

Need another word that means the same as “volatile”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “volatile” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Volatile” are: explosive, fickle, evaporative, vaporous, tense, strained, fraught, uneasy, uncomfortable, charged, eruptive, inflammatory, turbulent, in turmoil, full of upheavals, unpredictable, changeable, variable, inconstant, inconsistent, uncertain, erratic, irregular, unstable, unsteady, unsettled, unreliable, undependable, changing, ever-changing, varying, shifting, fluctuating, fluid, mutable, protean, fitful, wavering, full of ups and downs

Volatile as an Adjective

Definitions of "Volatile" as an adjective

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

- *Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.*
- *(of a person) liable to display rapid changes of emotion.*
- *Tending to vary often or widely.*
- *(of a substance) easily evaporated at normal temperatures.*
- *Evaporating readily at normal temperatures and pressures.*
- *(of a computer's memory) retaining data only as long as there is a power supply connected.*
- *Liable to lead to sudden change or violence.*
- *Marked by erratic changeableness in affections or attachments.*



Synonyms of "Volatile" as an adjective (39 Words)

changeable	Liabile to unpredictable variation. <i>A changeable climate.</i>
changing	Marked by continuous change or effective action.
charged	Of a particle or body or system; having a net amount of positive or negative electric charge. <i>A charged battery.</i>
erratic	Likely to perform unpredictably. <i>Erratic behavior.</i>
eruptive	Relating to or formed by volcanic activity. <i>An acute eruptive disease.</i>
evaporative	Relating to or involving evaporation. <i>Evaporative water loss.</i>
ever-changing	Marked by continuous change or effective action.

explosive	Able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart. <i>Explosive gas.</i>
fickle	Changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections. <i>Fickle weather.</i>
fitful	Occurring in spells and often abruptly. <i>A few hours fitful sleep.</i>
fluctuating	Rising and falling irregularly in number or amount. <i>A fluctuating level of demand.</i>
fluid	Characteristic of a fluid capable of flowing and easily changing shape. <i>The fluid motion of a cat.</i>
fraught	Marked by distress. <i>There was a fraught silence.</i>
full of upheavals	Containing as much or as many as is possible or normal.
full of ups and downs	Complete in extent or degree and in every particular.
in turmoil	Directed or bound inward.
inconsistent	Displaying a lack of consistency. <i>Parents can become inconsistent and lacking in control over their children.</i>
inconstant	Frequently changing; variable or irregular. <i>An inconstant lover.</i>
inflammatory	Arousing to action or rebellion. <i>An inflammatory response.</i>
irregular	(of troops) not belonging to regular or established army units. <i>An irregular heartbeat.</i>
mutable	Liable to change. <i>Youth is said to be fickle and mutable.</i>
protean	Tending or able to change frequently or easily. <i>Protean thinkers who scan the horizons of work and society.</i>
shifting	(of soil) unstable. <i>Diverse districts with shifting demographics.</i>
strained	Of a mainly liquid substance having been strained to separate out any solid matter. <i>A strained smile.</i>

<u>tense</u>	Pronounced with relatively tense tongue muscles e.g. the vowel sound in beat. <i>She tried to relax her tense muscles.</i>
<u>turbulent</u>	Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination. <i>A turbulent and unruly childhood.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Not consistent or dependable. <i>Everything is uncertain about the army.</i>
<u>uncomfortable</u>	Conducive to or feeling mental discomfort. <i>An uncomfortable chair.</i>
undependable	Not trustworthy and reliable. <i>An undependable generalization.</i>
<u>uneasy</u>	Relating to bodily unease that causes discomfort. <i>She felt guilty now and a little uneasy.</i>
<u>unpredictable</u>	Not able to be predicted; changeable. <i>The unpredictable weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
unreliable	Lacking a sense of responsibility. <i>Unreliable information.</i>
unsettled	(of an area) having no settlers or inhabitants. <i>A spell of unsettled weather.</i>
<u>unstable</u>	Likely to give way; not stable. <i>An unstable government.</i>
<u>unsteady</u>	Subject to change or variation. <i>Her unsteady walk.</i>
vaporous	Resembling or characteristic of vapor. <i>The terminology is rather vaporous.</i>
variable	(of a species) liable to deviate from the typical colour or form, or to occur in different colours or forms. <i>Variable winds.</i>
<u>varying</u>	Marked by diversity or difference. <i>The varying angles of roof slope.</i>
wavering	Moving in a quivering way; flickering. <i>A wavering flame.</i>



Usage Examples of "Volatile" as an adjective

- *A flirt's volatile affections.*
- *A volatile situation with troops and rioters eager for a confrontation.*
- *The political situation was becoming more volatile.*
- *A passionate, volatile young man.*
- *Volatile oils.*
- *Volatile emotions.*
- *Volatile solvents.*
- *Volatile solvents such as petroleum ether, hexane, and benzene.*
- *Volatile stocks.*



Associations of "Volatile" (30 Words)

- anomalous** Deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected.
*An **anomalous** situation.*
- capricious** Changeable.
*Authoritarian rulers are frequently **capricious**.*
- cataclysmic** Used to emphasize the extent of something bad or unwelcome.
*A **cataclysmic** earthquake.*
- changeable** Capable of or tending to change in form or quality or nature.
***Changeable** moods.*
- changing** Marked by continuous change or effective action.

cheating	A deception for profit to yourself.
defuse	Make (a situation) less tense or dangerous. <i>Explosives specialists tried to defuse the grenade.</i>
<u>displacement</u>	The act of uniform movement. <i>A fixed displacement gear.</i>
equivocally	In an ambiguous manner.
<u>erratic</u>	Likely to perform unpredictably- Osbert Lancaster. <i>Her breathing was erratic.</i>
fickle	Changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections. <i>Fickle weather.</i>
inconstant	(of a person or their behaviour) not faithful and dependable. <i>Inconstant affections.</i>
<u>mercurial</u>	Relating to or under the (astrological) influence of the planet Mercury. <i>His mercurial temperament.</i>
mutable	Liable to change. <i>It is likely too that the chromosomes of all eubacteria are as mutable as that of <i>E coli</i>.</i>
<u>precarious</u>	Fraught with danger. <i>The precarious life of an undersea diver.</i>
protean	Able to do many different things; versatile. <i>Protean thinkers who scan the horizons of work and society.</i>
quicksilver	A heavy silvery toxic univalent and bivalent metallic element; the only metal that is liquid at ordinary temperatures. <i>A quicksilver character cool and willful at one moment utterly fragile the next.</i>
random	Made, done, or happening without method or conscious decision. <i>Unlike other fan mail from randoms this was special.</i>
<u>shaky</u>	Unstable because of poor construction or heavy use. <i>After a shaky start the Scottish team made superb efforts.</i>
shifting	(of soil) unstable. <i>He drifted into the shifting crowd.</i>
shifty	Characterized by insincerity or deceit; evasive. <i>He had a shifty look about him.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>I was uncertain how to proceed.</i>
<u>unfaithful</u>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>Her husband was unfaithful.</i>

- unpredictable** Not able to be predicted; changeable.
*An **unpredictable** or indeterminate future.*
- unreliable** Liable to be erroneous or misleading.
*He s lazy and **unreliable**.*
- unsound** Physically unsound or diseased.
***Unsound** banking practices.*
- unstable** Highly or violently reactive.
*The **unstable** cliff tops.*
- unsteady** Subject to change or variation.
*His deep voice was **unsteady**.*
- untrustworthy** Not worthy of trust or belief.
*An **untrustworthy** person.*
- variable** 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.
***Variable** filters in front of the mercury xenon lights.*

