>sticker</b>	A determined or persistent person. <i>Warning <b>stickers</b> on the glass.</i>
<u><b>tacky</b></u>	(of a glutinous liquid such as paint) not completely dried and slightly sticky to the touch. <i><b>Tacky</b> varnish.</i>
<u><b>tape</b></u>	Fasten or attach something with adhesive tape. <i>He took along a dozen <b>tapes</b> to record the interview.</i>
<b>taping</b>	A recording made on magnetic tape.
<u><b>tenacity</b></u>	The quality or fact of continuing to exist; persistence. <i>You have to admire the <b>tenacity</b> of these two guys.</i>
<b>texture</b>	Give something a rough or uneven texture. <i>Then another melodic line is added to the <b>texture</b>.</i>
<b>unctuous</b>	Excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily. <i>The <b>unctuous</b> Uriah Heep.</i>
<b>viscid</b>	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The <b>viscid</b> mucus lining of the intestine.</i>
<u><b>viscosity</b></u>	A quantity expressing the magnitude of internal friction in a fluid, as measured by the force per unit area resisting uniform flow. <i>Cooling the fluid raises its <b>viscosity</b>.</i>
<u><b>viscous</b></u>	Having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; having a high viscosity. <i><b>Viscous</b> lava.</i>



