

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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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)

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

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

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

ticklish	(of a situation or problem) difficult or tricky and requiring careful handling. <i>Hesitates to be explicit on so ticklish a matter.</i>
touch-and-go	Functioning correctly and ready for action.
tricky	Not to be trusted- James Agee. <i>The radio is tricky to operate.</i>
uncomfortable	Causing or feeling slight pain or physical discomfort. <i>The uncomfortable truth.</i>
unenviable	Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment. <i>An unenviable reputation for drunkenness.</i>
viscid	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The viscid mucus lining of the intestine.</i>
viscous	Having a relatively high resistance to flow. <i>Viscous lava.</i>



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)

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

pitchy	Like or as dark as pitch.
primer	The first or preliminary coat of paint or size applied to a surface. <i>Apply three coats of primer.</i>
<u>slimy</u>	Morally reprehensible. <i>A slimy cigar puffing political fixer.</i>
slippery	(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 slippery one.</i>
sticker	A determined or persistent person. <i>Warning stickers on the glass.</i>
<u>tacky</u>	(of a glutinous liquid such as paint) not completely dried and slightly sticky to the touch. <i>Tacky varnish.</i>
<u>tape</u>	Fasten or attach something with adhesive tape. <i>He took along a dozen tapes to record the interview.</i>
taping	A recording made on magnetic tape.
<u>tenacity</u>	The quality or fact of continuing to exist; persistence. <i>You have to admire the tenacity of these two guys.</i>
texture	Give something a rough or uneven texture. <i>Then another melodic line is added to the texture.</i>
unctuous	Excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily. <i>The unctuous Uriah Heep.</i>
viscid	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The viscid mucus lining of the intestine.</i>
<u>viscosity</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 viscosity.</i>
<u>viscous</u>	Having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; having a high viscosity. <i>Viscous lava.</i>

