

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.*

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

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

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

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

