

Need another word that means the same as “wanton”? Find 63 synonyms and 30 related words for “wanton” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Wanton” are: motiveless, unprovoked, easy, light, loose, promiscuous, sluttish, deliberate, wilful, malicious, malevolent, spiteful, vicious, wicked, evil, cruel, licentious, immoral, immodest, indecent, shameless, unblushing, unchaste, unvirtuous, impure, abandoned, lustful, lecherous, lascivious, salacious, lubricious, libidinous, libertine, profligate, dissolute, dissipated, debauched, degenerate, reprobate, corrupt, sinful, capricious, playful, frisky, jolly, lively, full of life, high-spirited, spirited, careless, heedless, impulsive, impetuous, rash, reckless, audacious, cavalier, happy-go-lucky, trifle away, wanton away, luxuriate, piddle, trifle**

## Wanton as a Verb

### Definitions of "Wanton" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “wanton” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Engage in amorous play.*
- *Play; frolic.*
- *Indulge in a carefree or voluptuous way of life.*
- *Behave in a sexually unrestrained way.*
- *Spend wastefully.*

- *Become extravagant; indulge (oneself) luxuriously.*
- *Behave extremely cruelly and brutally.*
- *Waste time; spend one's time idly or inefficiently.*



### Synonyms of "Wanton" as a verb (5 Words)

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| <b>luxuriate</b>   | Become extravagant; indulge (oneself) luxuriously.<br><i>She was luxuriating in a long bath.</i>         |
| <b>piddle</b>      | Urinate.   |
| <b>trifle</b>      | Waste time; spend one's time idly or inefficiently.<br><i>He is not a man to be <b>trifled</b> with.</i> |
| <b>trifle away</b> | Waste time; spend one's time idly or inefficiently.  |
| <b>wanton away</b> | Indulge in a carefree or voluptuous way of life.   |



## Usage Examples of "Wanton" as a verb

- *Wanton one's money away.*
- *Women who have wantoned with suitors.*
- *They sat gazing at the white-flecked pure blue sea and the various gulls that wantoned in the wake.*
- *The sea breeze wantoned among the quivering leaves of the chestnut tree.*



## Wanton as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Wanton" as an adjective

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

- *(of a cruel or violent action) deliberate and unprovoked.*
- *Lively; playful.*
- *Casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior.*
- *Occurring without motivation or provocation.*
- *Occurring without motivation or provocation- F.D.Roosevelt.*
- *Growing profusely; luxuriant.*
- *Sexually unrestrained or having many casual sexual relationships (typically used of a woman).*

## Synonyms of "Wanton" as an adjective (58 Words)

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| <b>abandoned</b>      | Free from constraint- Liam O'Flaherty.<br><i>An <b>abandoned</b> car.</i>   |
| <b>audacious</b>      | Invulnerable to fear or intimidation.<br><i><b>Audacious</b> explorers.</i>   |
| <b>capricious</b>     | Changeable.<br><i>Authoritarian rulers are frequently <b>capricious</b>.</i>  |
| <b>careless</b>       | Not giving sufficient attention or thought to avoiding harm or errors.<br><i><b>Careless</b> proofreading.</i>  |
| <b>cavalier</b>       | Showing a lack of proper concern; offhand.<br><i>Anne was irritated by his <b>cavalier</b> attitude.</i>  |
| <b>corrupt</b>        | Not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive.<br><i>Spoke a <b>corrupted</b> version of the language.</i>  |
| <b>cruel</b>          | Wilfully causing pain or suffering to others, or feeling no concern about it.<br><i>A <b>cruel</b> remark.</i>  |
| <b>debauched</b>      | Unrestrained by convention or morality.<br><i>A <b>debauched</b> lifestyle.</i>   |
| <b>degenerate</b>     | (of a type of equation, curve, etc.) equivalent to a simpler type, especially when a variable or parameter is set to zero.<br><i><b>Degenerate</b> offshoots from the main line of vertebrate progress.</i> |
| <b>deliberate</b>     | Characterized by conscious design or purpose.<br><i>A <b>deliberate</b> attempt to provoke conflict.</i>  |
| <b>dissipated</b>     | (of a person or way of life) overindulging in sensual pleasures.<br><i>Deplorably <b>dissipated</b> and degraded.</i>   |
| <b>dissolute</b>      | Unrestrained by convention or morality.<br><i>Unfortunately his heir was feckless and <b>dissolute</b>.</i>   |
| <b>easy</b>           | Free from worry or anxiety.<br><i>Her reputation at school for being <b>easy</b>.</i>   |
| <b>evil</b>           | Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil.<br><i>His <b>evil</b> deeds.</i>   |
| <b>frisky</b>         | Playful like a lively kitten.<br><i>He bounds about like a <b>frisky</b> pup.</i>   |
| <b>full of life</b>   | Being at a peak or culminating point.   |
| <b>happy-go-lucky</b> | Occurring by chance.  |



