

Need another word that means the same as “unhelpful”? Find 19 synonyms for “unhelpful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unhelpful” are: awkward, contrary, difficult, unreasonable, uncooperative, obstructive, disobliging, unaccommodating, troublesome, tiresome, annoying, vexatious, obstreperous, disobedient, unmanageable, uncontrollable, recalcitrant, refractory, rebellious

Unhelpful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unhelpful" as an adjective

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

- *Providing no assistance.*
- *Not helpful.*

Synonyms of "Unhelpful" as an adjective (19 Words)

annoying	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Tapping an annoying rhythm on his glass with his fork.</i>
awkward	Deliberately unreasonable or uncooperative. <i>An awkward dancer.</i>
contrary	(of a wind) blowing in the opposite direction to one’s course; unfavourable. <i>She is sulky and contrary where her work is concerned.</i>
difficult	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. <i>Difficult times.</i>

<u>disobedient</u>	Not obeying or complying with commands of those in authority. Disobedient children.
disobliging	Deliberately unhelpful; uncooperative. <i>I think you're simply being disobliging.</i>
obstreperous	Boisterously and noisily aggressive. <i>The boy is cocky and obstreperous.</i>
obstructive	Preventing movement. <i>The child developed severe obstructive symptoms.</i>
<u>rebellious</u>	Engaged in opposition or armed resistance to an established government or leader. <i>The rebellious republics.</i>
recalcitrant	Marked by stubborn resistance to authority. <i>The University suspended the most recalcitrant demonstrators.</i>
refractory	Not responding to treatment. <i>The refractory period of a muscle fiber.</i>
<u>tiresome</u>	Causing one to feel bored or annoyed. <i>The tiresome chirping of a cricket.</i>
<u>troublesome</u>	Difficult to deal with. <i>A troublesome infection.</i>
unaccommodating	Offering no assistance. <i>That harsh unaccommodating man had clearly loved his father.</i>
<u>uncontrollable</u>	Of persons. <i>Her brother had an uncontrollable temper.</i>
uncooperative	Unwilling to cooperate. <i>The authorities were inclined to be uncooperative.</i>
unmanageable	Incapable of being controlled or managed. <i>His behaviour was becoming unmanageable at home.</i>
<u>unreasonable</u>	Not reasonable; not showing good judgment. Unreasonable demands.
<u>vexatious</u>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>A vexatious child.</i>

Usage Examples of "Unhelpful" as an adjective

- Several complained that the staff were unhelpful.