

Need another word that means the same as “whim”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “whim” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Whim” are: caprice, impulse, notion, whimsey, whimsy, urge, fancy, foible, idea, conceit, vagary, kink, megrim, crotchety, craze, fad, passion, inclination, bent, capriciousness, volatility, fickleness, idiosyncrasy, eccentricity, unpredictability**

## Whim as a Noun

### Definitions of "Whim" as a noun

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

- *A sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained.*
- *An odd or fanciful or capricious idea.*
- *A windlass for raising ore or water from a mine.*
- *A sudden desire.*



## Synonyms of "Whim" as a noun (25 Words)

### [bent](#)

Grass for pastures and lawns especially bowling and putting greens.  
*He had a **bent** for it.*

### [caprice](#)

A sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behaviour.  
*The **caprices** of the electorate.*

### **capriciousness**

The quality of being guided by sudden unpredictable impulses.

### **conceit**

The trait of being unduly vain and conceited false pride.  
*He was puffed up with **conceit**.*

### **craze**

State of violent mental agitation.  
*The new **craze** for step aerobics.*

### **crotchet**

A perverse or unfounded belief or notion.  
*The natural **crotchets** of inveterate bachelors.*

### **eccentricity**

A measure of the extent of deviation from circularity.  
*The **eccentricity** of his views.*

<b>fad</b>	An arbitrary like or dislike. <i>He always follows the latest <b>fads</b>.</i>
<b>fancy</b>	Something many people believe that is false. <i>She had dismissed him quite brutally relegating him to the status of a passing <b>fancy</b> or less.</i>
<b>fickleness</b>	Unfaithfulness by virtue of being unreliable or treacherous. <i>The <b>fickleness</b> of youth.</i>
<b>foible</b>	The weaker part of a sword's blade from the forte to the tip. <i>They have to tolerate each other's little <b>foibles</b>.</i>
<b>idea</b>	An approximate calculation of quantity or degree or worth. <i>It was not a good <b>idea</b>.</i>
<b>idiosyncrasy</b>	An abnormal physical reaction by an individual to a food or drug. <i>One of his little idiosyncrasies was always preferring to be in the car first.</i>
<a href="#"><u>impulse</u></a>	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>Ability to communicate motion by <b>impulse</b>.</i>
<b>inclination</b>	The angle that a magnetic needle makes with the plane of the horizon. <i>My inborn <b>inclination</b> for things with moving parts.</i>
<b>kink</b>	A flaw or obstacle in a plan, operation, etc. <i>Though the system is making some headway there are still some <b>kinks</b> to iron out.</i>
<b>megrim</b>	Depression; low spirits. <i>Exercise could banish most <b>megrims</b>.</i>
<b>notion</b>	(usually plural) small personal articles or clothing or sewing items. <i>She had a <b>notion</b> to ring her friend at work.</i>
<b>passion</b>	Any object of warm affection or devotion. <i>Modern furniture is a particular <b>passion</b> of Bill's.</i>
<b>unpredictability</b>	The trait of being unpredictably irresolute. <i>The constant element of <b>unpredictability</b> keeps the show fresh.</i>
<b>urge</b>	An instinctive motive. <i>Why this <b>urge</b> to travel.</i>
<b>vagary</b>	An unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour. <i>The vagaries of the weather.</i>
<b>volatility</b>	Liability to display rapid changes of emotion. <i>A week of historic stock market <b>volatility</b>.</i>

**whimsey**

An odd or fanciful or capricious idea.

**whimsy**

The trait of acting unpredictably and more from whim or caprice than from reason or judgment.

**Whimsy** can be humorous to someone with time to enjoy it.



**Usage Examples of "Whim" as a noun**

- *He had a whimsy about flying to the moon.*
- *She bought it on a whim.*
- *Whimsy can be humorous to someone with time to enjoy it.*
- *He appeared and disappeared at whim.*





## Associations of "Whim" (30 Words)

### **blotch**

Mark with spots or blotches of different color or shades of color as if stained.

