

Need another word that means the same as “surreal”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “surreal” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Surreal” are: phantasmagoric, phantasmagorical, surrealistic, dreamlike, zany, madcap, offbeat, quirky, outlandish, eccentric, idiosyncratic, ridiculous, nonsensical, crazy, absurd, insane, far out, fantastic, bizarre, peculiar, weird, odd, strange, cranky, freakish**

## Surreal as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Surreal" as an adjective

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

- *Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions—J.C.Powys.*
- *Resembling a dream.*
- *Having the qualities of surrealism; bizarre.*
- *Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions.*



## Synonyms of "Surreal" as an adjective (25 Words)

<b>absurd</b>	Inconsistent with reason or logic or common sense. <i>It may look <b>absurd</b> but having a treadmill desk could improve your attention span.</i>
<b>bizarre</b>	Very strange or unusual. <i>A <b>bizarre</b> situation.</i>
<b>cranky</b>	Bad-tempered; irritable. <i>A <b>cranky</b> scheme to pipe ground level ozone into the stratosphere.</i>
<b>crazy</b>	Mad, especially as manifested in wild or aggressive behaviour. <i><b>Crazy</b> about cars and racing.</i>
<a href="#"><u>dreamlike</u></a>	Resembling a dream. <i>She snapped out of her <b>dreamlike</b> state.</i>
<a href="#"><u>eccentric</u></a>	Not having a common center; not concentric. <i><b>Eccentric</b> circles.</i>
<b>fantastic</b>	Of an extraordinary size or degree. <i><b>Fantastic</b> Halloween costumes.</i>
<b>far out</b>	Being of a considerable distance or length.
<b>freakish</b>	Conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual. <i>A <b>freakish</b> combination of styles.</i>
<a href="#"><u>idiosyncratic</u></a>	Relating to idiosyncrasy; peculiar or individual. <i>She emerged as one of the great <b>idiosyncratic</b> talents of the nineties.</i>
<a href="#"><u>insane</u></a>	(of an action or quality) characterized or caused by madness. <i>Took <b>insane</b> risks behind the wheel.</i>
<b>madcap</b>	Characterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation; ('brainish' is archaic). <i><b>Madcap</b> escapades.</i>
<b>nonsensical</b>	Having no intelligible meaning. <i>A <b>nonsensical</b> argument.</i>
<a href="#"><u>odd</u></a>	Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>They lost a close fought game by the <b>odd</b> goal in five.</i>
<b>offbeat</b>	Informal terms; strikingly unconventional. <i>A rapid tempo is essential here otherwise we will not sense the <b>offbeat</b> hemiolas.</i>
<b>outlandish</b>	Foreign or alien. <i>Three wise <b>outlandish</b> kings.</i>

<b>peculiar</b>	Slightly and indefinably unwell. <i>Any attempt to explicate the theme is bound to run into <b>peculiar</b> difficulties.</i>
<b>phantasmagoric</b>	Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions—J.C.Powys. <i>A great concourse of <b>phantasmagoric</b> shadows.</i>
<b>phantasmagorical</b>	Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions—J.C.Powys.
<b>quirky</b>	Informal terms; strikingly unconventional. <i>Her sense of humour was decidedly <b>quirky</b>.</i>
<b>ridiculous</b>	So unreasonable as to invite derision. <i>It seems absolutely <b>ridiculous</b> that anyone would try to pull a stunt like this.</i>
<b>strange</b>	Unaccustomed to or unfamiliar with. <i>What a <b>strange</b> sense of humor she has.</i>
<b>surrealistic</b>	Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions.
<b>weird</b>	Strikingly odd or unusual. <i>The three <b>weird</b> sisters.</i>
<b>zany</b>	Amusingly unconventional and idiosyncratic. <i>His <b>zany</b> humour.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Surreal" as an adjective

- *The incongruous imagery in surreal art and literature.*
- *As irrational and surreal as a dream.*
- *A surreal mix of fact and fantasy.*



## Associations of "Surreal" (30 Words)

<b><u>abstraction</u></b>	The process of removing something, especially water from a river or other source. <i>She sensed his momentary <b>abstraction</b>.</i>
<b>bizarre</b>	Very strange or unusual. <i>His behaviour became more and more <b>bizarre</b>.</i>
<b>creative</b>	A person whose job involves creative work. <i>Change unleashes people s <b>creative</b> energy.</i>
<b>creativity</b>	The ability to create.
<b>daydream</b>	Indulge in a daydream. <i>She looked out the window <b>daydreaming</b>.</i>
<b><u>delusion</u></b>	A mistaken or unfounded opinion or idea. <i>What a capacity television has for <b>delusion</b>.</i>
<b><u>dream</u></b>	Experience dreams during sleep. <i>Her new man s an absolute <b>dream</b>.</i>
<b><u>dreamer</u></b>	Someone guided more by ideals than by practical considerations. <i>A rebellious young <b>dreamer</b>.</i>

<b>dreamland</b>	A pleasing country existing only in dreams or imagination. <i>She tries to lull herself into <b>dreamland</b>.</i>
<b>eerie</b>	Strange and frightening. <i>An <b>eerie</b> midnight howl.</i>
<b>envisage</b>	Form a mental picture of (something not yet existing or known). <i>The Rome Treaty <b>envisaged</b> free movement across frontiers.</i>
<b>escapism</b>	An inclination to retreat from unpleasant realities through diversion or fantasy. <i>His alcohol problem was a form of <b>escapism</b>.</i>
<b>fancied</b>	Formed or conceived by the imagination. <i>A <b>fancied</b> wrong.</i>
<b>fanciful</b>	Not based on fact; existing only in the imagination. <i>The falsehood about some <b>fanciful</b> secret treaties.</i>
<b>fantasy</b>	Fiction with a large amount of imagination in it. <i>His researches had moved into the realms of <b>fantasy</b>.</i>
<b>fiction</b>	A literary work based on the imagination and not necessarily on fact. <i>They were supposed to be keeping up the <b>fiction</b> that they were happily married.</i>
<b>hallucination</b>	An experience involving the apparent perception of something not present. <i>He refused to believe that the angel was a <b>hallucination</b>.</i>
<b>hallucinatory</b>	Of or resembling a hallucination. <i>The bizarre <b>hallucinatory</b> dreams of fever.</i>
<b>illusory</b>	Based on illusion; not real. <i>She knew the safety of her room was <b>illusory</b>.</i>
<b>imagery</b>	Visual images collectively. <i>The film's religious <b>imagery</b>.</i>
<b>imaginary</b>	(mathematics) a number of the form $a+bi$ where $a$ and $b$ are real numbers and $i$ is the square root of $-1$ . <i>Chris had <b>imaginary</b> conversations with her.</i>
<b>imagination</b>	The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses. <i>She was set in her ways and lacked <b>imagination</b>.</i>
<b>imagine</b>	Suppose or assume. <i>After Ned died everyone <b>imagined</b> that Mabel would move away.</i>
<b>megalomania</b>	Obsession with the exercise of power.
<b>paranoid</b>	A person who is paranoid. <i><b>Paranoid</b> schizophrenia.</i>

- psychosis** A severe mental disorder in which thought and emotions are so impaired that contact is lost with external reality.  
*The symptoms of **psychosis**.*
- reverie** A fanciful or impractical idea or theory.  
*A knock on the door broke her **reverie**.*
- tale** A lie.  
*A delightful children s **tale**.*
- visionary** Thinking about or planning the future with imagination or wisdom.  
***Visionary** dreams.*
- visualize** Form a mental picture of something that is invisible or abstract.  
*The radiologist can **visualize** the cancerous liver.*

