

Need another word that means the same as “unexpected”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “unexpected” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unexpected” are: unforeseen, unanticipated, unpredicted, out of the blue, without warning

Unexpected as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unexpected" as an adjective

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

- *Not expected or regarded as likely to happen.*
- *Not expected or anticipated.*



Synonyms of "Unexpected" as an adjective (5 Words)

- out of the blue** No longer fashionable.
- unanticipated** Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden.
Unanticipated and disconcerting lines of development.
- unforeseen** Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden.
*Our insurance package enables you to protect yourself and your dependants against **unforeseen** circumstances.*
- unpredicted** Without warning or announcement- M.A.D.Howe.
*The **unpredicted** change of weather.*
- without warning** Serving to warn.



Usage Examples of "Unexpected" as an adjective

- *Unexpected news.*
- *Unexpected guests.*
- *He seemed to have a knack for saying the unexpected.*
- *His death was totally unexpected.*



Associations of "Unexpected" (30 Words)

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| abrupt | Steep; precipitous. <i>An abrupt canyon.</i> |
| abruptly | Steeply; precipitously. <i>The film ends rather abruptly.</i> |
| accidental | Incidental; subsidiary. <i>The location is accidental and contributes nothing to the poem.</i> |
| accidentally | Of a minor or subordinate nature. <i>They met accidentally.</i> |
| amazingly | Very impressively or well. <i>There are so many amazingly good clarets.</i> |
| astonishing | So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm. <i>The dog was capable of astonishing tricks.</i> |

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| awesome | Extremely good; excellent. <i>The awesome power of the atomic bomb.</i> |
| casually | In a relaxed and informal way. <i>I wouldn't introduce my family to people I was casually dating.</i> |
| <u>coincidence</u> | The quality of occupying the same position or area in space. <i>They met by coincidence.</i> |
| curiously | With curiosity. <i>The baby looked around curiously.</i> |
| happen | Happen occur or be the case in the course of events or by chance Santayana. <i>We just happened to meet Paul.</i> |
| <u>inadvertently</u> | Without knowledge or intention. <i>His name had been inadvertently omitted from the list.</i> |
| <u>incident</u> | Liable to happen because of; resulting from. <i>One person was stabbed in the incident.</i> |
| incidentally | Introducing a different topic; in point of fact. <i>Incidentally it was many months before the whole truth was discovered.</i> |
| occur | (of a thought or idea) come into the mind of. <i>Nothing occurred that seemed important.</i> |
| overhear | Hear, usually without the knowledge of the speakers. <i>We overheard the conversation at the next table.</i> |
| <u>startling</u> | Very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable. <i>Startling news.</i> |
| <u>surprisingly</u> | In a way that causes surprise; unexpectedly. <i>Perhaps surprisingly all survived.</i> |
| unanticipated | Not anticipated. <i>Unanticipated and disconcerting lines of development.</i> |
| unconsciously | Without awareness. <i>Unconsciously she has spent her whole life looking for a man who could live up to the ideal of her father.</i> |
| unexpectedly | In a way that was not expected or regarded as likely. <i>Tourist chiefs reported unexpectedly high visitor numbers.</i> |
| <u>unforeseen</u> | Not anticipated. <i>Our insurance package enables you to protect yourself and your dependants against unforeseen circumstances.</i> |
| unheralded | Without warning or announcement- M.A.D.Howe. <i>He was unwilling to make an unheralded entrance.</i> |

- unintended** Not deliberate.
*The **unintended** consequences of people's actions.*
- unintentional** Done or made or performed with purpose and intent.
*An **unintentional** pun.*
- unintentionally** Not on purpose.
*She hit him **unintentionally**.*
- untoward** Contrary to your interests or welfare.
***Untoward** remarks.*
- unusually** In a way that is not habitual or common.
*The name is spelt **unusually**.*
- unwitting** Not done with purpose or intent.
*An **unwitting** accomplice.*
- windfall** A large amount of money that is won or received unexpectedly.
*Members are to get an average 520 cash **windfall** for voting yes to the merger.*

