

Need another word that means the same as “turbulent”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “turbulent” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Turbulent” are: disruptive, riotous, troubled, tumultuous, churning, roiled, roiling, roily, tempestuous, stormy, unstable, unsettled, explosive, in turmoil, full of upheavals, full of conflict, full of ups and downs, chaotic, full of confusion, rough, storm-tossed, heavy, violent, wild, angry, raging, boiling, seething, foaming, choppy, bumpy, agitated**

## Turbulent as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Turbulent" as an adjective

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

- *Characterized by conflict, disorder, or confusion; not stable or calm.*
- *(of air or water) moving unsteadily or violently.*
- *Agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence.*
- *(of a liquid) agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence.*
- *Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination.*
- *Relating to or denoting flow of a fluid in which the velocity at any point fluctuates irregularly and there is continual mixing rather than a steady or laminar flow pattern.*



## Synonyms of "Turbulent" as an adjective (32 Words)

**agitated**

Troubled emotionally and usually deeply.  
*There s no point getting **agitated**.*

**angry**

(of a wound or sore) red and inflamed.  
*Why are you **angry** with me.*

**boiling**

At or near boiling point.  
*Saturday is forecast to be **boiling** and sunny.*

**bumpy**

(of a journey or other movement) involving sudden jolts and jerks.  
*The car jolted on the **bumpy** road.*

**chaotic**

Relating to systems which exhibit chaos.  
*The political situation was **chaotic**.*

**choppy**

Having a disjointed or jerky quality.  
***Choppy** seas.*

<b>churning</b>	Moving with or producing or produced by vigorous agitation. <i>Winds whipped the piled leaves into <b>churning</b> masses.</i>
<b>disruptive</b>	Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination. <i>The hours of work are <b>disruptive</b> to home life.</i>
<b>explosive</b>	Sudden and loud. <i>An <b>explosive</b> issue.</i>
<b>foaming</b>	Emitting or filled with bubbles as from carbonation or fermentation. <i>Pints of <b>foaming</b> bitter.</i>
<b>full of conflict</b>	Being at a peak or culminating point.
<b>full of confusion</b>	Containing as much or as many as is possible or normal.
<b>full of upheavals</b>	Containing as much or as many as is possible or normal.
<b>full of ups and downs</b>	Having marked deepness and body.
<b>heavy</b>	Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work. <i>I fell into a <b>heavy</b> sleep.</i>
<b>in turmoil</b>	Holding office.
<b>raging</b>	Tremendous. <i>A <b>raging</b> toothache.</i>
<b>riotous</b>	Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination. <i><b>Riotous</b> living.</i>
<b>roiled</b>	(of a liquid) agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence. <i><b>Roiled</b> by the delay.</i>
<b>roiling</b>	(of a liquid) agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence. <i>The river s <b>roiling</b> current.</i>
<b>roily</b>	Agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence. <i>Those waters were <b>roily</b> high and muddy.</i>
<b>rough</b>	Ready and able to resort to force or violence- Herman Melville. <i>They were <b>rough</b> and determined fighting men.</i>
<b>seething</b>	(of a crowd) moving in a rapid or hectic way. <i>Lovers and madmen have such <b>seething</b> brains.</i>
<b>storm-tossed</b>	Pounded or hit repeatedly by storms or adversities.
<b>stormy</b>	Characterized by violent emotions or behavior. <i>A dark and <b>stormy</b> night.</i>
<b>tempestuous</b>	Very stormy. <i>A <b>tempestuous</b> wind.</i>



**troubled**

Showing distress or anxiety.  
*Fell into a **troubled** sleep.*

**tumultuous**

Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination.  
*A **tumultuous** crowd.*

**unsettled**

Subject to change.  
***Unsettled** weather with rain and hail and sunshine coming one right after the other.*

**unstable**

Lacking stability or fixity or firmness.  
*He was mentally **unstable**.*

**violent**

Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid.  
***Violent** passions.*

**wild**

Produced from wild animals or plants without cultivation.  
*Who even in their **wildest** dreams could have anticipated such a victory.*



