

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)

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

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

## Usage Examples of "Unhelpful" as an adjective

- Several complained that the staff were unhelpful.