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| <b>heedless</b>          | Marked by or paying little heed or attention.<br><i>The <b>heedless</b> generosity and the spasmodic extravagance of persons used to large fortunes.</i>                         |
| <b>high-spirited</b>     | Joyously unrestrained.   |
| <b>immodest</b>          | Lacking humility or decency.<br><i>TV shows full of <b>immodest</b> language.</i>  |
| <b>immoral</b>           | Not conforming to accepted standards of morality.<br><i>They considered colonialism <b>immoral</b>.</i>  |
| <u><b>impetuous</b></u>  | Characterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation; ('brainish' is archaic).<br><i>She might live to rue this <b>impetuous</b> decision.</i>                       |
| <b>impulsive</b>         | Proceeding from natural feeling or impulse without external stimulus.<br><i>He regretted his <b>impulsive</b> offer.</i>   |
| <b>impure</b>            | Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure according to dietary or ceremonial laws.<br><i>Groups seen as <b>impure</b> included those possessed by demons.</i>      |
| <b>indecent</b>          | Not conforming with generally accepted standards of behaviour, especially in relation to sexual matters.<br><i>A bathing suit considered <b>indecent</b> by local standards.</i> |
| <u><b>jolly</b></u>      | Full of or showing high-spirited merriment- Wordsworth.<br><i>The <b>jolly</b> crowd at the reunion.</i>   |
| <b>lascivious</b>        | Feeling or revealing an overt sexual interest or desire.<br><i>He gave her a <b>lascivious</b> wink.</i>   |
| <u><b>lecherous</b></u>  | Having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire.<br><i>She ignored his <b>lecherous</b> gaze.</i>   |
| <b>libertine</b>         | Characterized by free indulgence in sensual pleasures.<br><i>His more <b>libertine</b> impulses.</i>   |
| <b>libidinous</b>        | Showing excessive sexual drive; lustful.<br><i><b>Libidinous</b> orgies.</i>   |
| <u><b>licentious</b></u> | Disregarding accepted conventions, especially in grammar or literary style.<br><i>Coarse and <b>licentious</b> men.</i>  |
| <b>light</b>             | Having a considerable or sufficient amount of natural light not dark.<br><i>Losing his job was no <b>light</b> matter.</i>   |
| <b>lively</b>            | Full of spirit; full of life.<br><i>This whole <b>lively</b> world.</i>  |

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| <b><u>loose</u></b>       | Casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior.<br><i>The fabric s <b>loose</b> weave.</i>  |
| <b>lubricious</b>         | Smooth and slippery with oil or a similar substance.<br><i>Eluding <b>lubricious</b> embraces.</i>  |
| <b><u>lustful</u></b>     | Driven by lust preoccupied with or exhibiting lustful desires.<br><i><b>Lustful</b> glances.</i>  |
| <b>malevolent</b>         | Having or exerting a malignant influence.<br><i>The glint of dark <b>malevolent</b> eyes.</i>   |
| <b><u>malicious</u></b>   | Having the nature of or resulting from malice.<br><i>He was found guilty of <b>malicious</b> damage.</i>  |
| <b>motiveless</b>         | Occurring without motivation or provocation- F.D.Roosevelt.<br><i><b>Motiveless</b> malignity.</i>  |
| <b><u>playful</u></b>     | Giving or expressing pleasure and amusement.<br><i>He gave me a <b>playful</b> punch on the arm.</i>  |
| <b>profligate</b>         | Licentious; dissolute.<br><i>He succumbed to drink and a <b>profligate</b> lifestyle.</i>   |
| <b><u>promiscuous</u></b> | Not selective of a single class or person.<br><i><b>Promiscuous</b> teenagers.</i>  |
| <b>rash</b>               | Imprudently incurring risk- George Meredith.<br><i>It would be extremely <b>rash</b> to make such an assumption.</i>  |
| <b><u>reckless</u></b>    | Characterized by careless unconcern- Edith Wharton.<br><i><b>Reckless</b> driving.</i>  |
| <b>reprobate</b>          | Unprincipled.<br><i><b>Reprobate</b> behaviour.</i>   |
| <b>salacious</b>          | Suggestive of or tending to moral looseness.<br><i><b>Salacious</b> limericks.</i>  |
| <b>shameless</b>          | (of a person or their conduct) characterized by or showing a lack of shame; barefaced or brazen.<br><i>His <b>shameless</b> hypocrisy.</i>                    |
| <b>sinful</b>             | Highly reprehensible.<br><i><b>Sinful</b> men.</i>  |
| <b>sluttish</b>           | (with reference to a woman) behaving in a sexually promiscuous or provocative manner.<br><i>She may be viewed as <b>sluttish</b> for her choice of dress.</i> |
| <b><u>spirited</u></b>    | Made lively or spirited.<br><i>A <b>spirited</b> debate.</i>  |

