

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)

- luxuriate** Become extravagant; indulge (oneself) luxuriously.
She was luxuriating in a long bath.
- piddle** Urinate.
- trifle** Waste time; spend one's time idly or inefficiently.
*He is not a man to be **trifled** with.*
- trifle away** Waste time; spend one's time idly or inefficiently.
- wanton away** 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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