

Need another word that means the same as “unsteady”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “unsteady” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Unsteady” are: unfirm, unstable, rocky, wobbly, wobbling, rickety, shaky, tottery, tottering, unsafe, unbalanced, unreliable, insecure, not secure, unfastened, unsecured, movable, precarious, irregular, uneven, varying, variable, erratic, jerky, volatile, spasmodic, sporadic, changeable, changing, fluctuating, wavering, vacillating, inconstant, intermittent, fitful, desultory, occasional, unsystematic**

## Unsteady as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Unsteady" as an adjective

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

- *Liable to fall or shake; not steady in position.*
- *Not regular in pitch or rhythm.*
- *Not firmly or solidly positioned.*
- *Subject to change or variation.*



## Synonyms of "Unsteady" as an adjective (38 Words)

<b>changeable</b>	Subject to change. <b>Changeable</b> moods.
<b>changing</b>	Marked by continuous change or effective action.
<b>desultory</b>	Occurring randomly or occasionally. The <b>desultory</b> conversation faded.
<a href="#"><u>erratic</u></a>	Likely to perform unpredictably- Osbert Lancaster. Her breathing was <b>erratic</b> .
<b>fitful</b>	Active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady. <b>Fitful</b> or interrupted sleep.
<b>fluctuating</b>	Rising and falling irregularly in number or amount. <b>Fluctuating</b> prices.
<b>inconstant</b>	Frequently changing; variable or irregular. <b>Inconstant</b> affections.

<b><u>insecure</u></b>	Not safe from attack. <i>Badly paid and <b>insecure</b> jobs.</i>
<b><u>intermittent</u></b>	Stopping and starting at irregular intervals. <i><b>Intermittent</b> rain.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	Failing to meet a standard of manufacture due to an imperfection. <i>Their involvement in <b>irregular</b> financial dealings.</i>
<b>jerky</b>	Contemptibly foolish. <i>He makes mischief with his <b>jerky</b> pals.</i>
<b>movable</b>	Capable of being moved. <i>They stripped the town of all <b>movable</b> objects and fled.</i>
<b>not secure</b>	Free from danger or risk.
<b>occasional</b>	Occurring from time to time. <i><b>Occasional</b> headaches.</i>
<b><u>precarious</u></b>	Affording no ease or reassurance. <i>He made a <b>precarious</b> living as a painter.</i>
<b>rickety</b>	Inclined to shake as from weakness or defect. <i>A <b>rickety</b> table.</i>
<b><u>rocky</u></b>	Full of hardship or trials. <i>On high <b>rocky</b> heels.</i>
<b><u>shaky</u></b>	Not secure; beset with difficulties. <i>After a <b>shaky</b> start the Scottish team made superb efforts.</i>
<b>spasmodic</b>	Caused by, subject to, or in the nature of a spasm or spasms. <i><b>Spasmodic</b> fighting continued.</i>
<b><u>sporadic</u></b>	Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances. <i>A city subjected to <b>sporadic</b> bombing raids.</i>
<b>tottering</b>	(of a structure) shaking or swaying as if about to collapse. <i>A <b>tottering</b> skeleton of a horse.</i>
<b>tottery</b>	Unsteady in gait as from infirmity or old age. <i>A <b>tottery</b> old man.</i>
<b>unbalanced</b>	(of a person) emotionally or mentally disturbed. <i>She considered him to be mentally <b>unbalanced</b> and dangerous.</i>
<b><u>uneven</u></b>	Not regular, consistent, or equal. <i>An <b>uneven</b> gait.</i>
<b>unfastened</b>	Not tied. <i>The car door was <b>unfastened</b>.</i>
<b>unfirm</b>	Not solid or secure. <i>An <b>unfirm</b> stance.</i>

<b>unreliable</b>	Dangerously unstable and unpredictable. <i>In the early 1950s computers were large and expensive and <b>unreliable</b>.</i>
<b>unsafe</b>	Involving or causing danger or risk; liable to hurt or harm. <i>Drinking water in some areas may be <b>unsafe</b>.</i>
<b>unsecured</b>	Of a creditor having made an unsecured loan. <i>The maid had been responsible for leaving the room <b>unsecured</b>.</i>
<b><u>unstable</u></b>	Disposed to psychological variability. <i><b>Unstable</b> political conditions.</i>
<b>unsystematic</b>	Not done or acting according to a fixed plan or system; unmethodical. <i>He works in an <b>unsystematic</b> manner.</i>
<b>vacillating</b>	Uncertain in purpose or action. <i>He was accused of <b>vacillating</b> leadership.</i>
<b>variable</b>	Marked by diversity or difference. <i>Awards can be for <b>variable</b> amounts.</i>
<b><u>varying</u></b>	Marked by diversity or difference. <i><b>Varying</b> degrees of success.</i>
<b><u>volatile</u></b>	(of a person) liable to display rapid changes of emotion. <i>A passionate <b>volatile</b> young man.</i>
<b>wavering</b>	Moving in a quivering way; flickering. <i>She gave a <b>wavering</b> smile.</i>
<b>wobbling</b>	(of sound) fluctuating unsteadily. <i>A low pitched <b>wobbling</b> sound.</i>
<b>wobbly</b>	(of a person or voice) tending to move out of tone or slightly vary in pitch. <i>A <b>wobbly</b> soprano.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Unsteady" as an adjective

