

Need another word that means the same as “unlikely”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “unlikely” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Unlikely” are: improbable, unbelievable, unconvincing, not likely, doubtful, dubious, unexpected, implausible, questionable, remote, strained, laboured, unrealistic, incredible, inconceivable, unimaginable, fantastic, fabulous, fanciful, ridiculous, absurd, preposterous**

## Unlikely as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Unlikely" as an adjective

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

- *Not likely to be true or to occur or to have occurred.*
- *Not likely to happen, be done, or be true; improbable.*
- *Has little chance of being the case or coming about.*
- *Having a probability too low to inspire belief.*



## Synonyms of "Unlikely" as an adjective (22 Words)

<b>absurd</b>	Inconsistent with reason or logic or common sense. <i>The <b>absurd</b> predicament of seeming to argue that virtue is highly desirable but intensely unpleasant.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Feeling uncertain about something. <i>Of <b>doubtful</b> legality.</i>
<b>dubious</b>	Hesitating or doubting. <i>Timeshare has been brought into disrepute by <b>dubious</b> sales methods.</i>
<b>fabulous</b>	Having no basis in reality; mythical. <i>A <b>fabulous</b> vacation.</i>
<b>fanciful</b>	Existing only in the imagination. <i>A <b>fanciful</b> mind.</i>
<b>fantastic</b>	Ludicrously odd. <i>A <b>fantastic</b> idea of his own importance.</i>

<b>implausible</b>	Highly imaginative but unlikely. <i>Gave the teacher an <b>implausible</b> excuse.</i>
<b>improbable</b>	Too improbable to admit of belief. <i>The characters have <b>improbable</b> names.</i>
<b><u>inconceivable</u></b>	Not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally; unbelievable. <i>They behaved with <b>inconceivable</b> cruelty.</i>
<b>incredible</b>	Difficult to believe; extraordinary. <i>The noise from the crowd was <b>incredible</b>.</i>
<b>laboured</b>	(especially of humour or a performance) not spontaneous or fluent. <i>One of Alan's <b>laboured</b> jokes.</i>
<b>not likely</b>	Expected to become or be; in prospect.
<b>preposterous</b>	So unreasonable as to invite derision. <i>A <b>preposterous</b> suggestion.</i>
<b><u>questionable</u></b>	Able to be refuted. <i><b>Questionable</b> motives.</i>
<b><u>remote</u></b>	Distant in time. <i>A <b>remote</b> relative.</i>
<b>ridiculous</b>	So unreasonable as to invite derision. <i>Her conceited assumption of universal interest in her rather dull children was <b>ridiculous</b>.</i>
<b><u>strained</u></b>	Of a mainly liquid substance having been strained to separate out any solid matter. <i>There was a <b>strained</b> silence.</i>
<b><u>unbelievable</u></b>	So great or extreme as to be difficult to believe; extraordinary. <i><b>Unbelievable</b> or not it happened.</i>
<b><u>unconvincing</u></b>	Having a probability too low to inspire belief. <i>As <b>unconvincing</b> as a forced smile.</i>
<b><u>unexpected</u></b>	Not expected or regarded as likely to happen. <i><b>Unexpected</b> news.</i>
<b>unimaginable</b>	Difficult or impossible to imagine or comprehend. <i>Lives of almost <b>unimaginable</b> deprivation.</i>
<b><u>unrealistic</u></b>	Not realistic. <i>It was <b>unrealistic</b> to expect changes to be made overnight.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Unlikely" as an adjective

- *Legislation on the question is highly unlikely.*
- *An unlikely candidate for reelection.*
- *An unlikely explanation.*
- *An unlikely story.*
- *Prices are unlikely to change.*
- *It is unlikely that they will ever be used.*
- *A butcher is unlikely to preach vegetarianism.*



## Associations of "Unlikely" (30 Words)

- amaze** Surprise (someone) greatly; fill with astonishment.  
*Your ability to speak six languages **amazes** me.*
- astonish** Surprise or impress (someone) greatly.  
*It **astonished** her that he was so anxious.*
- astonishing** So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm.  
*An **astonishing** achievement.*
- astound** Shock or greatly surprise.  
*Her bluntness **astounded** him.*
- astounding** Bewildering or striking dumb with wonder.  
*The summit offers **astounding** views.*
- disbelief** Doubt about the truth of something.  
*Laura shook her head in **disbelief**.*
- doubtful** Unsettled in mind or opinion.  
*I was **doubtful** of my judgement.*
- exist** Have an existence be extant.  
*He could barely **exist** on such a low wage.*

<b>fabulous</b>	Barely credible. <i>The <b>fabulous</b> unicorn.</i>
<b>farfetched</b>	Highly imaginative but unlikely. <i>A <b>farfetched</b> excuse.</i>
<b>implausible</b>	Having a quality that provokes disbelief. <i>This is a blatantly <b>implausible</b> claim.</i>
<u><b>impossible</b></u>	Used of persons or their behavior. <i>His assignment verged on the <b>impossible</b>.</i>
<b>improbable</b>	Too improbable to admit of belief. <i>This account of events was seen by the jury as most <b>improbable</b>.</i>
<u><b>inconceivable</b></u>	Not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally; unbelievable. <i>It seemed <b>inconceivable</b> that the president had been unaware of what was going on.</i>
<b>incredible</b>	Beyond belief or understanding. <i>At <b>incredible</b> speed.</i>
<u><b>marvelous</b></u>	Extraordinarily good or great; used especially as intensifiers. <i>A <b>marvelous</b> collection of rare books.</i>
<u><b>miraculous</b></u>	Of the nature of a miracle or having the power to work miracles. <i>I felt amazed and grateful for our <b>miraculous</b> escape.</i>
<b>miraculously</b>	In a remarkable and extremely lucky manner. <i>A shrine where people bring the sick to be <b>miraculously</b> healed.</i>
<b>profound</b>	Profound quality. <i>A state of <b>profound</b> shock.</i>
<b>redoubtable</b>	(of a person) formidable, especially as an opponent. <i>The <b>redoubtable</b> ladies.</i>
<u><b>staggering</b></u>	So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm. <i>Suffered a <b>staggering</b> defeat.</i>
<u><b>supposed</b></u>	Based primarily on surmise rather than adequate evidence. <i>He was <b>supposed</b> to go to the store.</i>
<b>unacceptable</b>	Used of persons or their behavior. <i>The coach told his players that defeat was <b>unacceptable</b>.</i>
<u><b>unbelievable</b></u>	So great or extreme as to be difficult to believe; extraordinary. <i><b>Unbelievable</b> or not it happened.</i>
<u><b>unconvincing</b></u>	Failing to impress. <i>She felt the lie was <b>unconvincing</b>.</i>
<b>unimaginable</b>	Difficult or impossible to imagine or comprehend. <i>Lives of almost <b>unimaginable</b> deprivation.</i>

- unreliable** Not able to be relied upon.  
*An **unreliable** trestle.*
- unthinkable** Incapable of being conceived or considered.  
*It was **unthinkable** that John could be dead.*
- untrustworthy** Not worthy of trust or belief.  
*An **untrustworthy** person.*
- wonderful** Extraordinarily good or great; used especially as intensifiers.  
*They all think she is **wonderful**.*