

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)

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

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

