

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, intertwisted, 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 <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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)

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



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





#### 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</i> <b>abstruse</b> that students tended to avoid them.
adulterant	Any substance that lessens the purity or effectiveness of a substance. It is necessary to remove the <b>adulterant</b> s before use.
complex	Make an atom or compound form a complex with another. <i>He s more <b>complex</b> than he seems on the surface.</i>
complexity	The quality of being intricate and compounded. <i>An issue of great <b>complexity</b>.</i>



<u>complicated</u>	Involving complications. <i>Complicated Middle East politics.</i>
<u>conglomeration</u>	A rounded spherical form. <i>The practice of media</i> <b>conglomeration</b> .
<u>conundrum</u>	A confusing and difficult problem or question. One of the most difficult <b>conundrum</b> s for the experts.
convoluted	(especially of an argument, story, or sentence) extremely complex and difficult to follow. Walnuts come in hard and <b>convoluted</b> shells.
convolution	The shape of something rotating rapidly. <i>The convolutions of farm policy.</i>
<u>crooked</u>	Having the back and shoulders rounded; not erect. <i>Crooked teeth</i> .
difficult	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. Lily could be <b>difficult</b> .
esoterica	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.
gnarled	Used of old persons or old trees; covered with knobs or knots. <i>The <b>gnarled</b> old oak tree.</i>
<u>indirect</u>	Not done directly; conducted through intermediaries. <i>Fittings were installed to give a subdued <b>indirect</b> light in the nave.</i>
interlocking	The act of interlocking or meshing. A design of <b>interlocking</b> leaves.
intricacy	The quality of being intricate. The <b>intricacy</b> of the procedure.
intricate	Very complicated or detailed. <i>Intricate lacework</i> .
involution	The process of raising a quantity to some assigned power. <i>Periods of artistic involution</i> .
knotty	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. A <b>knotty</b> 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 <b>labyrinth</b> 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 <b>maze</b> of petty regulations.
perplexing	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. A <b>perplexing</b> problem.
perplexity	Inability to deal with or understand something. She paused in <b>perplexity</b> .
priggish	Self-righteously moralistic and superior. She was <b>priggish</b> about sex.
problematic	Constituting or presenting a problem. A <b>problematic</b> situation at home.
ravel	Unravel fray. I d prefer you to keep your nose out of my business and not <b>ravel</b> things further.
serpentine	A dark green mineral consisting of hydrated magnesium silicate, sometimes mottled or spotted like a snake's skin. <i>Serpentine coils.</i>
sinuosity	A bend, especially in a stream or road. He hated the <b>sinuosity</b> of mountain roads.
<u>tortuous</u>	Excessively lengthy and complex. <i>The route is remote and <b>tortuous</b>.</i>



