

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

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The synonyms of “Tacky” are: brassy, cheap, flash, flashy, garish, gaudy, gimcrack, loud, meretricious, tatty, tawdry, trashy, sticky, wet, gluey, gummy, glutinous, adhesive, viscous, viscid, treacly, syrupy, runny, clinging, sticking

Tacky as an Adjective

Definitions of "Tacky" as an adjective

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

- *(of a glutinous liquid such as paint) not completely dried and slightly sticky to the touch.*
- *(of glue, paint, or other substances) not fully dry and retaining a slightly sticky feel.*
- *Not completely dried and slightly sticky to the touch.*
- *Tastelessly showy.*



Synonyms of "Tacky" as an adjective (25 Words)

- adhesive** Able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky.
*An **adhesive** label.*
- brassy** Unrestrained by convention or propriety.
*Audience members are tapping their feet to the **brassy** music of the band.*
- cheap** Inexpensive because of inferior quality.
***Cheap** shoddy goods.*
- clinging** Too dependent on someone emotionally.
*She wasn't the **clinging** type.*
- flash** Relating to the language used by criminals or prostitutes.
*A **flash** new car.*

flashy	Marked by conspicuous display. <i>He always had a flashy car.</i>
garish	Tastelessly showy. <i>Garish shirts in all sorts of colours.</i>
gaudy	Tastelessly showy. <i>A gaudy costume.</i>
gimcrack	Tastelessly showy. <i>Plastic gimcrack cookware.</i>
gluey	Having a sticky consistency. <i>Gluey brown paste.</i>
glutinous	Like glue in texture; sticky. <i>Glutinous mud.</i>
gummy	Covered with or exuding a viscous substance. <i>His gummy eyes.</i>
loud	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music loud with force. <i>His voice is loud and challenging.</i>
meretricious	Based on pretense; deceptively pleasing. <i>Meretricious praise.</i>
runny	(of a person's nose) producing or discharging mucus. <i>The souffl was hard on top and quite runny underneath.</i>
sticking	Extending out above or beyond a surface or boundary. <i>A pile of boards sticking over the end of his truck.</i>
sticky	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The relationship is going through a sticky patch.</i>
syrupey	Having the consistency or sweetness of syrup. <i>A particularly syrupey moment from a corny film.</i>
tatty	Showing signs of wear and tear. <i>The generally tatty output of the current Celtic revival.</i>
treacly	Overly sweet. <i>A treacly black fuel.</i>
viscid	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The viscid mucus lining of the intestine.</i>
viscous	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>Viscous lava.</i>
wet	Producing or secreting milk. <i>Wet sidewalks.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tacky" as an adjective

- *The paint was still tacky.*
- *Tacky varnish.*



Associations of "Tacky" (30 Words)

adherence

The property of sticking together (as of glue and wood) or the joining of surfaces of different composition.

*He moved to Avignon and won the **adherence** of the French king.*

adhesion

A fibrous band of scar tissue that binds together normally separate anatomical structures.

*The **adhesion** of Seville was decisive.*

adhesive

Tending to adhere.

*Tile **adhesive**.*

bogus

Not genuine or true (used in a disapproving manner when deception has been attempted).

*A **bogus** insurance claim.*

cheap

Relatively low in price or charging low prices.

*It would have been **cheap** at twice the price.*

dabbler	Any of numerous shallow-water ducks that feed by upending and dabbling.
dilettante	A person with an amateur interest in the arts. <i>A wealthy literary dilettante.</i>
dishonest	Intended to mislead or cheat. <i>Dishonest politicians.</i>
epoxy	Glue with epoxy. <i>Epoxy cement.</i>
factitious	Artificially created or developed. <i>A largely factitious national identity.</i>
gaudy	(Britain) a celebratory reunion feast or entertainment held a college. <i>Silver bows and gaudy ribbons.</i>
glue	Join or attach with or as if with glue. <i>The wood is cut into pieces which are then glued together.</i>
glutinous	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>Glutinous mud.</i>
gum	Cover fill fix or smear with or as if with gum. <i>Open and close the valves to make sure they don t get gummed up.</i>
insincere	Lacking sincerity. <i>Their praise was extravagant and insincere.</i>
meretricious	Relating to or characteristic of a prostitute. <i>Meretricious praise.</i>
mucous	Relating to, producing, covered with, or of the nature of mucus. <i>Mucous glands of the intestine.</i>
pitchy	Like or as dark as pitch.
primer	Any igniter that is used to initiate the burning of a propellant. <i>No more than four pumps of the primer usually suffice.</i>
shoddy	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>We re not paying good money for shoddy goods.</i>
slimy	Morally reprehensible. <i>A slimy cigar puffing political fixer.</i>
specious	Plausible but false. <i>A specious claim.</i>
spurious	(of offspring) illegitimate. <i>Spurious inferences.</i>
sticker	A determined or persistent person. <i>Warning stickers on the glass.</i>

<u>sticky</u>	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>She felt hot and sticky and changed her clothes.</i>
<u>tape</u>	A recording made on magnetic tape. <i>They put four songs on tape.</i>
viscid	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>The viscid mucus lining of the intestine.</i>
<u>viscosity</u>	Resistance of a liquid to shear forces (and hence to flow). <i>Cooling the fluid raises its viscosity.</i>
<u>viscous</u>	Having a relatively high resistance to flow. <i>Viscous lava.</i>