## Usage Examples of "Turbulent" as an adjective

- *A turbulent and unruly childhood.*
- *Her turbulent emotions.*
- *The country's turbulent history.*
- *Turbulent rapids.*
- *The turbulent sea.*



## Associations of "Turbulent" (30 Words)

- agitated**      Feeling or appearing troubled or nervous.  
*There s no point getting **agitated**.*
- annoy**        Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations.  
*The decision really **annoyed** him.*
- bother**        An angry disturbance.  
*A spot of **bother**.*



<b>dilemma</b>	An argument forcing an opponent to choose either of two unfavourable alternatives. <i>He wants to make money but he also disapproves of it. He's in a <b>dilemma</b> in a nutshell.</i>
<b>disputable</b>	Capable of being disproved. <i>Whether it can be described as art criticism may be <b>disputable</b>.</i>
<b>disquiet</b>	Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed. <i>Public <b>disquiet</b> about animal testing.</i>
<b>disrupt</b>	(of a company or form of technology) cause radical change in (an industry or market) by means of innovation. <i>If an explosion of volcanic steam had formed the crater the blast from below would have <b>disrupted</b> the underlying rock.</i>
<b>disruptive</b>	Causing or tending to cause disruption. <i>Effects of the struggle will be violent and <b>disruptive</b>.</i>
<b>distract</b>	Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed. <i>I tried to <b>distract</b> myself by concentrating on Jane.</i>
<b>distracted</b>	Having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety. <i>Charlotte seemed too <b>distracted</b> to give him much attention.</i>
<b>disturb</b>	Make (someone) anxious. <i>Don't <b>disturb</b> the patient's wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i>
<b>heckle</b>	Comb with a heckle. <i>Hemp was <b>heckled</b> and spun into rope yarn.</i>
<b>incapacitate</b>	Prevent from functioning in a normal way. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>inconvenience</b>	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The <b>inconvenience</b> of having to change trains.</i>
<b>incubus</b>	A male demon believed to lie on sleeping persons and to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women. <i>Debt is a big <b>incubus</b> in developing countries.</i>
<b>interfere</b>	Of light or other electromagnetic waveforms interact to produce interference. <i>You promised not to <b>interfere</b>.</i>
<b>interrupt</b>	Stop (someone speaking) by saying or doing something. <i>The buzzer <b>interrupted</b> his thoughts.</i>
<b>intervene</b>	Take part in something so as to prevent or alter a result or course of events. <i>The war <b>intervened</b> between the birth of her two children.</i>

<b>nuisance</b>	(law) a broad legal concept including anything that disturbs the reasonable use of your property or endangers life and health or is offensive. <i>I hope you re not going to make a <b>nuisance</b> of yourself.</i>
<b>obtrude</b>	Impose or force (something) on someone in an unwelcome or intrusive way. <i>A sound from the reception hall <b>obtruded</b> into his thoughts.</i>
<b>overwrought</b>	In a state of nervous excitement or anxiety. <i><b>Overwrought</b> prose.</i>
<b>perturb</b>	Cause a celestial body to deviate from a theoretically regular orbital motion, especially as a result of interposed or extraordinary gravitational pull. <i>Nuclear weapons could be used to <b>perturb</b> the orbit of an asteroid.</i>
<b>plight</b>	A situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one. <i>We must direct our efforts towards relieving the <b>plight</b> of children living in poverty.</i>
<b>polemical</b>	Of or involving dispute or controversy. <i>A <b>polemical</b> essay.</i>
<b>problematic</b>	Constituting or presenting a problem. <i>A <b>problematic</b> situation at home.</i>
<b>stonewall</b>	Delay or obstruct (a request, process, or person) by refusing to answer questions or by being evasive. <i>When she doesn t like to face a problem she simply <b>stonewalls</b>.</i>
<b>trouble</b>	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>Our <b>troubles</b> are just beginning.</i>
<b>tumultuous</b>	Excited, confused, or disorderly. <i>The <b>tumultuous</b> years of his administration.</i>
<b>upset</b>	The act of upsetting something. <i>The greatest <b>upset</b> in boxing history.</i>
<b>vex</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i><b>Vex</b> the subject of the death penalty.</i>

