

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

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The synonyms of “Tangled” are: byzantine, convoluted, involved, knotty, tortuous, entangled, snarled, intertwined, twisted, knotted, enmeshed, coiled, matted, messy, muddled, confused, jumbled, mixed up, chaotic, scrambled, complicated, complex, intricate, devious, labyrinthine

Tangled as an Adjective

Definitions of "Tangled" as an adjective

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

- *Complicated and confused; chaotic.*
- *Twisted together untidily; matted.*
- *Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious.*
- *In a confused mass.*



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

- byzantine** Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious.
- chaotic** Relating to systems which exhibit chaos.
*The political situation was **chaotic**.*
- coiled** Curled or wound (especially in concentric rings or spirals).
*The rope lay **coiled** on the deck.*
- complex** Complicated in structure; consisting of interconnected parts.
*The situation is more **complex** than it appears.*
- complicated** Difficult to analyze or understand.
*A long and **complicated** saga.*
- confused** Having lost your bearings confused as to time or place or personal identity.
*A **confused** expression crossed her face.*
- convoluted** Intricately folded, twisted, or coiled.
*The film is let down by a **convoluted** plot in which nothing really happens.*

devious	Indirect in departing from the accepted or proper way; misleading. <i>They arrived at the town by a devious route.</i>
enmeshed	Caught as if in a mesh. <i>Enmeshed in financial difficulties.</i>
entangled	Twisted together in a tangled mass. <i>Felt unwilling entangled in their affairs.</i>
intertwisted	Twisted together. <i>Intertwisted trees.</i>
intricate	Having many complexly arranged elements; elaborate. <i>An intricate network of canals.</i>
involved	Emotionally involved. <i>The difficulties in which the question is involved.</i>
jumbled	In utter disorder.
knotted	Tied with a knot. <i>A knotted rope.</i>
knotty	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. <i>A knotty legal problem.</i>
labyrinthine	(of a network) like a labyrinth; irregular and twisting. <i>A labyrinthine network of tortuous footpaths.</i>
matted	Covered or provided with mats. <i>A cardigan of matted grey wool.</i>
messy	(of a situation) confused and difficult to deal with. <i>Stripping wallpaper can be a messy time consuming job.</i>
mixed up	Involving or composed of different races.
muddled	Not arranged in order; untidy. <i>The muddled display of pictures has been taken down.</i>
scrambled	Thrown together in a disorderly fashion. <i>A scrambled plan of action.</i>
snarled	Tangled in knots or snarls. <i>Snarled thread.</i>
tortuous	Not straightforward. <i>Tortuous negotiations lasting for months.</i>
twisted	Having an intended meaning altered or misrepresented. <i>The crash left a trail of twisted metal across the carriageway.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tangled" as an adjective

- *The tangled relationships between Ryan and Marissa, and Seth and Summer.*
- *Oh, what a tangled web we weave.*
- *The tangled ropes.*
- *Pushed back her tangled hair.*
- *A tangled tale.*
- *His hair was a tangled mess.*



Associations of "Tangled" (30 Words)

abstruse	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them.</i>
adulterant	Any substance that lessens the purity or effectiveness of a substance. <i>It is necessary to remove the adulterants before use.</i>
complex	Make an atom or compound form a complex with another. <i>He's more complex than he seems on the surface.</i>
complexity	The quality of being intricate and compounded. <i>An issue of great complexity.</i>

<u>complicated</u>	Involving complications. Complicated Middle East politics.
<u>conglomeration</u>	A rounded spherical form. The practice of media conglomeration .
<u>conundrum</u>	A confusing and difficult problem or question. One of the most difficult conundrums for the experts.
convoluted	(especially of an argument, story, or sentence) extremely complex and difficult to follow. Walnuts come in hard and convoluted shells.
convolution	The shape of something rotating rapidly. The convolutions of farm policy.
<u>crooked</u>	Having the back and shoulders rounded; not erect. Crooked teeth.
difficult	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. Lily could be difficult .
esoterica	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. A professor of such esoterica as angelology and comparative shamanism.
gnarled	Used of old persons or old trees; covered with knobs or knots. The gnarled old oak tree.
<u>indirect</u>	Not done directly; conducted through intermediaries. Fittings were installed to give a subdued indirect light in the nave.
interlocking	The act of interlocking or meshing. A design of interlocking leaves.
intricacy	The quality of being intricate. The intricacy of the procedure.
intricate	Very complicated or detailed. Intricate lacework.
involution	The process of raising a quantity to some assigned power. Periods of artistic involution .
knotty	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. A knotty legal problem.
<u>labyrinth</u>	A complex structure in the inner ear which contains the organs of hearing and balance It consists of bony cavities the bony labyrinth filled with fluid and lined with sensitive membranes the membranous labyrinth. You lose yourself in a labyrinth of little streets.

<u>labyrinthine</u>	Relating to or affecting or originating in the inner ear. <i>Labyrinthine</i> plots and counterplots.
<u>maze</u>	Something jumbled or confused. A <i>maze</i> of petty regulations.
perplexing	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. A <i>perplexing</i> problem.
perplexity	Inability to deal with or understand something. She paused in <i>perplexity</i> .
priggish	Self-righteously moralistic and superior. She was <i>priggish</i> about sex.
problematic	Constituting or presenting a problem. A <i>problematic</i> situation at home.
ravel	Unravel fray. I d prefer you to keep your nose out of my business and not <i>ravel</i> things further.
serpentine	A dark green mineral consisting of hydrated magnesium silicate, sometimes mottled or spotted like a snake's skin. <i>Serpentine</i> coils.
sinuosity	A bend, especially in a stream or road. He hated the <i>sinuosity</i> of mountain roads.
<u>tortuous</u>	Excessively lengthy and complex. The route is remote and <i>tortuous</i> .