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| <b>spiteful</b>   | Showing or caused by malice.<br><i>A truly <b>spiteful</b> child.</i>   |
| <b>unblushing</b> | Not feeling or showing embarrassment or shame.<br><i>A comedy of manners encased in the most <b>unblushing</b> melodrama.</i>   |
| <b>unchaste</b>   | Relating to or engaging in sexual activity, especially of an illicit or extramarital nature.<br><i><b>Unchaste</b> conduct.</i> |
| <b>unprovoked</b> | Occurring without motivation or provocation- F.D.Roosevelt.<br><i>An <b>unprovoked</b> attack on an innocent man.</i>           |
| <b>unvirtuous</b> | Not having or showing high moral standards.<br><i>If our actions are <b>unvirtuous</b> the results will be negative.</i>        |
| <b>vicious</b>    | Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure.<br><i><b>Vicious</b> kicks.</i>   |
| <b>wicked</b>     | Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust.<br><i>Despite the sun the wind outside was <b>wicked</b>.</i>                   |
| <b>wilful</b>     | Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.<br><i>A spoiled <b>wilful</b> child.</i>                                    |

## Usage Examples of "Wanton" as an adjective

- *Sheer wanton vandalism.*
- *Where wanton ivy twines.*
- *Her cheeks burned as she recalled how forward she had been, how wanton.*
- *Wanton behavior.*
- *A wanton fawn.*

## Associations of "Wanton" (30 Words)

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| <b>attack</b>      | Launch an attack or assault on begin hostilities or start warfare with.<br><i>He was killed in an <b>attack</b> on a checkpoint.</i>  |
| <b>cruelty</b>     | The quality of being cruel and causing tension or annoyance.<br><i>She divorced my stepfather for persistent <b>cruelty</b>.</i>      |
| <b>extravagant</b> | Unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings.<br><i><b>Extravagant</b> praise.</i>  |
| <b>foolhardy</b>   | Marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences.<br><i>It would be <b>foolhardy</b> to go into the scheme without support.</i> |



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| <b>foolish</b>       | Devoid of good sense or judgment.<br><i>He was <b>foolish</b> enough to confide in her.</i>   |
| <b>hostile</b>       | Of or belonging to a military enemy.<br><i>A <b>hostile</b> nation.</i>   |
| <b>improvident</b>   | Not provident; not providing for the future.<br><i><b>Improvident</b> and undisciplined behaviour.</i>  |
| <b>imprudent</b>     | Not prudent or wise- A.M.Schlesinger.<br><i>Very <b>imprudent</b> of her mother to encourage her in such silly romantic ideas.</i>  |
| <b>inadvisable</b>   | Likely to have unfortunate consequences; unwise.<br><i>An unnecessary and <b>inadvisable</b> action.</i>  |
| <b>indiscreet</b>    | Having, showing, or proceeding from too great a readiness to reveal things that should remain private or secret.<br><i>Her behavior was <b>indiscreet</b> at the very best.</i> |
| <b>injudicious</b>   | Showing very poor judgement; unwise.<br><i>The result of an <b>injudicious</b> decision.</i>  |
| <b>insensate</b>     | Lacking sympathy or compassion; unfeeling.<br><i>Insentient or <b>insensate</b> stone.</i>  |
| <b>irrepressible</b> | Not able to be controlled or restrained.<br><i>An <b>irrepressible</b> chatterbox.</i>  |
| <b>lavish</b>        | Expend profusely; also used with abstract nouns.<br><i><b>Lavish</b> praise.</i>  |
| <b>lechery</b>       | Unrestrained indulgence in sexual activity.<br><i>The vice of <b>lechery</b>.</i>   |
| <b>lewd</b>          | Suggestive of or tending to moral looseness.<br><i><b>Lewd</b> pictures.</i>  |
| <b>libidinous</b>    | Driven by lust; preoccupied with or exhibiting lustful desires.<br><i><b>Libidinous</b> orgies.</i>   |
| <b>prodigal</b>      | A person who leaves home to lead a prodigal life but later makes a repentant return.<br><i><b>Prodigal</b> habits die hard.</i>   |
| <b>reckless</b>      | Characterized by careless unconcern- Edith Wharton.<br><i>Became the fiercest and most <b>reckless</b> of partisans.</i>  |
| <b>senseless</b>     | Lacking common sense; wildly foolish.<br><i>The latch was too tight for his stiff and <b>senseless</b> fingers.</i>   |
| <b>silly</b>         | A foolish person (often used as a form of address).<br><i>He often drank himself <b>silly</b>.</i>  |

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| <b><u>uncontrollable</u></b> | Incapable of being controlled.<br><i>Her brother had an <b>uncontrollable</b> temper.</i>   |
| <b>unprovoked</b>            | Occurring without motivation or provocation.<br><i>An <b>unprovoked</b> attack on an innocent man.</i>  |
| <b><u>unrestrained</u></b>   | Not restrained or restricted.<br><i>A display of <b>unrestrained</b> delight.</i>   |
| <b><u>unwise</u></b>         | Not appropriate to the purpose.<br><i>An <b>unwise</b> investor is soon impoverished.</i>   |
| <b><u>vehement</u></b>       | Characterized by great force or energy.<br><i>A <b>vehement</b> defense.</i>  |
| <b>violence</b>              | Strength of emotion or of a destructive natural force.<br><i>The storm s <b>violence</b>.</i>   |
| <b>violent</b>               | Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid.<br><i>The <b>violent</b> eruption killed 1 700 people.</i> |