*Red **blotches** on her face.*

### caprice

A sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behaviour.

*The **caprice** was divided into a theme and eleven variations.*

### capricious

Changeable.

*A **capricious** refusal.*

<b>disposition</b>	The way in which something is placed or arranged, especially in relation to other things. <i>The prerogative gives the state widespread powers regarding the <b>disposition</b> and control of the armed forces.</i>
<b>excitable</b>	(of tissue or a cell) responsive to stimulation. <i>A rather <b>excitable</b> young man.</i>
<b>impel</b>	Urge or force (a person) to an action; constrain or motivate. <i>Financial difficulties <b>impelled</b> him to desperate measures.</i>
<b>impulse</b>	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>Electrical <b>impulses</b>.</i>
<b>impulsive</b>	Acting or done without forethought. <i>The approaching waves contain an <b>impulsive</b> component.</i>
<b>inclination</b>	The action of inclining the body or head. <i>Fanny showed little <b>inclination</b> to talk about anything serious.</i>
<b>kleptomania</b>	An irresistible impulse to steal in the absence of any economic motive.
<b>leaning</b>	A tendency or partiality of a particular kind. <i>His early <b>leanings</b> towards socialism.</i>
<b>mood</b>	The atmosphere or pervading tone of something. <i><b>Mood</b> music.</i>
<b>notion</b>	A conception of or belief about something. <i>The theatrical <b>notion</b> of disguise is associated with disaster in his stories.</i>
<b>predispose</b>	Make someone liable or inclined to a specified attitude, action, or condition. <i>This illness <b>predisposes</b> you to gain weight.</i>
<b>preference</b>	A strong liking. <i>Debts owed to the community should be accorded a <b>preference</b>.</i>
<b>proclivity</b>	A natural inclination. <i>A <b>proclivity</b> for hard work.</i>
<b>proneness</b>	Being disposed to do something. <i>Accident <b>proneness</b>.</i>
<b>propensity</b>	An inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way. <i>His <b>propensity</b> for violence.</i>
<b>psychological</b>	(of an ailment or problem) having a mental rather than a physical cause. <i>It was concluded that her pain was <b>psychological</b>.</i>
<b>pyromania</b>	An uncontrollable desire to set fire to things.

<b>pyromaniac</b>	A person with a mania for setting things on fire. <i>A ten year old <b>pyromaniac</b>.</i>
<b><u>streak</u></b>	Cover a surface with streaks. <i>The singer admitted to <b>streaking</b> in his home town in the seventies.</i>
<b>temperament</b>	The adjustment of intervals in tuning a piano or other musical instrument so as to fit the scale for use in different keys in equal temperament the octave consists of twelve equal semitones. <i>This <b>temperament</b> became standard tuning for all the new organs.</i>
<b><u>tendency</u></b>	A group within a larger political party or movement. <i>The shoreward <b>tendency</b> of the current.</i>
<b><u>trend</u></b>	(of a topic) be the subject of many posts on a social media website or application within a short period of time. <i>Unemployment has been <b>trending</b> upwards.</i>
<b><u>uncertain</u></b>	Not able to be relied on; not known or definite. <i>A gun with a rather <b>uncertain</b> trigger.</i>
<b><u>uncertainty</u></b>	Something that is uncertain or that causes one to feel uncertain. <i>Times of <b>uncertainty</b> and danger.</i>
<b><u>unpredictable</u></b>	Not able to be predicted; changeable. <i>The <b>unpredictable</b> weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
<b>vagary</b>	An unexpected and inexplicable change in something (in a situation or a person's behavior, etc). <i>The vagaries of the weather.</i>
<b>whimsy</b>	Playfully quaint or fanciful behaviour or humour. <i><b>Whimsy</b> can be humorous to someone with time to enjoy it.</i>