- *He was very unsteady on his feet.*
- *An unsteady voice.*
- *Nathan pushed the mug into her unsteady hand.*
- *His hand was unsteady as he poured the wine.*
- *Her unsteady walk.*
- *Climbing carefully up the unsteady ladder.*
- *His deep voice was unsteady.*

## Associations of "Unsteady" (30 Words)

<b>agitated</b>	Troubled emotionally and usually deeply. <i><b>Agitated</b> parents.</i>
<b>arrhythmic</b>	Not rhythmic; without rhythm or regularity. <i>An <b>arrhythmic</b> heartbeat.</i>
<b>capricious</b>	Changeable. <i>Authoritarian rulers are frequently <b>capricious</b>.</i>
<b>changeable</b>	Able to be changed or exchanged. <i><b>Changeable</b> moods.</i>
<b>erratic</b>	Likely to perform unpredictably. <i><b>Erratic</b> behavior.</i>
<b>fickle</b>	Marked by erratic changeableness in affections or attachments. <i><b>Fickle</b> friends.</i>
<b>flickering</b>	Shining unsteadily. <i>The <b>flickering</b> flames cast long shadows.</i>
<b>insecure</b>	Not safe from attack. <i>A rather gauche <b>insecure</b> young man.</i>
<b>irregular</b>	A member of an irregular military force. <i><b>Irregular</b> troops.</i>
<b>labile</b>	Liable to change. <i>Persons whose blood pressure is more <b>labile</b> will carry an enhanced risk of heart attack.</i>
<b>mercurial</b>	A drug or other compound containing mercury. <i><b>Mercurial</b> twists of temperament.</i>
<b>precarious</b>	Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse. <i>A <b>precarious</b> truce.</i>
<b>quicksilver</b>	The liquid metal mercury. <i>His <b>quicksilver</b> wit.</i>
<b>random</b>	Governed by or involving equal chances for each item. <i>Unlike other fan mail from <b>randoms</b> this was special.</i>
<b>rickety</b>	(of a structure or piece of equipment) poorly made and likely to collapse. <i>A <b>rickety</b> table.</i>
<b>shaky</b>	Shaking or trembling. <i>A <b>shaky</b> marriage.</i>
<b>shifting</b>	(of soil) unstable. <i>He drifted into the <b>shifting</b> crowd.</i>

<b>shifty</b>	Constantly changing; shifting. <b>Shifty</b> winds.
<b>shivering</b>	A sensation of cold that often marks the start of an infection and the development of a fever. <i>Sparkling light from the <b>shivering</b> crystals of the chandelier.</i>
<b>straddle</b>	A noncommittal or equivocal position. <i>He turned the chair round and <b>straddled</b> it.</i>
<u><b>uncertain</b></u>	Not established or confirmed. <i>Everything is <b>uncertain</b> about the army.</i>
<u><b>undecided</b></u>	Not settled or resolved. <i>The jury remained <b>undecided</b>.</i>
<u><b>unpredictable</b></u>	Not capable of being foretold. <i>An <b>unpredictable</b> or indeterminable future.</i>
<b>unreliable</b>	Not worthy of reliance or trust. <b>Unreliable</b> information.
<b>unsafe</b>	Not safe; dangerous. <i>Drinking water in some areas may be <b>unsafe</b>.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	(of a bill) not yet paid. <i>An <b>unsettled</b> state of mind.</i>
<u><b>unsound</b></u>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i>The tower is structurally <b>unsound</b>.</i>
<u><b>unstable</b></u>	Lacking stability or fixity or firmness. <b>Unstable</b> political conditions.
<b>variable</b>	The region of light variable winds to the north of the north east trade winds or in the southern hemisphere between the south east trade winds and the westerlies. <i>The quality of hospital food is highly <b>variable</b>.</i>
<u><b>volatile</b></u>	A volatile substance a substance that changes readily from solid or liquid to a vapor. <b>Volatile</b> stocks.